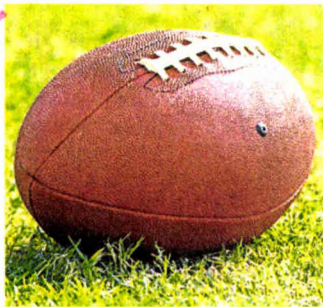


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The Novi Ambassador Academy is an eight-week course that allows residents of Novi to become "students" and examine the inner workings of city government. Students will hear from staff, tour facilities and engage in the collaborative city governing process. At the end of the course, students should have a greater understanding of how the city of Novi works for its citizens.

Classes are presented weekly at various locations. The sessions are led by city department representatives and often include a hands-on approach to learning about specific services. A graduation reception is included at the conclusion of the Novi Ambassador Academy. For more information, call the Community Relations Department at 248-347-0416.

The next Ambassador Academy is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Oct. 25. Participants must be Novi residents or Novi business owners. An online registration form can be found online at cityofnovi.org.



Work on I-275 is scheduled to be finished before Labor Day, allowing the freeway to reopen.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

So close! I-275 expected to reopen in next few days

David Veselenak
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It's almost there. The Michigan Department of Transportation says it expects northbound Interstate 275 through Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi to reopen sometime in the next few days, though no specific date has been selected.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said external conditions, such as rainfall, could delay some of the work, but contractor Toebe Construction expects to reopen it, perhaps before the Labor Day weekend. "We're close," she said.

"We've very, very, very close to opening the freeway."

Northbound I-275 from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange has remained closed since July 5 for work, days after southbound reopened following its portion of construction. The work, totaling about \$75 million, has consisted of new concrete along the road, along with improvements to bridges, ramps and roadway technology systems.

Cross said the Wixom-based contractor is expected to give MDOT eight hours notice so preparation can be done to reopen the freeway and alert the public. After I-275 reopens,

intermittent lane closures will most likely take place along the freeway in order to take care of other work needed to be done, Cross said.

Cross said MDOT is pleased the work is finally wrapping up, knowing it's caused headaches for the hundreds of thousands of drivers its displaced over the summer. The project comes with a five-year warranty, the maximum the state is able to get for such work.

She said because of limitations by the insurance companies involved, five years is the maximum length most companies will offer warranties for. "There's no insurance compa-

ny that will do more than a five-year warranty," she said.

While I-275 is expected to reopen in the next few days, there will still be work and closures in the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange. The current closures include southbound M-5 to I-696 and M-5 eastbound, which will remain until mid-September, Cross said.

Other work, such as additional guardrails and other improvements, will also be added. "The freeway portion will be open, but there is still plenty of work to do," she said.

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NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Novi Police officers and Twelve Oaks Mall security personnel conduct a training exercise last year at the mall. Such training helps them prepare for real situations, such as the evacuation and lockdown that occurred Aug. 20 after a smash and grab robbery.

Panic at Twelve Oaks Mall: Cops prepared for chaos

Susan Bromley
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The first two 9-1-1 calls received Aug. 20 by the Novi Dispatch Center. There was a smash and grab robbery at Twelve Oaks Mall. The second call actually came from the store where it occurred, Tapper's Fine Diamonds and Jewelry.

The third caller, however, reported shots fired at the mall, where chaos was underway as thousands of panicked shoppers

rushed for the exits, some after mistaking the sound of shattering glass for gunshots, others in a chain reaction. The mayhem led to a few injuries, including one man who fell and broke his leg after slipping in a puddle of pop someone dropped in the melee.

Within minutes, the first Novi police officers were on-scene, soon joined by Michigan State Police troopers and Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

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Drummer fairly excited about Accidental career

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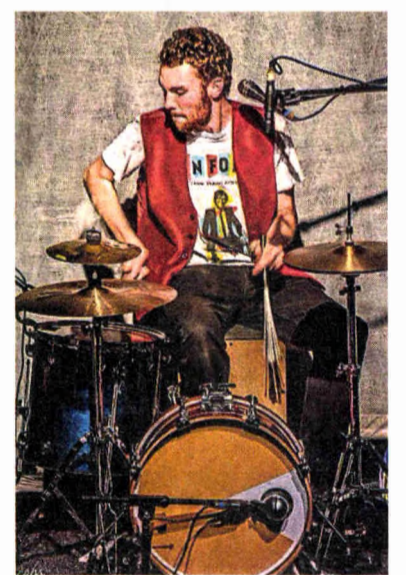
Michael Dause has come a long way from beating on pots and pans with wooden sticks in the kitchen as a baby.

He is now living the life of a professional musician, touring the country and playing gigs as drummer for The Accidentals, an indie folk band winning critical acclaim.

When he and The Accidentals take the stage as the closing act at the Michigan State Fair at 4 p.m. Labor Day at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, the Novi native will be playing for the hometown crowd.

"It's so awesome, just two minutes from where I live," said Dause, 21. "I've been to fair for years, when I was a kid and it was at Eight Mile in Detroit and I remember seeing Alice Cooper in seventh grade. It was amazing. To be playing the state fair is awesome and I love how 'Michigan and Again' is being incorporated into it."

The song off their recently released EP "Parking Lot," pays tribute to the state, has its own video and is representative of the group's eclectic, unique sound, which isn't quite Alice Cooper nor the jazz that Dause loves or even quite the



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Michael Dause, Novi native and drummer for The Accidentals.

'80s music he grew up on, including The Smiths, The Cure and Depeche Mode, but is definitely indie.

Dause was at a music festival in 2013, the same year he graduated from Northville High School, when he first heard The Accidentals, founded in 2011 by multi-instrumentalists Katie Larson and Savannah Buist,

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Bring in the clowns: No fears, just Sunshine at fair

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Back in the days before cellphone cameras, Ron Bucket took pictures of children with clowns at the circus.

The challenge was getting the kids to look at the camera, when all they wanted was to look at the clown. He fixed the problem by asking a Shrine clown to put makeup on him.

"I thought, 'Maybe I can get them to look at the camera if there is a clown behind it,'" Bucket said. "I had the makeup, but was still in street clothes. I had to stay in the booth, I wasn't allowed to walk around. That night, I went in and took the makeup off and said, 'Can I do this again tomorrow?'"

The answer was yes and the rules were sim-



Sunshine, a.k.a. Ron Bucket, stands second from right with his fellow Shrine clowns, who will perform at the circus at the Michigan State Fair this weekend.

ple: Get your own costume, get your own clown name. For at least the first 18 months as a Shrine clown, he would be a "white face," among clowns that are also "hobos" or "Auguste."

Bucket became "Sunshine," complete with a one-piece orange cos-

tume with a sun on the back, suns on both knees, a red nose and big, floppy feet.

"Here I am 38 years later, still clowning around," said Bucket, now 61 and chief clown at the Shrine Circus, which performs Sept. 1-5 at the Michigan State Fair in

Novi. "I love entertaining kids of all ages, from 1 to 81."

It takes Bucket about 45 minutes to put on his makeup and then it's game on, as he and about 15 other active clowns in the unit partake in various skits, including his favorite, "Wheel of Misfortune," in which he gets to use his No. 1 skill — pie-throwing.

Audiences also love the "Jack in the Box" skit in which the clowns use plenty of slapstick to get roars of laughter.

One previously popular skit, the seemingly endless stream of clowns piling out of a tiny car, is no longer feasible, however, due to a decline in the number of clowns in the unit.

"There is such a small number of clowns today compared to when I joined," said Bucket, who

remembers the heyday of clowns, when there were about 50 active ones in the unit.

"All charities are hurting for memberships. It's hard to get the youth involved. ... I think because you need two paychecks now and, when you're not working, you're spending more time with the family. They don't have time."

The Sterling Heights resident notes that clowns have unfairly gotten a bad rap in recent years, as well from movies that demonize them.

"So many people are afraid of clowns, it's unbelievable," said Bucket, who is happy to educate those that are fearful about the Shriner's Children's Hospitals the clowns support. "I tell the people who are afraid of us, 'We're charity

clowns, not movie clowns. We're not here to scare you.' You have to go slowly; sometimes you have to back off totally."

There are no tears on this clown, though. He considers himself lucky to be able to clown around in festivals, parades and the state fair.

"I enjoy seeing the smiles and entertaining people," Bucket said. "It's just about having fun and helping the kids. ... You get out of life what you put in to it. That's why I do it."

For more information on the Shrine Clown unit, go to detroitshriners.com/detroit_moslem_shriners_units_clowns.htm. For show times at the Michigan State Fair, go to www.michiganstatefairllc.com/#/shrine-circus/cluma.

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graduates of Interlochen Academy for the Arts in northwest Michigan.

The trio became fast friends, but Dause, who also plays guitar and sings, neglected to tell them he played drums until the girls were shooting songs over that they were working on and he asked if he could send a drum track.

"They were like, 'You play drums?'" Dause said with a laugh. "I somehow forgot to tell them."

Summer 2014, he joined The Accidentals, dropping out of Belmont University in Nashville, where he was majoring in audio engineering. His parents were very supportive, although it took a little more to convince his grandparents, including the grandfather who bought him his first drum set when he was 4 and was himself an upright bass player for a

jazz trio in Detroit in the 1950s. Still, Dause earned the blessing of his entire family to pursue the dream and, so far, it's working out in every way possible.

"We get to travel around a lot," Dause said. "Before I joined the band, I'd never been west of the Mississippi River, I was just a Midwest kid. Now I've seen every state in the country, except Alaska and Hawaii and just a few others, maybe Maine, but apparently we have a show in Maine in November."

He still calls Novi home, but he is gone about nine months out of the year, traveling with his bandmates in a van they call "Black Betty" that tows a trailer with their gear and sleeping in hotels on occasion or, more often, accepting invitations from fans to sleep in their homes in the towns they visit.

Last year, they played a lot of shows in the Midwest, including Ohio and Wisconsin. This year,

they have played festivals in California, Oregon, Colorado and also Atlanta for the first time.

They play as many as six days a week. Dause said it can get crazy, hopping from festival to festival.

"If it has folk in the title, we're probably there," he said of the festivals they play, which recently included South by Southwest in Texas and the Rocky Mountain Folk Festival. "Sometimes we're kind of like the rock band of the festival, because we have such a cool collection of different songs in our set."

Sets are usually 45 minutes to an hour, with 10-12 songs. They have played small indoor venues for 50 people and for up to 4,000 people at outdoor venues.

"It's really crazy to go to someplace we've never been and people really dig us," Dause said. "Our fan base is growing and it's a lot of wonderful people we are meeting. I

hope it continues."

He looks forward to playing "Michigan and Again" at the state fair and takes credit for the idea behind the video for the song, which shows the trio dancing across state borders, although his bandmates weren't fans of when he would he would wake them at 3 a.m. when they were touring and about to cross a state line.

"You always know when you're back in Michigan playing a show. It always feel like you're home, it's such a good feeling," said Dause, who also released a solo album, "The Sound of Self-Destruction," this summer. "I can never pinpoint what it is, but I know it's Michigan. ... I'm really lucky to have the opportunity to do this at this age."

The Accidentals take the main stage at 4 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Michigan State Fair. Get a preview listen at www.moreaccidentals.com.

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processing center for collecting and distributing support payments. In 2015, the Michigan child support program collected and paid \$1.36 billion in child support, with \$1.2 billion sent to families.

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"When we got there, people were running out of the mall. With a property that large, you can't control people exiting from all the doors," Novi Detective Erick Zinser said. "Our job is two-fold. If there are shots being fired, we have to go seek that out but, luckily, there were no shots. We also have to keep it calm and orderly or it becomes chaotic."

Nothing like it

Neither Zinser, an 18-year officer with Novi, nor Assistant Chief Jerrod Hart, on the force for 25 years, had ever encountered a scene like what they arrived to Aug. 20 at the 1.5 million-square-foot facility.

"What took place on (that day) is very unusual and we have not dealt with it in the past, but we have trained for it," Hart said. "The mall management takes the responsibility for a safe shopping environment very seriously and so do we."

Every year, Novi Police, along with mall security personnel, take part in training exercises at Twelve Oaks Mall focused on the safety of mall patrons, employees and emergency responders.

On Friday, as Hart and Zinser talked about the procedures in place to protect the public, they showed a video of one of the training exercises from last June in which police officers in protective gear can be seen waiting outside a door at the mall, guns drawn. Suddenly, there are the sounds of commotion and shouting: "There are people hurt! Move!" The officers proceed down a narrow hallway with no exit, pausing as they come to a corner and there is more yelling. Moments later, shell casings are all over the hall.

The training prepares law enforcement for active shooters and it is vital to overcoming all kinds of natural instincts — not only to flee danger, but also to bypass the injured on a mission to find the source of the



A training exercise involving Novi Police and Twelve Oaks Mall security takes place yearly at the mall to prepare emergency responders for instances such as the smash and grab robbery that caused widespread panic Aug. 20 amid false report of an active shooter.

threat, they said.

"Police officers are charged with making life-threatening or life-altering decisions on a moment's notice," Hart said. "Novi officers had 7,290 hours of training last year in multiple decisions."

Varied training

Two types of training, tabletop and live exercise, prepare police, firefighters, mall management and security, plus Community Emergency Response Team members (of which Novi has 230 citizen volunteers), to deal with situations such as what happened at the mall last month. Simulations are done for events ranging from a gas leak or a natural disaster like a tornado to events that involve someone actively trying to harm others.

At Twelve Oaks, familiarization with the physical layout of the building is crucial.

Police often conduct multiple scenarios in the same training exercise, Zinser explained, such as a domestic violence situation in one of the stores or playing out what they would do with mall occupants if there were an overturned tanker on Interstate 96, such as sheltering in place or evacuation.

"Really, what is the most important component of all these exercises is building a relationship with the mall administration and secu-

rity staff and getting to know each other," Zinser said.

Novi Police Chief David Molloy was in constant contact with Twelve Oaks General Manager Dan Jones following the smash and grab robbery and subsequent evacuation and lockdown of the mall.

Jones declined to go into specifics about security measures used at the mall for fear of diminishing their effectiveness, but said many tactics are deployed, "both seen and unseen to create a safe environment," including the "See Something, Say Something" campaign, in which employees are encouraged to report anything suspicious.

"The safety of our shoppers and employees is our first priority," Jones said. "We work closely with both Homeland Security and local police to keep our center safe. ... We take part in active shooter exercises as well as evacuation and shelter-in-place drills with local authorities to train for crisis situations."

Social media response

But as Molloy and Jones were communicating during the crisis, social media was also blowing up — with misinformation, as both shoppers and non-shoppers recirculated rumors there was an active shooter at the mall.

"The complexity of

this incident is (compounded by) the social media age," Hart said. "Always be alert and aware of your surroundings and don't post irresponsibly to social media. We all share the responsibility with social media to report accurate information."

As false reports of an active shooter were tweeted and posted on

Facebook, police used the mediums to counter with the facts: there were no shots fired during a smash and grab robbery and the mall was locked down.

Police cleared the scene after three hours with no vehicle accidents reported.

Twelve Oaks reopened for regular business hours the next day and police released a screen shot taken from video surveillance of three suspects, which ultimately led to the arrests of Detroit residents Jamal Ritter and Carlos Wilson, both 26 and both of whom were arraigned on charges of felony retail fraud, first degree, felony malicious destruction of property and felony larceny from a person in the theft of two high-end watches from Tapper's. The first two charges are punishable by up to five years in prison. The penalty for the third charge is up to 10 years in prison.

Police continue to seek two more suspects, including the driver of the getaway vehicle, a gold Chrysler 200. Anyone with information is en-

couraged to call Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAKUP.

Hart also encourages citizens to sign up for crimemapping.com to see the times, types and locations of crimes committed in the community.

The police continue to use a focused operational plan, Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), to place resources in geographic areas at specific times.

"We strive to provide a safe community for our residents, community and business partners," Hart said. "Each incident affords us an opportunity to learn what can we do better, what can we do great. Our staff did a great job — from our dispatchers sending officers and talking to citizens to our police officers who walked into that mall knowing they were possibly placing themselves in harm's way for the community. This is something we train for."

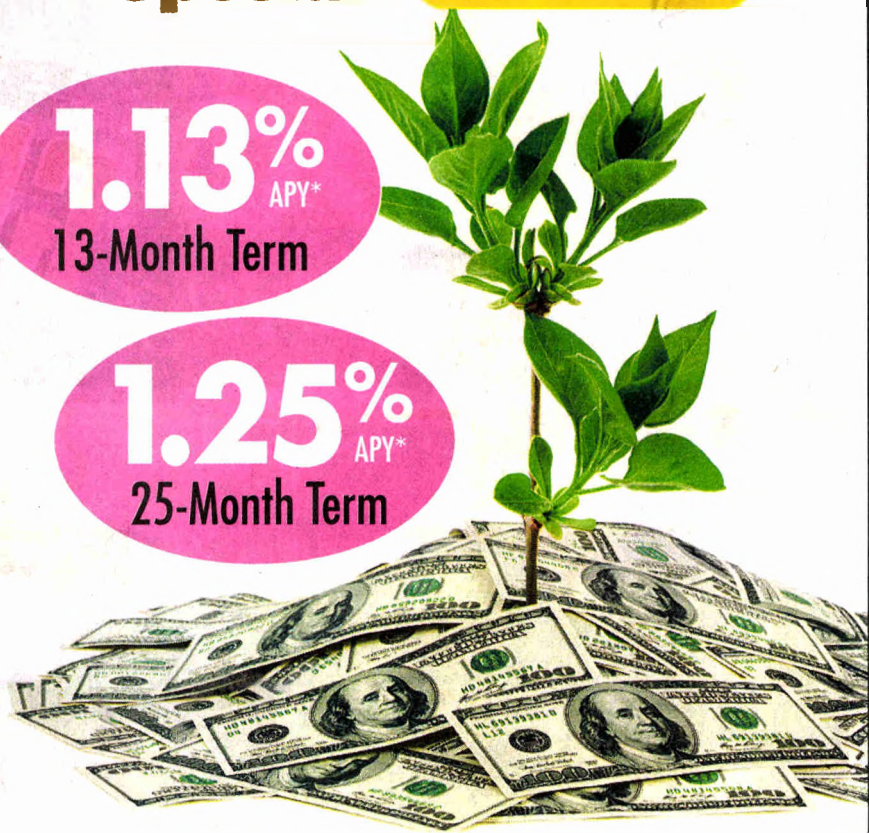
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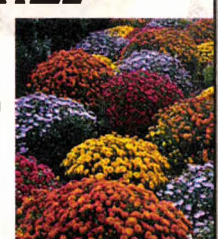
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Seniors at Detroit Catholic Central get into the first of their academic year's pep rallies Friday as they celebrate the school's state championship golf team. The team won the championship this past June at Grand Valley State. CC began its school year in mid-August



ON CAMPUS

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Spencer Whitehead of Novi and **Joseph Iaquinto** of Commerce Township have been named to the dean's honor list for the spring 2016 semester. The dean's honor list recognizes students who attain a grade-point average of 3.50 or better and have no grade below C.

Whitehead studies mathematics. Iaquinto studies computer science.

University of Detroit Mercy

University of Detroit Mercy recently celebrated the commencement of its students from the undergraduate and graduate programs, School of Dentistry and School of Law: **Margaret Hanes** of Commerce Township; **Estrellita Perez** of Commerce Township; **Nikoleta Schermerhorn** of Commerce Township; **Cara Hummel** of Commerce Township;

Joshua Grenn of Highland; **Tyler Esmacher** of Walled Lake; **Marcella Caprara** of Novi; **Abigail Chiu** of Novi; **Colleen Kinaia** of Novi; **Christianna Navarro** of Novi; **Ally Shrader** of Novi; and **Sarah Wickman** of Wolverine Lake.

Miami University

Miami University in Ohio awarded 3,889 degrees to students during spring commencement exercises.

Local students who received degrees include:

Lauren Johnston of Wolverine Lake, bachelor of science in business, majoring in marketing.

Quintin Sellers of Milford, bachelor of arts, majoring in classical humanities.

Rebecca Sievwright of Commerce Township, bachelor of science in social work, majoring in social work.

Haley Smith of Milford, bachelor of science in business, majoring in marketing.

Alexandra Tennant of

South Lyon, bachelor of science in business, majoring in supply chain and operations management.

Julia Valencia of South Lyon, bachelor of arts, majoring in journalism.

Carson White of Commerce Township, bachelor of arts, majoring in political science.

Hamilton Cauffiel of Northville, bachelor of science in business, majoring in supply chain and operations management.

Emily Kwederis of Novi, bachelor of Science in business, majoring in marketing.

Cheyenne Woodall of Northville, bachelor of science in business, majoring in finance.

Miami University students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade-point average for second semester 2015-16 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

On the list are **Amelia Al-**

banelli of Northville, **Hamilton Cauffiel** of Northville, **Kelsey Dietrich** of Novi, **Madison Galdes** of Northville, **Wesley Guenther** of Novi, **Bradley Kozinski** of Novi, **Megan Paul** of Novi, **Christina Breaugh** of White Lake, **Nick Cococetta** of Commerce Township, **Brandon Fagnani** of White Lake, and **Nathan Mara** of Commerce Township.

Jacqueline Mullins of Novi was named to the Miami University spring 2016 president's list.

Pratt Institute

Novi resident **Nina Nakamura** received a communications design degree at Pratt's 127th commencement ceremony.

Belmont University

Leah Bruce and **Meg Bruce** of Novi achieved the dean's list for the summer 2016 session. Eligibility for the summer session is based on a minimum nine-hour load over

10 weeks and a quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

John Carroll University

Alan Rajkovic of Novi was named to the spring 2016 dean's list. Students recognized on the dean's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours within one semester and have a quality grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester Institute of Technology celebrated its 131st Academic Convocation. Diplomas were distributed to graduates following the event at separate ceremonies held by each of RIT's nine colleges and two academic centers.

Nithin Reddy Katapally of Novi received an MS in electrical engineering from RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

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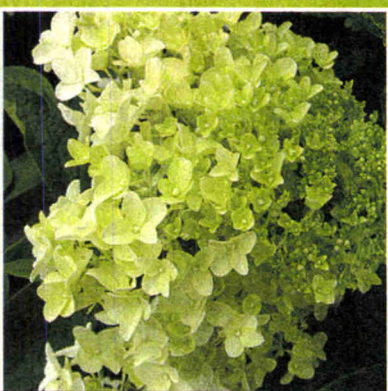
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Woman is stumping for Trump in Oakland County

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Nothing ignites one's passion and excitement like something you strongly believe in.

And when Donald Trump decided to run for president of the United States, it lit the match for Meshawn Maddock to not only support the controversial candidate, but to get involved in what she says is an "uprising" against the establishment in Washington, D.C.

Maddock, 49, of Milford said it was an "honor" to be named the first co-chair for the Oakland County team for the Donald J. Trump for President campaign.

"We know that if Trump wins southeast Michigan in November and especially if he wins Oakland County, he will be our next president," Maddock said. "I'm really excited about working for this campaign. I've been working really close with Scott and C.J. for months leading up to the primary and they have been helping us prepare our grassroots office."

Scott Hagerstrom is the Michigan state director for the Trump campaign; C.J. Galdes is the deputy state director for the Trump campaign.

Maddock and her team didn't waste any time getting the Oakland County office up and running. The headquarters, at 500 N. Pontiac Trail (second floor) in Walled Lake, is "stocked and fully staffed."

"We worked hard to open a grassroots office," she said. "While we wait from the RNC for official Trump office status, we press on to organize rallies, knock on doors, distribute signs and meet



Meshawn Maddock of Milford shows her support for Donald Trump at the Republican National Convention.

with volunteers. We have signs, stickers and volunteers ready to go door to door. People are stopping in every day eager to help in any way they can. It's pretty exciting."

The Oakland County team for the Donald J. Trump for President campaign was organized in part by the Michigan Conservative Coalition, of which Maddock is a member.

"We are an activist group that wants to steer our party back to the right and back to the platform principles," Maddock said. "That's how I got involved with this. And as of (Tuesday) we already fully staffed

with 16 volunteers."

She is well aware that Michigan hasn't voted "red" since 1988.

In 2016, Michigan has 16 electoral votes, which is 3 percent of the 538 electoral votes up for grabs and 6 percent of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the general election. Many experts believe that Michigan is a lock to remain a Democratic state and support Hillary Clinton, but Maddock is convinced Trump has the support to take those 16 electoral votes.

"We need to get out there and get people to go vote and help turn Michigan red," Maddock said. "Donald Trump is a

fantastic candidate for all the people.

"We are ready for a change and we feel it's here. I believe he will fight for me. I know he can win Oakland County and I know he can win Michigan."

And remember, Clinton didn't even win Michigan's primary. Bernie Sanders won the Democratic primary with 49.7 percent of the vote.

Trump won the Michigan Republican primary with 37 percent of the vote, with Ted Cruz and John Kasich taking second and third, respectively. While Cruz won Republican voters who identified as "very con-

servative," according to exit polls, Trump won over voters who viewed themselves as "somewhat conservative."

Now running against the liberal Clinton, Trump hopes to capture all of the conservatives — which he is going to need in order to have a shot at winning the White House.

And while she worked on the Mitt Romney campaign as well as local and state campaigns, Maddock has never been "all in" like she is with Trump and the 2016 election.

"I've never felt so close to overturning the monopoly of control you see in both parties," she said. "Donald Trump represents an uprising for people who are sick and tired of big money, lobbyists and special interest money and most of these politicians we have now are out to protect themselves and their paychecks. Donald Trump represents what we've been fighting for in Michigan for a long time."

Maddock was as a Trump-bound delegate to the recently completed Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

"I was honored to be voted as the national delegate for Trump in the 11th Congressional District and was one of four national delegates and I also was elected to be one of two people from Michigan to represent the state's Republican Platform Committee for the RNC," she said.

She called the trip to Cleveland a "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"It was amazing just to see how the process works," she said. "I got to be a big part of it. While I

felt a little intimidated, I stood up and spoke. I felt God had me there for a reason. It was even on C-Span. It was just incredible."

Maddock is equally as proud of being a Milford resident, where she has lived the past 17 years, as she is as being a conservative.

"My husband Matt and I have raised our three children in Milford," she said. "We run our business (A1 Bail Bonds Agency). Matt has been in the bail bonds business for over 30 years and I went to work with him about 10 years ago after raising our then young children."

Maddock now wears many titles with pride, including wife, mother, small-business owner and community leader, to name a few. She admits not everyone is as vocal as she is in her support for the sometimes outspoken GOP candidate — and that only fuels her belief that he can win the White House in November.

"It's a silent majority out there who are supporting Donald Trump," she said. "I am on the ground out there and I can hear it and feel it. There are a lot of people who don't respond to polls or who aren't out there speaking, but they are going to show up in November and vote for Trump because they are sick and tired of the way things are in this country."

The Michigan Conservative Coalition is "committed to our founding fathers' principles and to the Republican Party platform."

For more information, contact info@michigan-conservativecoalition.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 state

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 Chorales

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 Chorales 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, Novi.

The Novi Chorales 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 Chorales at novi.chorales@gmail.com or go to novichorales.org or www.facebook.com/novichorales.

History hike

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

Details: Join The Friends of Maybury into 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.

Northville Genealogical Society

Time/Date: 1:15-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Details: Curious about your ancestors? Think you have to spend a lot of money or travel all over to find out their history? Come to the September meeting to find easy and inexpensive ways to research your family around the world. The meeting will be members sharing their stories, discoveries and techniques. Bring your questions or share a brief discovery or story of your own. It also provides free individual help 1-3 p.m. each Monday at

the Local History Room in the Northville Library. Program takes place at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

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 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. Please call 866-501-3627.

8th 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. and Saturday.

Details: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Free admission. Call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.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.

Preschool registration

Details: Novi Community Education is accepting preschool registration for the 2016-17 school year at its Community Education Building at 25425 Taft Road, located in the Community Education office in Novi Meadows. Classes will begin Sept. 6 in the New Early Childhood Education Center at 25745 Taft Road.

Registration for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is underway. To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1, 2016, and meet criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation. The all-day class will be held Monday through Thursday. The GSRP program uses the High Scope Curriculum. This curriculum supports the children learning through hands-on activities, and follows the state of Michigan Early Childhood Standards. Lesson plans reflect social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development. Registration is ongoing. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713.

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CHOATE



PATRICIA A. age 67, passed away August 23, 2016 at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 19, 1949 in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of the late Cyrus and Winifred Weening. Patricia will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and had a passion for animals. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Ervine; her children: Fred (Phyllis) Choate, and Laura (Chuck) Choate-Lewis; her grandchildren, Freddy Choate and Breanna Choate; and her brother Bill Pelcher. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Laura Weening-Jones. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

CLUTTERBUCK

BRYAN RICHARD a resident of Highland Township, died on August 23, 2016 at the age of 56 after being diagnosed with colon cancer in April. Bryan was a graduate of Milford High School and attended Eastern Michigan University where he starred on the baseball teams. In 1981 he was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers with whom he pitched for many years in the minor leagues and reached the Majors in 1986. One of Bryan's passions in life was fishing and opportunities to spend time in northern Michigan. He is survived by his son, Michael Clutterbuck and his mother, Debra Avery; his sister, Jennifer Clutterbuck; his girlfriend, Cindi Sans, and many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Madeline Clutterbuck, and a sister, Patrice Ann Clutterbuck. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, September 3, at 1 p.m. Friends may gather from 12 Noon until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to the Huron Valley Youth Baseball & Softball League, PO Box 67, Highland, MI 48357. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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MUCKER

NORMA A. Age 94, passed away August 28, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 19, 1922 in Detroit, daughter of the late Gustav and Alfreda Carlson. Norma was full of life. She loved to laugh and have a good time and enjoyed an occasional Miller Lite and a trip to the casino where she could be found at the slot machines. Norma will always be remembered as a selfless, kind and generous person who always put the needs of others before her own. She is survived by her son, Thomas Mucker; and her daughter, Karen Cobb; her grandchildren: Deborah, Lauren (Chris), Mike (Karen), Jeffrey, Tammy (Nathan) and Michelle (Jac); her great-grandchildren: Krista (Jason), Steven (Emily), Denna, Kyleen, Jacob, Shawn, Katelynn, Alyssa, Alexander, Gabe, James, and Ashley. She is also survived by her great-great-grandchildren: Madison and Logan. Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her son, Kenneth and his wife, JoAnn; her granddaughter, Sandee; and her sister, Louise Mally. Visitation was held on Wednesday, August 31 from 12:00p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 3:00p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 11 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Online registration is now available for fall 2016 classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at

www.northvilleart house.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 12-5 p.m., noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only. Call 248-344-0497.

Upcoming events
The Northville Art House announces its annual exhibition, West

of Center All Media Show, featuring 33 works of art selected by highly regarded juror Kate Paul. In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community something unexpected, this exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 30 contemporary artists working with traditional and nontraditional media

in diverse styles. West of Center opens with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and runs through Oct. 28 during Art House business hours.

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The Northville Art House Store has a beautiful array of handmade quality art produced by local Michigan artists. You will always find

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Art classes and workshops
Fall classes, camps and workshops for tots, preschoolers, older children, teens, adults and artists are available on-

line and brochures are available at the Art House. We have lots of fun, creative and serious classes offered in art exploration, drawing, watercolor, acrylics, crafts, metal work and jewelry making, fashion design, oil painting, pastel, ink, photography, soap making and fiber. Register at www.northvillearthouse.org.

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Friends and family of longtime Northville Senior Commission member Sue Hooper gathered to dedicate the Sue Hooper Technology Center at Allen Terrace. Here, her oldest son Seth (center) speaks about his mom, who died earlier this year.

Sue Hooper remembered with tech center

Friends and family of the late Sue Hooper — well-known Northville Senior Commission member — gathered Aug. 15 at Allen Terrace to dedicate the Sue Hooper Technology Center.

The center, a room on the fourth floor of the senior residence, features computers that Hooper donated or got up and running during her years of working with senior adults.

Hooper died April 15. She served on the Housing Commission Board for Allen Terrace for many years and later became president of the Housing Commission. Hooper facilitated a computer lab at Allen Terrace and held a computer class for the residents and, through donations, she was able to help many seniors get



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A plaque at Allen Terrace honors the Sue Hooper Technology Center.

computers in their homes.

She was honored with the Claude Ely Memorial Fund Award in 2009 for her leadership, commitment and unselfish dedication to the needs of the Northville community. She was also a member of the Northville Garden Club.

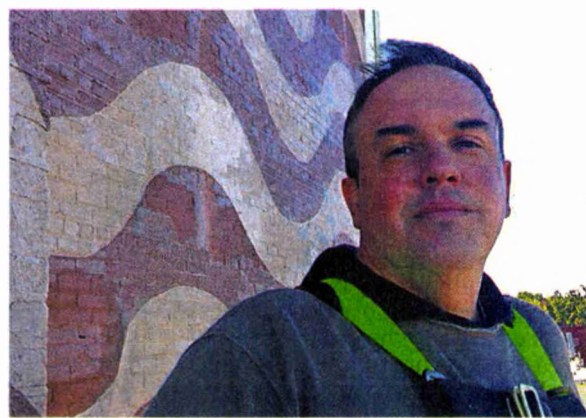
Library marks 15th anniversary of terror attacks

The Northville District Library will host an informal event to mark the 15th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. All ages are welcome to stop by the library 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Northville's iconic flag mural on the Marquis Theatre building was designed by local artist Jeff Von Buskirk. The mural is on the 9/11 Memorial National Registry. Come meet the artist and view his exhibit on the

history and story behind the flag mural. Learn how and why the mural was created, how the Northville community rallied to restore it in 2014 and how it serves as a symbol of our history as a town and a nation standing strong together. The exhibit will remain in the library through Sept. 30. Just drop in, families are welcome.

For more information, go to www.northville-library.org or call 248-349-3020.



Artist Jeff Von Buskirk.

Sign up for a library card this month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the nation's public libraries highlight the value of a library card. Signing up for a library card is the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning for everyone.

As children head back to school, family time is often hindered by homework and after school and social activities. A public library card is your ticket to free educational resources and activities that bring families together. Libraries not only provide resources to parents and children that support early literacy and lifelong learning, but truly transform how families spend time together.

"Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school," said Julie Herrin, library director. "The library is a family destination that provides



Any child who is a Northville resident and who can write their own name can get their own library card and receive a fun gift bag.

a spectrum of free services. For preschool age children, we offer early literacy and story times to encourage school readiness; for older children, we supplement education with educational programs; and for older teens, we have information and tools to help prepare for college and job searches.

"We also offer many events for seniors, in-

cluding musical and educational programs and databases."

Data collected by the Harvard Family Research Project and the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, for its report "Public Libraries: A Vital Space for Family Engagement" highlights the importance of libraries, with the rich digital envi-

ronment and hands-on resources and skilled librarians in helping parents to guide their children's learning.

Libraries are spaces, it notes, that embrace the entire family across every generation and offer constructive outlets for family engagement. The Northville District Library offers spaces for quiet reading; games and puzzle areas; educational computer games; and family events like Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge and International Games Day.

Throughout September, any child who is a Northville resident and who can write their own name can get their own library card and receive a fun gift bag.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Call 248-349-3020 or go to www.northvillelibrary.org for more information.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. The library will also reopen each Sunday, beginning Sept. 11.

September is Library Card Month

Time/Date: Sept. 1-30
Details: Get back to school with "The Smart Card." Kids, get your very own free library card. Kids who live in Northville and who are old enough to write their own name are invited to sign up for a library card during the month of September and receive a fun gift bag.

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 required, online, by phone at 248-349-3020 or in person.

Fall TOT Storytime

Time/Date: Varied times Sept. 26 through 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

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 September 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.



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OUR VIEW

It's back to school time, so safety is paramount

It's a new school year and it's hard to say who is more excited – the kids who get to see classmates after the summer break and meet their new teachers or the parents who are probably celebrating the fact that the kids are out of their hair.

Whatever the case, it's a busy time in neighborhoods and around schools, with an increase in foot and motor traffic. Drivers play an important role in safety near schools at this busy time of the year. Getting the kids into a routine takes time and can leave parents rushing to get them to school on time. A driver in a hurry can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.

According to the National Safety Council, drivers should always:

» Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in neighborhoods surrounding the school.

» Comply with local school drop-off and pickup procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.

» Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking

blocks visibility for other children and motorists.

» Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. That forces youngsters to cross busy streets unnecessarily – often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.

» Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage.

Another thing drivers need to be cognizant of is the school bus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. However, the reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers.

Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, ages 4-7, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For that reason, drivers need to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses.

Every state has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop. Red flashing

lights and an extended stop sign arm signals that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All 50 states also require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are getting on and off a school bus and traffic behind the school bus must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Motorists should stop their vehicle far enough from the bus to allow children the space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus who are comfortable with their surroundings tend to take risks and fail to look both ways when crossing the street. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops or those arriving late for the bus. They may run into the street without looking for traffic.

The start of the school year can be a challenge for parents, students and motorists. They all need to be alert and put safety first now and throughout the school year.

GUEST COLUMN

What's Trump hiding by not releasing tax returns?

For 20 years, I worked as an investment adviser, helping families save for a home, pay for their kids' college and plan for retirement. I know Michigan families work hard to secure the building blocks for a strong financial future and they should be able to trust that their president can do the same with their tax dollars.

Over the last 40 years, nearly every major party presidential nominee, Democrat and Repub-



Gary Peters
GUEST COLUMNIST

lican alike, has released his or her tax returns so the American people can better understand how these candidates manage their own finances – before deciding who should manage our nation's finances.

Unfortunately, Republican presidential nomi-

nee Donald Trump has made clear that he believes he can play by a different set of rules. When asked about his tax rate, he said, "It's none of your business."

But before Michiganders can ever trust Donald Trump to lead our country, they deserve to know: what exactly is he trying to hide?

A column in the New York Times raises the question of whether Trump is using a bevy of loopholes in the tax code, many of them available to developers, to pay zero taxes.

Is he exaggerating how much money he's contributed to charities? Is he taking advantage of the tax code by promising not to build luxury homes on his own golf course? Or perhaps he

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does not want to admit that he may not be as rich as he claims to be?

We now know Trump's tax plan, outlined at the Detroit Economic Club, would cut taxes for the wealthy. But the American people will never know just how much Trump stands to gain from his tax plan unless he stops stonewalling voters and releases his tax returns.

Trump has insisted that he cannot reveal his tax information because he is under an IRS audit.

branded products overseas instead of here at home.

With the release of her 2015 tax information last week, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has now revealed 38 years of tax returns. Additionally, Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine just released a decade's worth of his and his wife's tax returns. In fact, you can see their tax returns online.

Mitt Romney said that it is "disqualifying" for any modern-day presidential nominee to refuse to release tax returns.

I couldn't agree more.

Gary Peters, a Democrat from Bloomfield Township, represents Michigan in the U.S. Senate.

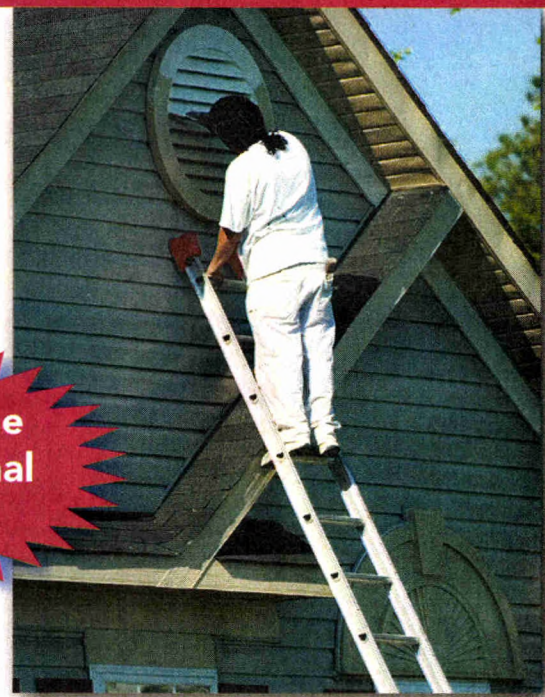
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Welcome to the hanging garden of squash

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You haven't seen big zucchini until you've seen the squash at Benito and Ersilia Zagaroli's house.

The Livonia couple grows Sicilian zucchini, also known as cucuzza squash.

Or as Ersilia puts it, it's the squash that "went crazy."

The vegetables measure 52-64 inches and dangle from vines grown over a pergola that shades the couple's backyard deck.

A group of five squashes hangs in the middle of the deck. Another three grow near the deck's stairs. The recent hot weather caused many more to wither on the vine, although new fruits have emerged in the last week.

"They went crazy. Isn't that crazy? And they grow so fast. Everybody loves them. That's why I'm not picking them," said Ersilia, who enjoys flower gardening, while her husband cultivates vegetables and fruit at their home.

The couple's three grown children, neighbors and friends know about their unusual harvest, but first-time visitors usually do double-takes.

Stew, fry

Sicilian zucchinis are longer than other varieties of summer squash, but taste similar, according to the Zagarolis. Technically, the long vegetables are gourds that are prepared like zucchini.

"They are a little bit sweeter," Ersilia said. "A lot of people slice them and pickle them. Otherwise, you just cut it and make a stew. You peel them and you bake them. You can make zucchini



Benito and Ersilia Zagaroli ner the water feature that Benito made.



Sicilian zucchini, also known as cucuzza squash, hang from a pergola.

Parmesan. People use them with scrambled eggs.

"I just like to fry them, steam them and fry them."

According to the website, cucuzzasquash.com, the vegetable should be peeled and seeded. Soft seeds can be steamed or used as a substitute for zucchini in recipes. It can be prepared whole, in chunks or sliced. It's also a source of vitamin C and fiber.

Benito said he grew the Sicilian zucchini vine from seed that he got from a friend.

"I keep watering every day. Everything is natural. No spray," he said.

The hanging squash isn't the only super-sized plant in the couple's yard. A patch of bamboo towers over tomato and lettuce plants. Benito also harvests pole beans,

figs, pears, chestnuts, plums and herbs. He planted a walnut tree more than a decade ago from a seedling that he carried in his shirt pocket home from Italy. He added a grape vine to the pergola last year.

Ersilia said both she and her husband lived on farms in Arpino, Italy, when they were kids. At 18, she moved to the U.S., but returned to Italy to marry Benito two years later. After they married, they moved to New York and then to Michigan. They've lived in Livonia for 16 years.

They've always gardened at their home and began growing Sicilian zucchini a few years ago. "Anybody could do this," Ersilia said. "We use manure sometimes. You've got to water, too, or the plant will die."

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Benito Zagaroli checks out one of the long, hanging squashes on his deck.

SHARON DARGAY

State Brain Injury Association taps Constand as president

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

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

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



Constand

extensive brain injury rehabilitative network and all brain injury survivors who need it."

In addition to his experience within the BIAMI, Constand has long been a community volunteer with extensive leadership experience on nonprofit boards. He serves as both an advisory board member and executive committee member of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and is chair of its Fundraising and Development

Committee.

From 2009-12, Constand served as board chair of the Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit and was a recipient of the Boll YMCA's 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a past board member of the Brain Injury Association of America from 2005-10. In 2008, he received the Brain Injury Association of Michigan's 2008 Community Service Award and was inducted into the Association's Legacy Society as an honorary member. He is also a charter member and served as first president of the AM Rotary Club of Detroit. He and his wife Debbie live in West Bloomfield.

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

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

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Livonia business owner who died in Loon Lake remembered

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Dale Pacynski didn't go half-in with anything.

The owner of Livonia-based Evolution AVS, an audio, video and security company at 31411 Eight Mile, was always all-in.

"He was very generous with his time, very opinionated, very stubborn," said Keith Bunetta, sales manager at the store. "He's very passionate about everything he does."

Pacynski died over the weekend while out on Loon Lake in Wixom. Police say he jumped into the water Saturday night, but never resurfaced. Crews from the Wixom Police Department, Wixom Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office responded and began looking for him. His body was located



Dale Pacynski with his son Kevin. Dale Pacynski operated Evolution AVS in Livonia, a company that has been around for 30 years. His son Kevin also works at the business.

in 30 feet of water Sunday. He was 63. Bunetta, who lives in White Lake, said he originally got to know Pacyn-

ski in the business as a competitor for the first 12 years. Then, a buyout took place and he began working with him on a

regular basis. The electronics and security industry was a good fit for Pacynski, who worked as an engi-

neer at Ford before taking a buyout and beginning his own company, Bunetta said. He first opened his doors in Dearborn in 1986 before moving to Livonia in 1990.

"With his engineering background, it was a good fit to get into electronics," Bunetta said.

His business, which had about a dozen employees, celebrated its 30th anniversary earlier this summer.

"Dale's work is just another example of how hard work, innovation, taking care of people and determination can build a successful business," Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said back in June. "He credits the Livonia community for the sustained viability of Evolution AVS and we are proud his company is thriving here in Livonia."

Bunetta said Pacynski had many passions, which included skiing, golfing and being a member of the Masons.

"That was one of the things I liked about him," Bunetta said.

Pacynski is survived by his wife Sherry and his two sons.

Visitation will take place 2-9 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave in Novi, with a Masonic service taking place at 7 p.m. There will also be visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home, which is when the funeral will begin. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or the Masonic Lodge Ashlar No. 91.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Driver: 'Would not drive drunk after sister killed'

A woman who said she would not drink and drive because her sister was killed in a drunken driving accident was arrested Aug. 14 on a charge of operating while intoxicated.

A Novi police officer reported at about 2:45 a.m. he saw a vehicle driving northbound on Donelson stop in the middle of the eastbound lanes and then proceed to drive over the median of the turnaround the wrong way and head eastbound in the westbound lanes of 12 Mile Road toward Novi Road.

The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver said she was just getting off work at a local restaurant. She smelled of alcohol and, when the officer asked if she had been drinking, she initially said no because she would not drink and drive because her sister was killed in a drunken driving accident three years ago.

She failed field sobriety tests and a Breathalyzer test showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.163 percent. She was arrested for OWI and jailed pending detoxification. The legal limit in Michigan is 0.08 percent.

'Don't you have anything better to do?'

A woman arrested for drunken driving questioned whether the officer who pulled her over should be doing something else.

A Novi officer on patrol at 1:49 a.m. Aug. 25 observed the woman's vehicle did not have a functioning light for the license plate as she drove north on Haggerty, south of 10 Mile Road, and was swerving in her lane.

He stopped the vehicle after it turned onto 10 Mile and could smell intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The officer asked the driver if there was any alcohol inside the vehicle. She replied yes, however, it was an unopened bottle. She said she shared a pint of liquor with a friend and her last drink was an hour prior. She was driving to her friend's house less than a mile away.

A Breathalyzer test indicated she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and, upon arrival to the station, said to the officer, "Did you have nothing better to do?" She also asked, "Can't you use your discretion about this? I was less than a mile away."

She was placed in a cell pending detoxification and cited for operating while intoxicated.

Chance to grow

Two women caught shoplifting jewelry, cosmetics and a pair of Nike pants called the experi-

ence "bad judgment" and a "chance to grow as a person."

The incident occurred at 7:21 p.m. Aug. 24 at Kohl's on West Oaks Drive. One female told police she did not go to Kohl's to intentionally steal, it was a "bad judgment call," she takes full responsibility and called the experience "a chance to grow as a person." The other said it was a stupid mistake to take the items without paying for them and wished she could take it back if she could, but was remorseful and apologetic. She said she knew it was wrong.

Both were cited for retail fraud.

State of intoxication

A California woman consuming New York and Mexican beverages ended up in a Novi jail cell.

A Novi police officer on patrol at 2:32 a.m. Aug. 14 saw the woman run a red light at Nine Mile Road while traveling northbound on Haggerty Road. The officer followed her to 10 Mile Road and tried to pull her over, but she continued driving, turning left onto Nilan Drive. The officer then activated his emergency sirens, but she continued driving, turning right on Burton Court, where she finally stopped.

The officer could smell intoxicants and asked the driver if she had consumed alcohol prior to driving. She said she had, the report stated, but not too much. She told the officer she was drinking Long Island iced teas and estimated she had three since about 9:30 p.m. She later stated she had a shot of tequila, as well, and believed she was the most sober person in the car, which contained two male passengers.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a Breathalyzer showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent.

She was arrested on a operating while intoxicated charge.

Wendy's mailbox wipeout

A Wendy's restaurant mailbox was wiped out after an alleged drunken driver struck it one recent Monday afternoon.

Novi police officers responded at about 3:45 p.m. Aug. 15 to the area of Crescent Boulevard and Novi Road after a reckless driver was reported.

A witness said he saw a woman waving at drivers and appearing confused on northbound Novi Road and, as he turned westbound on Crescent Boulevard from Novi Road with the other vehicle, saw her speed up. The woman then crashed into a mailbox near the Sprint store.

Upon arrival, the officers found the broken mailbox, which belonged to Wendy's, lying in the roadway. A white vehicle parked in the Sprint parking lot had a flat front driver's tire and fresh damage to the front end, as well as a cracked windshield.

The woman in the Sprint store smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot and glazed eyes. She told the officer it was her car. She denied consuming any alcohol, even as she failed field sobriety tests. She stated she was on probation for minor in possession and takes frequent Breathalyzer tests and has always complied with her probation.

She initially refused to take a Breathalyzer test offered by the police officer. She repeatedly stated she was lost and didn't know where she was.

She finally agreed to a Breathalyzer test, which showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.16 percent.

The officer found a plastic water bottle a quarter-full of a red liquid that smelled of alcohol in the vehicle.

The woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged in a cell.

Fast fraud

A woman seeking fast help on her computer software received a fast

fraud instead.

Novi Police responded Aug. 21 to the woman's Fox Run apartment after she reported she lost the CD to her Quicken software and needed support to back up her files the day before. When she searched Google for Quicken support, one of her returns was a "fast-support.com" website.

She called the number provided and a male with an Indian accent answered, but she couldn't understand him, so she hung up. Another male with an Indian accent called her back and she gave him remote access to her Quicken software.

After a lengthy conversation, he told her she would need to pay \$149 for the service. She did not agree, refused service and hung up.

When she signed in to her Quicken software, she noticed all of her financial expenditure

tracking entries she made for 2015 and 2016 had been deleted. She suspects the person she spoke with on the phone deleted her information on purpose.

None of her account numbers to credit cards, bank accounts or other accounts are in Quicken and she doesn't believe the suspect has access to anything but the program, which serves only for bookkeeping.

She was advised to use an anti-virus protection program to diagnose any issues and refrain from using the computer prior to installing the component or having it inspected by an expert.

A Google search revealed the "fast support" site is a scam and the number she called returns to another website, "quick software solution" which has grammatically improper language and thus appears

suspicious.

Glass golfing

A man discovered at around 7 p.m. Aug. 15 someone put a golf club through a window at his home on Mulberry Lane.

A responding police officer observed a four-inch hole in a front window between the front door and garage. The head of a 9-iron golf club was located below the window. The homeowner said when he left for work at about 9:30 a.m. Aug. 14, he was sure the window was unbroken. He noticed the damage that night while on his laptop.

The man's son said at about midnight Aug. 15, he had his headphones on, but did hear a loud noise. He went downstairs, but did not notice anything broken. There are no suspects.

— By Susan Bromley

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DIYers find bargains for home improvement at ReStore

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

One kitchen window. That's all Keith Cunningham needed for a home remodeling project as he shopped at Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County ReStore in Farmington Hills.

Twenty-two windows. It was a bargain he couldn't resist.

"I get to Habitat and I find all these brand new, never-installed Andersen 400 series. I start hyper-ventilating I went and grabbed the cart and started loading them up. I ended up with 22 windows. I was able to change the architect's drawing so I could use them all," said Cunningham, a Pleasant Ridge resident. "I bought 22 windows for \$1,400."

Cunningham is a steady customer at the home improvement resale store that draws contractors, remodelers, landlords and bargain hunters to buy gently-used appliances, furniture, home accessories and new building materials. The store at 28575 Grand River Ave. is one of 900 across the country that donates net profits to Habitat for Humanity, the nonprofit Christian ministry that builds and remodels houses for low-income families. The Farmington Hills store opened three years ago, but its management changed in April. Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County is in charge of both the flagship store and a smaller ReStore in Pontiac. A "grand re-opening" is set for Friday, Sept. 30, at the Farmington Hills location.

Tim Ruggles, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, said the store has been one of the area's best-kept secrets because of limited marketing. He and Rose-Ann Nathan, ReStore consult-



ReStore assistant manager Frank Carroll tests an range/oven to make sure it works.

ant, are set to change that.

"We understand the needs of the community and the shoppers. We've adjusted our prices and merchandising and we hired some employees," Nathan said.

They've already created a better shopping experience by organizing and consistently pricing the merchandise, according to Ruggles.

DIY shoppers

"It really is a service to the community because it's about reusing materials and keeping materials out of the landfill," he said. "There are so many people interested in re-purposing. That's a big movement now. It really is a service because people can come here and they don't have to shop garage sales."

The store gets half its inventory donated from individuals, families, churches and other organizations. Half come from businesses. New products arrive every day and photos of some items are posted on ReStore's Facebook page.

Merchandise sells from 40-50 percent or more off retail price. A new hot tub with a \$3,000 price tag, for example, would sell for around \$400 at ReStore, Nathan said. New, brand name paint is \$9 to \$14 per

gallon.

"It could be discontinued, a wrong order," Ruggles said, describing business-donated merchandise. "A lot of retail establishments will take returns from customers. It actually costs more to ship it back (to the vendor) than the value of the product. They're looking for an easy way to dispose of the product. We can be that easy method and take it off their hands."

Ruggles said the store has received a consistent flow of donations from individuals, but needs more commercial products. ReStore also is looking for volunteers to help unload, clean, price, repair and stock items.

"We're short on labor. We're looking for some strong arms to help," Nathan said. Twenty-four pallets of landscaping rocks, at least 15 sets of cabinets, doors, windows, refrigerators and couches were among some of the heavier items in stock recently.

Getting bargains

Isabelle Muha of Birmingham bought cabinets from ReStore for an inherited farmhouse she and her husband are remodeling for future sale. They're return customers.

"I would say you have to be handy and creative



Tim Ruggles, executive director/CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, looks at new windows.



There are plenty of cabinets to choose from.

Cunningham found "a mountain of cabinets" and bought 35 of them for \$2,500. He had to rent a truck to get them home and plans to haul them to his daughter's house in Atlanta, Ga.

"It's worth going to that expense," he said. "Not only do I get a quality product at a reasonable price, I feel good that my money is making a difference in someone else's life, that it's going to building a home for someone less fortunate."

Ruggles said Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County plans to serve 64 families this year by building new houses, rehabbing homes and making repairs.

The Farmington Hills ReStore is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Go to habitatokland.org or call 248-338-1843.

and if you have those skills it's a great place to go," she said. "I think Habitat is great on multiple fronts. They're a

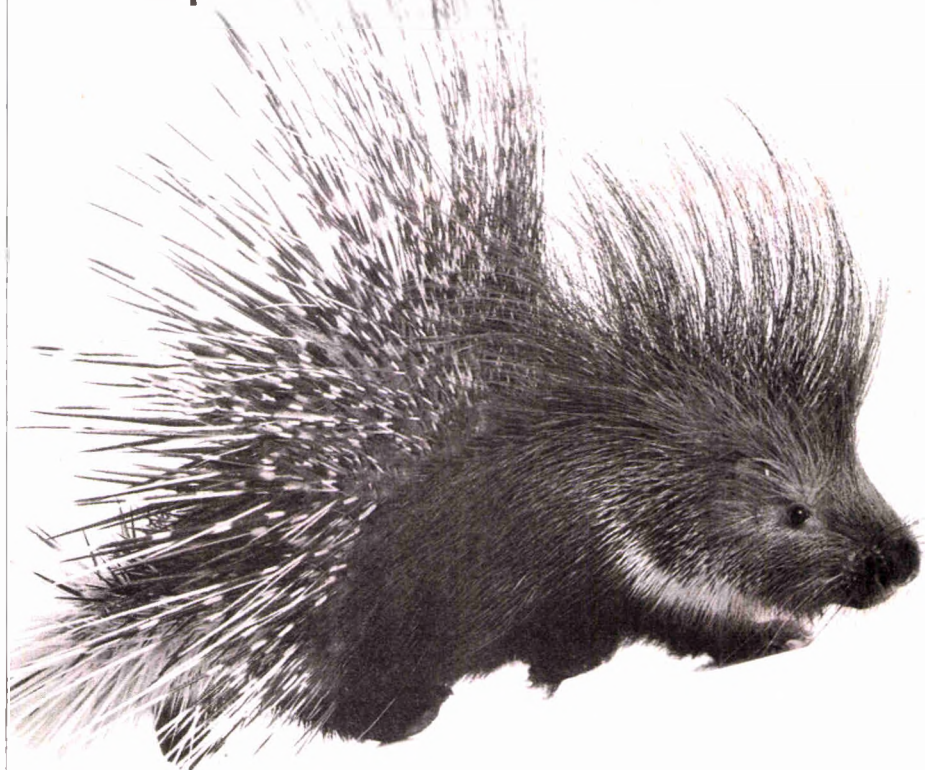
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Wine & Dine in the D event helps fund rare blood cancer research

In 2009, Bloomfield Township resident Sidney Moss was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, an incurable blood cancer. As he recalls, it was a scary time when the 67-year-old realized that he might not be around to see his grandchildren grow. However, under the treatment of Dr. Jeffrey Margolis and with a stem cell transplant, Moss' cancer is currently in remission.

The sixth annual Wine & Dine in the D, an evening of gourmet food, fine wine and jazz music, will take over the entire fourth floor of the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The event benefits Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, which is committed to accelerating the development of treatments for multiple myeloma.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a roundtable presentation sponsored by Amgen and including Margolis, president of Michigan Healthcare Professionals, P.C. and professor at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Others involved in the discussion include Dr. Jeffrey Zonder, professor of medicine and oncology at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University

School of Medicine; Dr. Craig Emmitt Cole, assistant professor, hematology & oncology, University of Michigan; Dr. Ajai Chari, associate professor, medicine, hematology and medical oncology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York; Dr. Michael Lill, director, Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Transplant Program, Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles; and Dr. Joan Levy, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation vice president of research.

The "wining and dining" begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes specialties from some of metro Detroit's top restaurants including, but not limited to, Central Kitchen & Bar, Michael Simon's Roast, Giovanni's Ristorante Vertical Detroit and Vicente's Cuban Cuisine in Detroit; Forest in Birmingham; Cork Wine Pub in Pleasant Ridge; Café Cortina and Wicked Table in Farmington Hills; Eskimo Jacks Artisan Cookies & Ice Cream in Southfield; Maria's Restaurant, Sparky Noodle Bakery and Prime 29 Steakhouse in West Bloomfield; Beverly Hills Grill in Beverly Hills; Ocean Prime, Tre Monti Ristorante and The Melting Pot in Troy; Cantoro Italian Markets & Trattoria and Mitchell's Fish Market in Liv-

onia; Steve & Rocky's and Big Tommy's Parthenon in Novi; Mezza Mediterranean Grille in Orchard Lake; The Silver Spoon in Rochester and Pei Wei with locations across the Detroit area.

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Famed Detroit jazz artists Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Quintet will provide the entertainment, while attendees enjoy the food, libations and a raffle drawing.

Tickets for Wine & Dine in the D are \$175 each or \$275 for a patron ticket, which allows the purchaser to attend the after-glow reception as well. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <http://wineanddineinthed.org/> or contact Michele MacWilliams at 248-625-0070.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU16-0005 & PTSLU16-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Corrigan Worldwide is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking of trucks and trailers at 45200 Grand River and 26950 Taft Road, for parcels 50-22-15-301-010 and 50-22-15-152-007 for a 12 month period. The property is zoned I-1 and the use is contrary to 3.14 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00AM on Thursday September 15, 2016 at the Novi Civic Center in the Mayors Conference Room, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to September 14, 2016.



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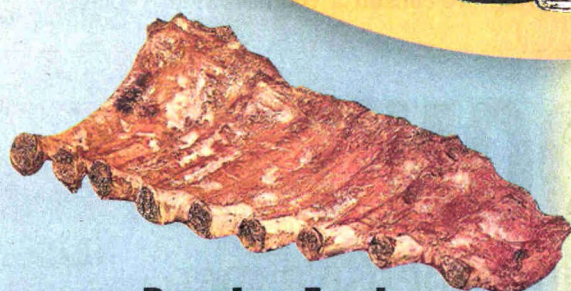
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PREP FOOTBALL

CC rolls in Battle at The Big House

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Following a 42-0 victory late Saturday afternoon in the Battle at The Big House, Jackson Ross was outside the University of Michigan stadium donning a Harvard T-shirt.

The standout 6-foot-3, 245-pound defensive end from Novi Detroit Catholic Central said he is considering the Ivy League school, with the idea of studying pre-law.

And it was certainly ironic that Ross and his defensive teammates laid down the law as they limited a good Sterling Heights Stevenson team to 72 total yards in a season football opener that was delayed 2½ hours by thunderstorms.

"It was just a great team game," Ross said. "Our coaches said before, 'Swarm to the ball.' I think the past couple of years, we've gotten away from CC defense and I think that game right there is great CC defense and we're hoping to continue it for the rest of the year."

The weather delay didn't seem to bother the Shamrocks, who spent their idle time wisely.

"It was a little tough going in," said Ross, who had six assisted tackles. "We were all hyped up, thought we were going to play and then waiting two hours was tough. But I think the guys responded great, scoring 21 first-half points. It doesn't get much better than that. I was really proud."

The game was originally scheduled

to start at 1 p.m., but didn't kick off until 3:30 p.m.

"Actually, we just kind of sat around in the locker room," CC coach Tom Mach said. "It was so long, the parents actually went out and got the kids some food, so that helped. It was a hard time, just sitting around and doing nothing. Coming back out was hard, but I think they handled it very well as far as the crew at Michigan and our kids. They came out ready to play when the time came and they did a good job."

The Shamrocks had only one first-quarter possession, going four plays and out, but made the most of their next three, scoring three second-quarter touchdowns.



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan leaps over a Sterling Heights Stevenson tackler.

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PREP FOOTBALL



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville wide receiver Jack Peterson finds daylight against Dearborn.

Northville slips by Pioneers in season opener

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Northville overcame a four-point halftime deficit Thursday night by blanking host Dearborn over the final 24 minutes en route to a season-opening 25-20 football triumph.

"We made a ton of errors in the first half," said Northville coach Matt Ladach, whose team trailed 20-16 at the break. "We didn't play particularly well. At halftime, coach (Mark) Nowicki talked with the defense about eliminating errors and continuing to play hard and they did. They did an excellent job in the second half. Dearborn moved the ball a little bit, but we were able to keep them out of the end zone."

The Mustangs pulled to within one, 20-19, in the third quarter on junior Jake Moody's 38-yard field goal, his second of the game.

Northville then drove for the game-winning touchdown, going 48 yards in just five plays, capped by Abe Khoury's 6-yard run with only 5:52 left in regulation. (The two-point conversion attempt failed.)

The Mustangs jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, when Jack Burke hit Jack Peterson on a 2-yard TD pass, but the extra-point attempt hold was botched. Ryan Nelson's fumble recovery at the Dearborn 14 set up the score.

Dearborn, however, tied it up later in the first on Hussam Hannawi's 8-yard TD run, but the Pioneers were thwarted on the two-point try as Jacob Agemy was tackled short of the goal line by Burke and Dennis Swift.

In the second quarter, Moody drilled a 45-yard field goal, but Dearborn answered on Hannawi's 18-yard scoring run to make it 12-9. (The extra-point attempt was blocked.)

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PREP FOOTBALL

NOVI OFF TO TORRID START



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Novi's D'Anthony D'Annibale catches one of his six TD passes, this one against Hartland defender Ian Kenrick.

D'ANNIBALE, BAGERIS LEAD RECORD-SETTING 49-28 WIN

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Novi's Alec Bageris and Anthony D'Annibale played pitch-and-catch Thursday night and made Wildcat Stadium their own personal football-style Field of Dreams.

The dynamic duo hooked up for a school-record six touchdown passes as the Novi offense racked up 558 total yards in an impressive 49-28 season-opening win over visiting Hartland.

Bageris was 16-of-22 passing for 328 yards, including four first-half TDs, as

the Wildcats led, 28-14. He added two more TD tosses in the second half.

D'Annibale, his primary target, hauled in 12 passes for 223 yards and the six TDs. The other score came with 10:31 left in the final quarter, when senior running back Nathan Hankerson, no slouch himself with 161 yards on 21 carries on the night, put the game out of reach with 10:31 to go on an 18-yard scamper.

It was Novi's first season-opening win since 2005. (The Wildcats got a forfeit win vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer in 2007.)

"Novi has struggled with the first game, like, the past 11 years. I don't think we've won an opening game in the last 11 years," said Bageris, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior. "To come off the big year (D'Annibale) had last year and just see it continue and even in a bigger way tonight, is unbelievable to see ... just kind of get that first game bug out of the way and finally put up some points."

The senior QB's only passing blemish on the night came with 8:04 left in third quarter, when Hartland's Hunter

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

MHSAA penalizes Northville for off-season meet

Four runners serving suspensions due to Nike XC competition

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The Northville girls cross country program, one of the successful in the state during the past five years, has been sanctioned by Michigan High School Athletic Association for a rules violation for its participation last December in an off-season national meet.

The penalty includes a three-meet suspension of four runners returning this season for the Mustangs, who placed fourth in last year's Division 1 state finals.

Meanwhile, three 2106 graduating seniors – Lexa Barrott, Emma Herrmann and Hailey Harris – served a similar penalty last track season after attending the Nike Cross Country nationals in Portland, Ore.

In a letter sent last November by MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts to both Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi and Principal Tony Koski, the penalty assessed was a violation under Regulation I, Section 11 (Limited Team Membership). Specifically, it was under the language of the MHSAA's 2015-16 Handbook under interpretation 169, which states: "if a team event, teams are not to be made up of students from a single MHSAA member school."

The four suspended runners — first team All-Area pick Olivia Harp, second teamer Cayla Eckenroth, Rachel Zimmer and Ana Barrott — will return Saturday, Sept. 9, for the Bath Invitational after having to sit out the three meets, including the last Friday's End of the Summer Classic, Tuesday's Mustang Invitational and this Thursday's Early Bird Invitational. (The team's other returning varsity runner, second team All-Area selection Emma Smith, did not participate in the Nike meet.)

Qualifying berth

Northville has captured five straight Division 1 re-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville senior Cayla Eckenroth, the 2014 All-Area Runner of the Year, was hampered last year by an injury.

gional titles and six consecutive KLAAs Kensington Conference crowns under coach Nancy Smith.

Competing under the name Northville XC Running Club, the seven Northville High runners earned a spot in the Nike Nationals after qualifying out of a regional held last November in Terre Haute, Ind.

"I asked for waiver as soon as all this stuff was happening and they were going to go," Masi said. "The girls had to agree to it, so (the MHSAA) said, 'OK, you could go, but you're going to have to sit out three meets.' I think what they're doing this year is that we're going to have to ask ahead of time, kind of like they do for soccer girls who go to ODP (Olympic Development Program) to see if they would allow them to attend as a club. They made some different language in their handbook on this this year."

In Roberts' letter to Koski and Masi, the violations that occurred in Regulation I, Section 11 could have resulted in a penalty up to one full year of ineligibility for each athlete who competed in the Nike meet, but a minimum penalty was assessed by the MHSAA staff.

After learning Masi's waiver was denied, parents of the seven Northville runners hired an attorney to initiate legal action and a compromise was ultimately reached.

Cleared to run

"We came to an agreement with MHSAA to allow the girls to go based upon the idea that it was kind of kept between us," said NXC coach Craig Harris, whose daughter Hailey participated in the December Nike meet. "There wasn't a confidentially agreement signed or anything. It was kind of a mutual understanding to keep it between the parties. Nike does everything in their power to protect athletes' eligibility. That was so evident and that's where, in my opinion, the MHSAA was so off. Their whole thing was we want to protect the exploitation of our student-athletes by corporations, but to me that was so ridiculous."

The issue also caused a firestorm on social media, particularly among the running community directed at the MHSAA website's Twitter platform.

"In my opinion, MHSAA wanted this to go away," Harris said. "They were coming under so much public outcry from this and they had just had some other issues. I think from their perspective, they were, like, 'This is the way you can attend.' When we ran it by the team, there was certainly some people on our side that were, like, 'We should absolutely just fight this because it's ridiculous and we feel facts are on our side.' However, we also know if that had happened, they would have missed out on this experience. That was ultimately when we talked with the girls and said, 'Here's what they're proposing and do you as a team want to take a vote? And do you want to do this? Do you want to fight it? Do you want to accept this and move on?' And they said as a team that's exactly what they wanted to do and were willing to accept that."

Some exceptions

Although the MHSAA does allow exceptions, the general rule is that a waiver requested by a member school must be made 30 days in advance.

But after qualifying out of the Nike regional in Terre Haute, there was less than three weeks until the national championship was scheduled Dec. 5 in Portland.

"We were under a short-term window that we had," Harris said. "We went there with the full premise idea that we're dealing with no issue. We had obtained prior approval to go to the regional meet in the prior years. No team from Michigan had qualified (for the nationals) to my recollection. Maybe one team several, several years ago, but maybe did not choose to go."

In lieu of the same issue cropping up again this season, Masi said: "We'll have to put a letter in advance, not to say they're going to say yes. If these girls decide to do it again as an outside club, we're going to have to ask for them for approval, I guess."

Harris called the MHSAA's final decision "arbitrary."

"Their argument back is that we want to prevent a football team, who wins our state championship, is now going to go on and become involved in some kind of a national championship," he said. "That's what they want to prevent. I can say, 'OK, I can agree with that.' But how is that any different? The season had ended. Our seven that ran weren't even the same seven girls that participated in the same championship for the MHSAA at states. They had no affiliation with the high school. Nancy (Smith) was not the coach of the team, I was. We did training completely on our own."

MHSAA Communications Director John Johnson said Tuesday: "The penalty was reduced from a year penalty to the absolute minimum – three dates – after a lot of good dialogue between the schools and the discussion with the circumstances around the situation."

"I believe their attorney (of the parents) was involved at some time, but primarily our dialogue is always going to be with the schools," he added. "And the school was, obviously, working with the attorney to have everybody on the same page. This was a conclusion that was mutually determined by all parties."

"One of the things that did come out of this, (is) that we provided some clarity to the rule in question (interpretation 169). In the MHSAA Handbook, we made sure we communicated that well through our rules meetings this year to make sure we don't have anything that could lead to a recurrence of this. They have a window within to operate and I think it's clearer now how every situation will be assessed particularly as it involves non-school teams."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Nancy Smith, 16th season
League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division)

Last year's finish: First, KLAAs Central Division (5-0), Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional, fourth, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Lexa Barrott (first team All-Area); Hailey Harris (first team All-Area); Emma Herrmann (first team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Olivia Harp, Soph. (first team All-Area); Cayla Eckenroth, Sr. (second team All-Area); Emma Smith, Sr. (second team All-Area); Ana Barrott, Jr.; Rachel Zimmer, Jr.; Taylor Gattoni, Sr.; Katie Chevoor, Sr.; Anna Buettner, Jr.; Dora Koski, Soph. Emily Rudberg, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Emily Assemany, Fr.; Nicole Cybul, Soph.; Olivia Masse, Fr.

Smith's outlook: "We bring back a talented group of returnees and also a talented group of newcomers who will complement each other. We will have competition between them for the varsity seven spots which will make us a stronger team. We hope to win the conference meet, advance to state finals and finish higher than last year at the state finals."

NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, 11th season
League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division)

Last year's finish: Third, KLAAs Central (3-2); seventh, Kensington Conference; 10th, Division 1 regional

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Katherine Ray, Soph.; Jessica Lypka, Sr.; Jacalyn Schubring, Sr.; Heather Blair, Sr.; Hadley Peterson, Sr.; Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Jr.; Addison Lentz, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Michelle Jecmen, Fr.; Emily Sedwitz, Fr.; Lauren Sedwitz, Fr.; Jennifer Lypka, Fr.; Reese Green, Jr.

Reid's outlook: "I'm very excited for the upcoming season. The key to our success this year is that the girls have come in better prepared and more conditioned than last year. Additionally, young talent is pushing our returnees to be better. Staying healthy to make a run is a key goal. We are building some depth this year with our runners and I look forward to seeing their competitiveness. Our team has some great leadership with strong goals of reaching the state meet as a team. I look to have our seniors lead by example."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, seventh season
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Last year's finish: Fourth, MIAC; sixth, Division 1 regional

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Gabrielle Lochrie, Sr.; Audrey Hicks, Sr.; Audrey Govan, Jr.; Madelyn Holliman, Jr.; Wendy King, Jr.; Maddie Austin, Jr.; Shelby Bus, Soph.; Claire Bosnack, Soph.; Megan Holliman, Fr.

Promising newcomers: Joy Spears, Soph.

Schmid's outlook: "The team hopes to improve on their best team results last year. The team won a trophy at the Genesee Invitational and had its best finishes in the conference. If they stay healthy and continue their improvements from last year, we hope to move up in the conference and regional. Lochrie, Madelyn Holliman and Govan look to improve and all could break the school's cross country record. Bus continued to make great strides last season and during track. She also worked hard this summer to prepare for this season. Holliman ran well last year and will be a solid top seven runner year."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville places in second in Summer Classic opening meet

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Under hot and steamy conditions, a short-handed Northville squad opened its 2016 girls cross country season Friday by placing runner-up in the End of the Summer Classic held at Hudson Mills Metropark.

Ann Arbor Pioneer captured the team title with 59 points, while the Mustangs scored 77 in the meet hosted by Saline and the Ann Arbor Running Co.

Other teams in the field included Brighton (94), Grandville (100), Dexter (185), Canton (217), Ann Arbor Skyline (232), Farmington Hills Mercy (312), Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (381) and Ann Arbor Huron (381).

Grandville's Madison Malon was the individual 5,000-meter winner in 18 minutes, 25.1 seconds.

Newcomer Nicole Cybul, a sophomore, paced Northville in fourth with a time of 19:34. She was followed by senior Katie Chevoor, 13th (20:50.2); senior Taylor Gattoni, 19th (21:03.1); senior Emma Smith, 20th (21:08.8); and sophomore Kayleigh Line, 24th (21:14.3).

Rounding out Northville's top seven were freshman Emily Assemany (34th, 21:49.6) and junior Anna Buettner (35th, 21:50.4).

"I was really pleased with today's results and saw a lot of good racing throughout the team," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Cybul, running in her first meet, took it out hard and showed how competitive she is and what an asset she will be for the Mustangs this season. Chevoor, Gattoni and Smith all ran well as they begin their final season. I'm excited about our season and how our summer conditioning is showing so far."

The Mustangs were without



Northville's Nicole Cybul (bottom row, fourth from left) made the podium at the End of the Summer Classic at Hudson Mills Metropark.

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NANCY SMITH, Northville head coach

four of their top returning runners, including Ana Barrott, Cayla Eckenroth, Olivia Harp and Rachel Zimmer, all serving the first of a three-meet suspension handed down last December by the Michigan High

School Athletic Association for their participation in the Nike Cross Country Nationals in Portland, Ore.

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BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Bandyk's big night keys Novi triumph

Northville, Catholic Central both settle for 1-1 deadlocks

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It was a big night for Kyle Bandyk as the senior defender collected two goals and two assists in the opening half to lead Novi to a 5-0 boys soccer victory over host Milford.

Bandyk opened the scoring with 35:10 left in the first half on an assist from Adam DellaVecchia, followed by Shion Maidens' goal from Bandyk just 6:03 later to make it 2-0.

Andy Lee made it 3-0 from Bandyk with 6:59 left in the same half, assisted by Bandyk, who then made it 4-0 with 3:14 to go off an assist from Nik Mundkur.

After being up 4-0 at half-time, Novi (1-0-1) put it away with 9:11 left in the match on Eric Rice's goal from Amossi Bujaga.

"Tonight, our defense played very well," first-year Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "Nik Mundkur, Dominic Gatson, Eric Rice, Ben Noud and Brandon Griffith did a great job limiting Milford to only three shots on goal the entire night. They were well-disciplined and did a great job of closing down the Milford attack. They were also a vital part of our offense, many times initiating the attack from the back."

Novi junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald made three saves to notch his second shutout of the year.

"Luke did a great job keeping the defense well-organized," Pheiffer said.

The loss drops Milford to 0-2-1 overall.

NORTHVILLE 1, GRAND BLANC 1: In a rematch of last year's KLAAs Association championship game, James Cook scored with only 1:20 remaining Monday as the host Bobcats (1-0-2) earned a draw against the Mustangs (1-1-2).

Northville took a 1-0 lead at the 11th minute of the match on Owen Marshall's goal off a free kick from Ben McCauley.

After keeper Evan Treiber came up with a key save late, the Mustangs had a goal disallowed with only six minutes remaining on an offside call, which would have given them a 2-0 advantage.

"We played much more of a team defensive game than we did last week against Canton," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "All 23 players got quality minutes. It feels like a loss, but we'll learn from it and we'll take the result because they're a good team."

DETROIT CC 1, CANTON 1: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-0-1) and the host Chiefs (4-0-1) battled to a tie Saturday.

Canton's Alex Spratte scored in the first half to make it 1-0, but Catholic Central's Valentino Ivezaj countered with the game-tying goal in the second half when he volleyed in a rebound off a direct free kick by Ryan Pierson that Chiefs goalie Stephen Page couldn't handle.

CC backup keeper Kevin Blossfield then made a critical diving save on a Canton free kick after starting goalie Trevor Ostrowski was whistled for a yellow card while handling the ball outside the box.

The Shamrocks, who hit three posts, outshot Canton 15-5.

CANTON 2, NORTHVILLE 1: Senior captain Mohamad Miri was the difference Aug. 24, scoring both goals as the host Chiefs (4-0) downed the Mustangs (1-0-1) in a KLAAs crossover.

All three goals came during the first half, as Northville struck first when Owen Marshall scored on a penalty kick after teammate Andrew Mitchell was taken down in the box.

Miri then tied it later in the first half on a PK. Northville goalkeeper Evan Treiber was then sent off after being yellow carded for making contact outside the box.

Backup Yanni Kanellopoulos gave the Mustangs a big boost when he came on to make a key save on a Canton free kick and subsequent rebound to keep it deadlocked at 1-1.

But Miri scored what proved to be the game-winner on a rebound off a corner kick for the unbeaten Chiefs, who were coming off their Balconi Invitational conquest over the weekend.

"It was a chippy, physical game, but mutual respect by both schools," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Overall, not bad, but I thought Canton deserved the victory. We were off a little bit. I think our defensive play marking was slightly off. It's something we have to address and move on. It's early in the season. We just have to improve on a few items and we'll keep going from there."

NOVI 0, PLYMOUTH 0: In a KLAAs crossover Aug. 23, Novi (0-0-1) and the host Wildcats (2-1-1) battled to a draw.

Novi junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald recorded five saves to post the shutout.

"It was our first game of the season and it was a pretty evenly matched game, with us getting a few more scoring opportunities," said first-year Novi coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team outshot Plymouth, 9-5. "We actually scored a goal early in the first half off a free kick, but the official waved it off when he called a foul on us in the box."

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Area teams look to improve finish at 'states'

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A lot of things went right last season for both the Novi and Northville boys cross country teams.

Northville came up just two points shy of winning the coveted MHSAA Division 1 state championship last November, edged by Rockford for the team title, 99-101.

Right behind was Novi, which placed third with 177.

And yet another area Division 1 squad, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, also earned a top 10 finish, taking eighth with 283.

Although All-Area Runner of the Year Joost Plaetinck (University of Michigan) graduated, Novi returns five of its top seven performers from last year's state meet.

That quintet, led by first team All-Area pick Gabriel Mudel, along with second teamers Scott MacPherson and John Landy, were highly instrumental in the Wildcats capturing the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional titles, along with the Oakland County meet, Spartan (Elite Division), South Lyon, Anchor Bay and Ramblin' Rock invitationals.

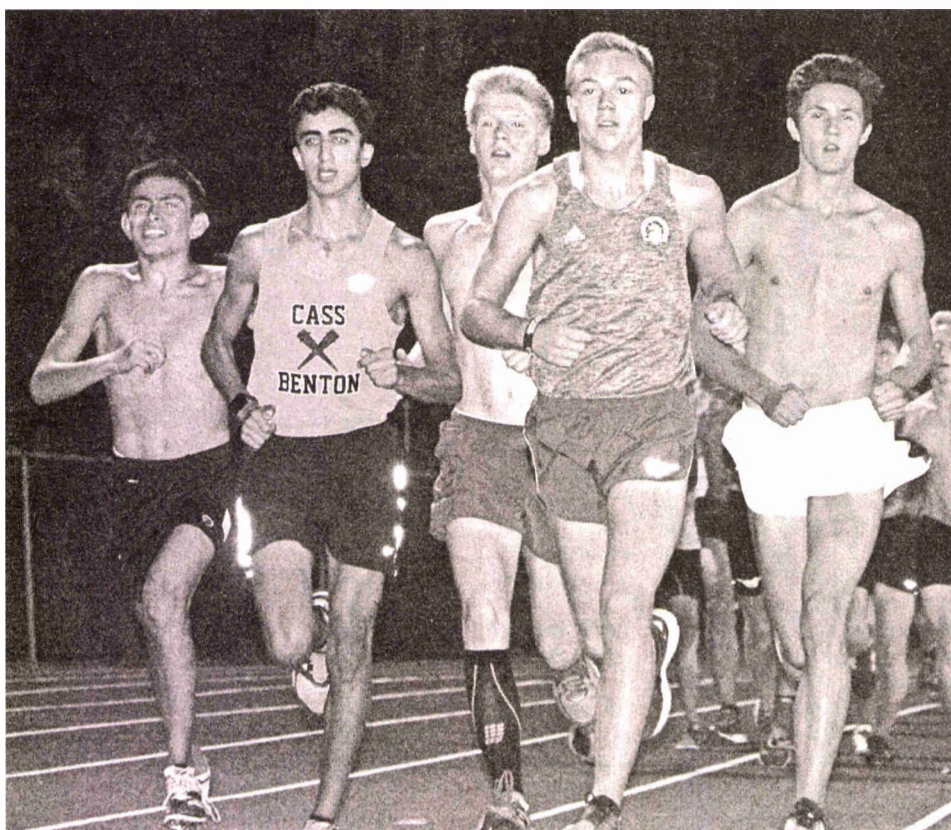
Novi coach Robert Smith cannot be but optimistic heading into his 34th season.

"I cannot be more proud of this team," Smith said. "Our captains have done an outstanding job this summer preparing all of our runners for the demands of the regular season. I don't want to make any predictions, but I would not trade this team for any team in the state."

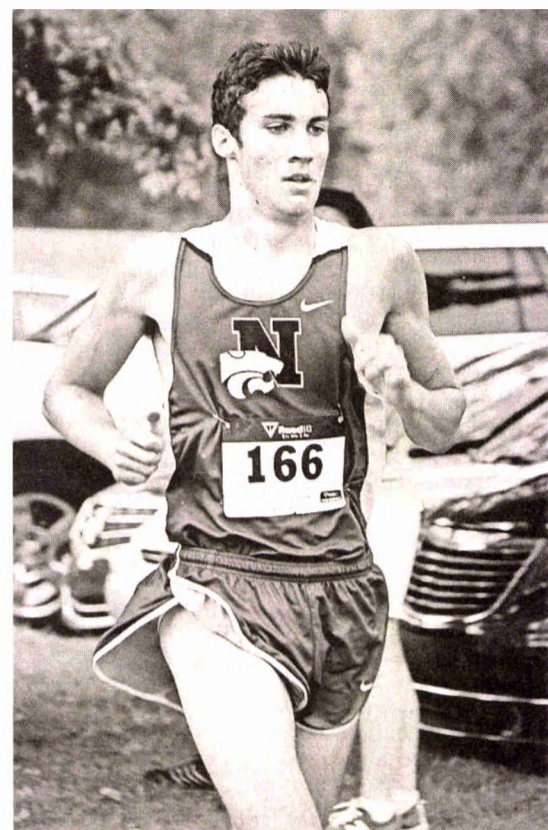
As a 10th-grader, Mudel took all-state honors, finishing 27th overall in Division 1 with a time of 15:53.6.

Also returning off that Novi state meet squad are MacPherson (62nd, 16:16.1); John Landy (64th, 16:16.3), and Silva (161st, 16:54.9), along with junior Eric Landy (17:24.9).

Meanwhile, Northville coach Chris Cronin, entering his 23rd season, must rebuild after losing three first team All-Area performers in Conor Naughton (Central Michigan University),



Northville senior Ben Cracraft (second from right) returns after earning first team All-Area honors.



Scott MacPherson returns as one of Novi's top cross country runners.

Thomas Smither (CMU) and Christian Freiburger.

But senior all-stater Ben Cracraft, who took fifth at the regional (15:50.21) and 14th in Division 1 (15:42.1), returns to lead the way along with talented sophomore Nicholas Couyoumjian, who placed 21st at the regional (16:37.7) and ranked fifth among freshmen at the state meet (127th, 16:41.3).

The Mustangs, who won the KLAA Central Division last season, will also be banking on senior captains Evan Ferrante and Jacob Blackmore, along with senior Peter Bejin, who was hampered last season by injury.

"After the first two runners, we have a number of question marks at the third through seven spots," Cronin said.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central will defend both its Catholic League and Central Division titles as coach Tony Magni loses two of his top three state

meet finishers to graduation.

The Shamrocks will be led by a trio of seniors, including Ty Buckley (59th, 16:13.6), Ben Racine (100th, 16:31.0) and Mark Borek (118th, 16:35.9).

Seniors Andrew Clark, Ryan Whinnery and Nick Gessler will slide into the next three spots.

In Division 4, seventh-year Novi Franklin Road Christian coach Andrew Schmid returns three of his top five from last year's squad that took seventh at the regional and eighth in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Schmid will lean on seniors Nathan Austin and Maxwell Holleman, along with sophomore Nathan Buis.

NOVI

Head coach: Robert Smith, 34th season.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Lakes Division).

Last year's finish: First, Kensington Conference; Division 1 regional; second, KLAA Central (4-1); third, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Joost Plaetinck (All-Area Runner of the Year), Adam Ditrí, Scott Beaton, Sagar Mehta.

Leading returnees: Gabriel Mudel, Jr. (first team All-Area), Scott MacPherson, Sr. (second team All-Area), John Landy, Sr. (second team All-Area), Eric Landy, Sr., Chris Silva, Sr., Scott Sawyer, Sr., Nate Wood, Jr., Trey Mullins, Soph., Alex Schafer, Jr.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Smith's outlook: "The season looks exciting for our Wildcats. We return five runners who ran in the state meet last season. That experience is important. We anticipate a highly successful campaign this year. The KLAA Central, however, will not let us rest on our laurels. We know that Northville will be a huge challenge for us. It looks like Stevenson and Salem have the potential to push us to our limits."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Chris Cronin, 23rd season.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Lakes Division).

Last year's finish: First, KLAA Central (5-0), second, Division 1 state finals, regional, Kensington Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Conor Naughton (first team All-Area), Christian Freiburger (first team All-Area), Thomas Smither (first team All-Area), Kenny Goolsby (second team All-Area), Sean Coleman.

Leading returnees: Ben Cracraft, Sr. (first team All-Area), Nicholas Couyoumjian, Soph., Evan Ferrante, Sr. (captain), Jacob Blackmore, Sr. (captain), Peter Bejin, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Grant Gattoni, Fr.; Josh Hardy, Fr.

Cronin's outlook: "After finishing second at last year's state final and graduating five of our top seven, the Mustangs are looking to fill some big shoes. Ben Cracraft, an all-state runner in 2016, will lead the charge. He posted solid times during the track season and looks toward a top five finish at this year's state finals. Nick Couyoumjian should be one of the state's top sophomores this season and he hopes to challenge for an all-state finish. Seniors captains Jacob

Blackmore and Evan Ferrante should be significant contributors. Senior Peter Bejin returns after a junior season lost to injury and he could be an X-factor on this year's edition."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Tony Magni, 43rd season.
League: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: First, Central Division, Catholic League; third, Division 1 regional; eighth, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Scott Smith (second team All-Area), Avery Felly, Matthew Fosdick, Alex McLaren.

Leading returnees: Ty Buckley, Sr. (second team All-Area), Ben Racine, Sr., Mark Borek, Sr., Andrew Clark, Sr., Ryan Whinnery, Sr.

Promising newcomer: Nick Gessler, Sr.

Magni's outlook: "If we run as a group, we will do well. We need help from the fourth to the seventh position to step up. If they do, we can do well."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, seventh season.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: Seventh, Division 4 regional; eighth, MIAC.

Notable losses to graduation: Will Govan, Erik Westphal.

Leading returnees: Nathan Austin, Sr.; Maxwell Holleman, Sr.; Nathan Buis, Soph.

Schmid's outlook: "We are returning three strong runners from last season. Who will rise up to lead the team by regionals is still to be determined. Last season, Maxwell Holleman came off of an injury and ran well. Nate Austin was just a few seconds behind running by far the best times of his career. He also completed a strong track season, adding more speed to his legs. Nate Buis looks in great shape at the start of this season and should push the others."

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Wildcats cruise to first place at Island Lake meet

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The Novi boys cross country team opened its season Saturday with a convincing triumph at the South Lyon Invitational, held at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

Novi captured seven of the first eight individual places to best a field of 10 schools.

The Wildcats, led by individual five-kilometer winner Scott MacPherson (16:34), scored 19 points, followed by runner-up Livonia Franklin (96), Brighton (97), South Lyon East (125), Holt (133), Grand Rapids Northview (141), Whitmore Lake (159), Oregon (Ohio) Clay (165), Cen-

ter Line (no score) and South Lyon (no score).

"Scott was in a battle with a runner from Whitmore Lake for the entire race," Novi coach Robert Smith said of the senior. "He stayed focused and then pulled away for the win with about 600 meters to go."

Twin brothers John and Eric Landy finished third and fourth with times of 16:44 and 16:46, respectively. It was a personal best for Eric Landy.

"It is highly unusual for a top athlete to set a career personal record in the first meet of the season," Smith said. "He is really running well right now."

Also figuring in the scoring for Novi were junior Gabe

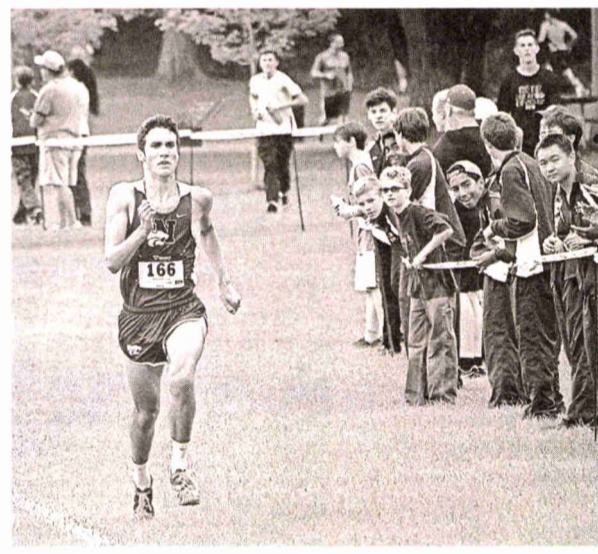
Mudel (fifth, 17:18) and sophomore Trey Mullins (sixth, 17:27).

"It was a good race for Gabe, but I know he will be even faster at our next meet," Smith said. "He is a returning all-stater."

Junior Nate Wood (seventh, 17:31) and senior Chris Silva (eighth, 17:35) rounded out the Wildcats' contingent.

"All seven of our varsity runners ran extremely well today," Smith said. "I had a feeling that they were ready to race. Mission accomplished."

Novi also won the JV team race with 18 points, paced by individual winner Tim Truly (18:22).



ROBERT SMITH
Novi senior Scott MacPherson captured the South Lyon Invitational title in 16:34.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Mustangs runners-up in relay meet

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Northville got an early jump on its 2016 girls swim season Aug. 25 by finishing runner-up in the 15th annual Ann Arbor Huron Relays.

Last year's MHSAA runner-up Saline captured the team title with 466 points, while Northville took second with 394. Fellow Kensington Lakes Activities Association member and defending Kensington Conference champ South Lyon Unified took fourth with 342 in the all-relay race format.

"We had a really good meet to start the season," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "There are some of the best teams in the state at this meet and it is always a good gauge to see where we stand. Finishing in second place is definitely a good place to start. We scored more points at the meet this year than we ever have in the past and won our heat more than we ever have also. I was very impressed with a lot of our 'B' relays. They performed better than I thought in a lot of

events."

Saline, the 2014 MHSAA state champion, captured five out of eight events, including the 400-yard freestyle, 400 individual medley, 200 butterfly, 200 backstroke and 200 breaststroke events.

Northville came away with first in the 200 medley relay as freshman Sophia Tuinman teamed with seniors Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino and Laura Westphal for a time of 1:48.87.

The Mustangs, eighth in last year's Division 1 state meet, also took second in the 200 butterfly (1:52.42), 200 backstroke (1:50.84), 800 freestyle (7:54.9) and 200 freestyle (1:40.72) relay events.

"While I was very pleased with the results, we still have a long way to go to get to where we want to be," McNeff said. "We had some slow relay pick-ups and we got touched out in a couple relays. That will all come with practice and getting used to racing again. Overall, it was a great way to start the season and solidified the excitement that we have for the year."

15th ANN ARBOR HURON RELAYS
Aug. 25 at Ann Arbor Huron

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 466 points; Northville, 394; 3. Ann Arbor Skyline, 380; 4. South Lyon Unified, 342; 5. Dexter, 324; 6. Brighton, 298; 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 274; 8. Ann Arbor Huron 258.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

200-yard medley: 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Laura Westphal), 1:48.87; 2. South Lyon (Megan Sartori, Avery Covert, Nicole Hanshaw, Taylor Sciborski), 2:01.21.

400 freestyle: 1. Saline (Maddie Luther, Lisa Gross, Lizzy Spears, Johanna Jorgenson), 3:31.32; 5. Northville (Nicki Pumper, Lulu Mans, Gillian Zayan, Katelyn McCullough), 3:44.59; 7. South Lyon (Melanie Dunnuck, Lindsay Boals, Anna Smith, Libby Silverson), 3:52.86.

400 individual medley: 1. Saline (Luthern, Maddy Murphy, Emily Klempner, Spears), 4:05.22; 5. South Lyon (Nerys Gravel, Lexi Abernethy, Dunnuck, Sciborski), 4:30.98; 6. Northville (Emily Guerrero, Lexi Barritt, Jennifer Ostrowski, Szara), 4:58.75.

200 butterfly: 1. Saline (Lisa Gross, Paige Wilson, Lauryn Kruse, Murphy), 1:49.7; 2. Northville (Macaddino, Michelle Alameddine, Misa Testanti, Lauren Heaven), 1:52.42; 3. South Lyon (Megan Mieske, Boals, Anna Smith, Abigail O'Reilly), 1:52.65.

200 backstroke: 1. Saline (Spears, Cassie Anderson, Riley Jones, Murphy), 1:50.5; 2. Northville (Tuinman, Mans, McCullough, Pumper), 1:50.84; 7. South Lyon (Sartori, Mieske, O'Reilly, Gravel), 2:04.89.

800 freestyle: 1. Skyline (Georgia Mosher, Emily Lock, Alison Haak, Emma Cleason), 7:47.49; 2. Northville (Westphal, Tuinman, Zayan, Macaddino), 7:54.9; 6. South Lyon (Dunnuck, Smith, Abernethy, Gravel), 8:37.33.

200 breaststroke: 1. Saline (Kruse, Emma Loveland, Emily Laing, Klempner), 2:12.45; 4. Northville (Guerrero, Ostrowski, Phillips, Szara), 2:15.4; 1. South Lyon (Abernethy, Covert, Jessica Stark, Hannah Sun), 2:23.97.

200 freestyle: 1. Brighton (Taylor Seaman, Kellie House, Chloe Reed, Megan Lubinski), 1:40.63; 2. Northville (McCullough, Pumper, Zayan, Westphal), 1:40.72; 6. South Lyon (Boals, Sciborski, Lauren SanMillan, Emily Kurt), 1:46.68.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**
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.
Friday, Sept. 9
Novi at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.
Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at St. Michael (Ont.), 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 1
Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 6
Parkway at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Northville at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8
Luth. Westland at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Salem at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.
Clarkston at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
Adams at Novi (Meadows), noon.
Saline at Northville, noon.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 6
Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8
Novi at Salem, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
N'ville at Mt. Morris Inv., 8 a.m.
Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Franklin Rd. at Ladywood Inv., TBA.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 1
Early Bird Inv. at Saline, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 10
Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem Inv. at Willow Metro, 9:30 a.m.
Detroit CC at Averill Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 10:30 a.m.

- GIRLS SWIMMING**
Thursday, Sept. 8
W.L. Northern at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
N'ville at Grosse Pte. South, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
Novi at Okemos Inv., noon.
N'ville at W.L. Northern Inv., TBA.
BOYS TENNIS
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.
Tuesday, Sept. 6
South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7
Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Northville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8
South Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
Detroit CC at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
Novi at Howell Inv., 8 a.m.
N'ville at Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m.
Detroit CC at Saline Quad, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 1
Novi vs. Northville
at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 6
Novi vs. Stevenson
at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.
Northville vs. South Lyon East
at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8
Novi vs. Salem
at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.
Northville vs. South Lyon
at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 9
N'ville at N. Farm. Inv., TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

OSU's Jordan: Big jump for big talent

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Add Michael Jordan's name to the growing list of Plymouth football alums going on to make major names for themselves.

The 6-7, 310-pound offensive lineman — who graduated early from Plymouth High School last year to get a head start on his college football career — reportedly is set to start at left guard as a true freshman for Ohio State University at noon Saturday against Bowling Green. Jordan follows the likes of all-world kicker Kyle Brindza and line-backer Brennen Beyer, who in recent years rode standout prep and college careers careers right up into the National Football League.

Making the trip from metro Detroit to Columbus for Saturday's Jordan debut will be his coach with the Wildcats, Mike Sawchuk. Like everybody else connected with the Plymouth program, that Jordan already is emerging on the NCAA Division I stage is no surprise, given his unbelievable talent and work ethic. If there is a surprise, it's that Jordan, barring a last-minute change of plans by Buckeyes head coach Urban Meyer, will start merely months after graduating from high school. "What Michael has done so



Jordan

far does not surprise me," Sawchuk said. "He's a very intelligent, big-hearted, athletic young man. I am looking forward to going to watch him this weekend vs Bowling Green. He's a great ambassador for our football program."

Jordan's quiet demeanor around Plymouth belied his fierce competitive nature — which Sawchuk saw first-hand on the field and in the weight room.

"I wish every student-athlete would emulate his work ethic and could have seen his improvement from ninth grade to his senior year due to his commitment to the weight room," Sawchuk said.

That determination also informed Jordan's successful

three-year career as a Plymouth wrestler; the only reason the burly big guy did not return to the mat as a senior in 2015-16 was his intention to graduate early and then enroll at Ohio State (which he did in January).

From the opening practices with the Buckeyes, Jordan impressed Meyer and OSU coaches and that trajectory apparently has not changed in the ensuing months.

On Saturday, for those traveling from metro Detroit, Jordan will wear No. 73. For Sawchuk and the rest of Plymouth's football program, it might as well be No. 1. Make that 1A, because he is the latest out of the Wildcats' pipeline, following Brindza and Beyer.

Brindza was a top-notch kicker at Notre Dame and played part of the 2015 NFL season at Tampa Bay. He currently is a free agent, rehabbing an Achilles heel injury suffered earlier this year.

Beyer, meanwhile, followed a strong career at Michigan by being signed by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. He currently is prepping for his second pro season.

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MARTHA MICHALAK
Northville's Jake Moody (middle) boots one of his two field goals as Jon Michalak makes the hold.

NORTHVILLE

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Burke, who was 17-of-24 passing for 181 yards, then connected with Stephen Ernst on a 9-yard TD pass to put the Mustangs back on top 16-12 (following Moody's PAT).

But Dearborn went into halftime leading 20-16 on Malik Harajly's 6-yard TD toss to Shane Moran. The Pioneers converted the two-point conversion on Hannawi's run.

The Mustangs were out-gained 333-192 in total offense, including minus-25 yards on the ground.

"We had a ton of negative yards, bad snaps, misplays," Ladach said. "Fortunately, we were able to throw the ball and move it, but we were able to run the ball when we had to."

A.J. Abbott led Northville's receiving corps with eight

catches for 67 yards, while Peterson had six grabs for 63 yards.

"Both of those guys did a nice job getting open and catching the football," Ladach said. "They both did a good job. Jack (Burke) did a really nice job putting the ball on them, too. He had a nice game through the air."

Defensively, Northville's Caleb Sheehan recorded three solo tackles and seven assists, while Nelson had four solo and five assists. Sean Rowan and Zachary Bates were in on seven and six tackles, respectively.

Hannawi led all rushers with 116 yards on 17 carries, while Harajly was 10-of-20 passing for 135 yards.

Northville returns to action at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at home against Brighton (1-0).

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NOVI

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Delaney picked off a tipped pass at his own 31.

Seven plays later, the Eagles pulled to within 35-28 with 36.9 seconds remaining in the same quarter on a 26-yard TD pass from Brad Ekonen to Reece Potter.

But just 52 seconds into the final quarter, Bageris hit the speedy D'Annibale on an out route and the senior receiver did the rest, roaring down the field like an Indy race car for a 65-yard TD.

"We talked at the beginning of the game, we knew what we had to do," the 6-foot-1, 190-pound D'Annibale said. "We had that connection from last year and we were just ready to do it this year and we just did it. We were ready."

"He's always putting the ball on the money. He didn't miss any passes today. I have to give credit to him, because he's throwing perfect balls. I can't ask much more from a quarterback. He's great."

D'Annibale also added TD catches of 10, 24, 23, 10 and 19 yards, mainly on fade routes to the end zone against one-on-one Hartland coverage.

"I knew they were shading a safety over to him a little bit, but not quick enough," Bageris said of the Eagles' secondary. "He'll do an outside release and, luckily, I put the ball where he could go up, use his athleticism and just catch it over the guy."

There was some improvising of sorts, but D'Annibale



Novi's Nathan Hankerson (left) finds an opening against Hartland's Bryce Watson.

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and Bageris seemed to have a sixth sense all night.

"Actually, we switch up the play calls based on their formation, where I'll tell Al that I'm picking a way to go, he knows that and we talk about it in the huddle," D'Annibale said. "We just go and do what we do."

Another key factor in the victory was the play of Novi's offensive line.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more," Bageris said. "Hartland was a team that brought a lot of pressure and I didn't get hit once tonight. I got to take them out to dinner to-

night or something."

Hartland had its moments offensively, with 338 total yards on 69 plays. And the Eagles got the first break, when Andrew Singer recovered a Novi fumbled punt return at the Wildcats' 41 in the opening quarter.

But Novi's defense held on four-and-one as Johnny Davis came up with a key stop.

Hartland, however, scored with 1:11 left in the first quarter to knot the game at 7-7 on a 12-yard TD run by Jacob Collins. The Eagles also evened the score again at 14-14 with 8:05 left in the half on a six-

play, 64-yard drive, capped by Ekonen's 10-yard TD pass to Potter.

But Novi answered with Bageris-to-D'Annibale passing scores of 23 and 10 yards, the second TD set up when a snap from center sailed over the head of 6-foot-7 Hartland punter Jason Gigliotti, who earlier had blocked a Blake King extra-point attempt to keep it a six-point deficit, 20-14.

Potter scored on a 19-yard TD run with 4:19 left in the third quarter to pull the Eagles to within seven, 28-21, and hauled in a 25-yard scoring pass from Ekonen with only 1:15 remaining in the third as Hartland crept back to 35-28.

But the 65-yard scoring pass from Bageris to D'Annibale to start the fourth quarter, followed by a perfectly executed inside kick recovered by Kyle Klosterman, made it a moot point as Hankerson finished off the Eagles with an 18-yard TD run.

"All sides of the ball — special teams, defense, offense — you name it," Hartland coach Brian Savage said of his team's downfall. "We dropped balls when we should have caught them. We missed tackles when we should have had them. Special teams, we had a turnover on a kickoff and a snapped ball over a punter's head. Kind of a team effort and came up on the wrong side of it."

And the Eagles had no answers for Novi's multi-faceted offense.

"We saw last year the Bageris kid; he throws it on a rope," Savage said. "He has another year under his belt and he's probably a college quarterback

somewhere. He's a pretty good athlete and surrounded by three or four skill kids. We're a team that, if we let people get behind us, we're probably not going to catch them."

After starting 0-3 in each his last two seasons, Novi coach Jeff Burnside was glad to see his team make an opening night statement.

"I knew we had the opportunity to be good," Burnside said of his team's offense. "We got a lot of returning guys and Al has been a third-year starter. Anthony D'Annibale is a great receiver, so is Traveon Maddox (89 yards on two catches). The thing that really makes us go now is Nathan Hankerson, who can really run the ball. You got to commit more (defensive) guys to the box, which gives those two guys on the outside time to jell and get the ball and give them space to get the work done. It's a pretty well-balanced attack right now."

Despite two costly turnovers, the Wildcats were able to respond.

"It's hard to keep these guys down," Burnside said. "They're really a good group of kids and they're real positive this year. We had a great couple of weeks of practice. We have to shore up some things on defense, obviously. Offensively, what a great showing. We talked about this morning, there's nights where the offense will have to pick up the defense and that was one of them. And there's going to be a night when the defense picks up our offense at some point."

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BATTLE

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Senior Nicholas Capatina, who finished with a game-best 138 yards on 14 carries, scored on a 34-yard touchdown run with 11:12 to play in the first quarter and kicker Jacob Nichols converted the first of his six straight extra points to make it 7-0.

CC senior defensive back Chris Jakubik then set up the next score when he picked off a pass headed near the sideline on a ball thrown by Stevenson QB Niko Nickson. Jakubik returned it to the Titans' 24 and it resulted in a 3-yard TD keeper by sophomore quarterback Austin Brown with 7:56 left in the half.

"We've just been practicing all week. We've been going over plays, scouting them a lot and we ran that in practice before, so I just knew I was ready for it and just made a play," Jakubik said. "We were supposed to read the fake bubble and I just kind of read on it because their guys came and I just jumped on it and made the play."

Jakubik's pick proved to be an early game-changer.

"Chris is a very good athlete," Mach said. "He plays both sides of the ball. He's an offensive receiver and he went after that as an offensive receiver and a defensive back and he picked it off. That real-

"Our defense was very good today. They've been working really hard during the season here and up to this point."

TOM MACH
Catholic Central head coach

ly changed the momentum. They had some momentum going there and that really helped us."

Shamrocks then drove 55 yards in 11 plays, capped by Brown's 11-yard TD pass to Jack Morris with only 36 seconds until intermission to make it 21-0.

Junior linebacker Isaac Darkangelo also picked off Nickson on the final play of the half as CC's defense held the Titans to just 57 total yards. Darkangelo had one solo and nine assisted tackles.

"We've talked about it all week," Jakubik said. "Defense is our identity; form an identity out there. We don't want them to get any first downs. We want to dominate the whole game and just, every play, make a play."

The Shamrocks' offense, which outgained Stevenson 365-72, added three more second-half scores, including a 6-yard TD run by Capatina with 6:41 to go in the third quarter that capped a 10-play, 80-yard drive.

The Shamrocks put up two more TDs in the final quarter



Catholic Central's defense of Tyler St. Clair (top), Jackson Ross (middle) and Isaac Darkangelo (bottom) gang-tackle a Stevenson runner.

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to invoke a running clock as junior fullback Cameron Ryan, who finished with 99 yards on 16 carries, scored on a 4-yard run, followed by Tyler St. Clair's 5-yard run.

"I thought we did a pretty good job of putting drives together," Mach said. "We like to eliminate the penalties, obviously, because that hurts you in the long run. But overall, I was pleased with aspects of our game today. All the kids played with great intention of getting the job done, great heart and so forth and I thought they did a fine job."

It was a dominating performance, to say the least, for the Shamrocks, who allowed just

five first downs, 10 yards passing and 62 rushing.

Other top tacklers for CC included Ty Morland (two solo, five assists), Blake Bueter (one solo, five assists) and Matt Young (three solo, two assists).

"Our defense was very good today," Mach said. "They've been working really hard during the season here and up to this point. Dan Anderson is our defensive coordinator. He had a really good game plan coming into this game and the kids executed it very well. I think we got better as the game progressed."

Meanwhile, it was a frustrating day all the way around for the Titans, who were com-

ing in with high hopes following a 7-3 season that resulted in a playoff berth.

"They had a tremendous running game and that's something we usually pride ourselves on," third-year Stevenson coach Kevin Frederick said of CC. "We just couldn't get things going, so with that, that's going to be the outcome. If you can't get on the field to run your plays, you can't get drives going. It's a two-way thing. If we can sustain a drive, we keep our defense off the field. They were on the field way too much today and that's a team thing. We need to do a better job offensively. We need to pick each other up."

And Frederick didn't want the weather delay to become an excuse.

"I don't think that had to do with anything on how we played, it's one of those things," he said. "It's unfortunate, but you can't control the weather. They had to do the same thing and wait like we did. The experience itself was good being at the University of Michigan being in the locker room and being in the field, but obviously the outcome wasn't what we were expecting."

And during that elongated break, the Shamrocks got refueled with some timely sandwiches.

"Subs help any teenager," Ross said with a smile.

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JUNIOR BOYS GOLF

CC's Smith captures Michigan Junior Amateur title

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Ben Smith of Novi made a two-putt par to win the 18th hole and slip past Devin Deogun of Orchard Lake 1-up in the final match of the 38th Michigan Junior State Amateur presented by Pepsi at Point O' Woods Golf & Country Club.

The senior at Detroit Catholic Central, who played in the U.S. Amateur earlier in the month, captured his first Golf Association of Michigan title and never trailed in the title match held Aug. 25 in Benton Harbor.

"It feels pretty good to win one of these," the Georgia Tech commit said. "It was fun playing Devin. We're friends, so there wasn't any of that psychological stuff. It was just two good friends out there playing and trying to beat each other."

Smith took a 2-up lead through six holes after making a birdie on the par-4 fifth hole and winning the par-4 sixth when Deogun had tree troubles and made bogey. He had just a 1-up lead at the turn after making a bogey on the par-3 ninth, but birdied the 10th to go 2-up again.

Bunker troubles cost Smith at the par-4 12th and he made bogey to lose the hole. Then Deogun birdied the par-5 13th to square the match.

Smith birdied No. 14 right away, however, to go back in front and then hit it in the trees twice on the tight par-4 16th hole on the way to a bogey and loss of the hole.

With the match all square again, both made par on No. 17, with Smith just missing an



GREG JOHNSON
Catholic Central senior Ben Smith won the Michigan Junior State Amateur championship Aug. 25 in Benton Harbor.

eight-foot birdie putt, and then came No. 18, where a water hazard protects the left side of the downhill par-4.

Deogun hit his tee shot several yards right of the fairway and Smith hit his just right of the fairway. Deogun's approach shot from 156 yards hit the green, but bounced over into the rough. He chipped, but missed a six-foot par putt, while Smith was able to two-putt from 20 feet for the win.

"The last shot just kind of took off on me, hit the green, but went over," said Deogun, a senior at Cranbrook-Kingswood who has committed to

Michigan State for college golf, where he will join his brother Dylan.

"Then I didn't read the par putt right. It was a good match. Ben is a great player. I knew it wasn't going to be easy. I played good golf. I just had a couple of silly bogeys and Ben played great."

Smith, who finished 10th in stroke play with a 74-73-147 total, defeated Will Anderson (Portage), 7 and 5; Colin Sikenga (Kalamazoo), 3 and 2; and Ian Carroll (East Lansing), 3 and 2, before surviving a morning semifinal match against 15-year-old Bradley

Smithson (Grand Rapids) in 19 holes. He trailed through 17 holes, but birdied the 18th and then won on the extra hole when Smithson played to bogey.

Deogun held off another MSU recruit, Zach Rosendale of St. Johns, 2 and 1, in the other morning semifinal.

The starting field of 84 golfers played 36 holes of stroke play to determine the match play bracket of 32 golfers.

Tony Fuentes of East Lansing was medalist in qualifying with 140.

Another Catholic Central senior, James Piot (Canton),

finished runner-up in stroke play with 73-69-142. Piot then defeated Grant Haefner (Bloomfield Hills), 5 and 3, before losing to Carroll, 3 and 1.

Two other CC golfers qualified for the match play, including Sean Niles (Novi), who shot 77-74-151, and Sean Sooch, who shot 76-77-153.

Niles defeated Jake Radom (Berkley), 3 and 1, before falling to Smithson, 4 and 3. Sooch also won his first-round match against Patrick Sullivan (East Lansing), 1-up, before falling to Curtis Hughes (Detroit), 4 and 2.

GIRLS GOLF



The Novi girls golf team captured the Kensington Conference pre-tournament Monday at Fox Creek G.C.

MEGAN HENRY

Novi girls rule Kensington Conference pre-tournament

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On the heels of setting a school record just four days earlier, the Novi girls golf team continued its early season success by winning Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference pre-tournament at Livonia's Fox Creek G.C.

The Wildcats, getting a one-two finish from senior Alexa Hatz (77) and junior Abby Livingston (78), posted a four-player total of 329 to lead the 10-team field.

"I think both of them had some up-and-downs today, but both were able to put up some really good scores for the team," first-year Novi coach Megan Henry said. "They have a lot of big goals that they've set for their teammates and are off to a really good start. We've been pretty lucky. They're really starting off on a high note."

Junior Leah Kiura and senior Lauren Henry added 84 and 90, respectively, as the Wildcats won by 13 strokes over host Livonia Stevenson (342). Novi's non-scorers included Reika Fujiwara (93) and Kirsten Kroetsch (109).

"It's an interesting course. There's a lot of placement, so you have to make sure you put your ball in the right spot on the course," Henry said. "It's not a course you can totally overpower, so I think that was a good strategy for our girls going in, to say if they knew where they were going to hit the ball instead of just trying to overpower it."

Rounding out the field were Northville, third (348); South Lyon East, fourth (355); Plymouth, fifth (360); Salem, sixth (380); South Lyon, seventh (373); Livonia Franklin, eighth (392); Canton, ninth (392); and Livonia Churchill, 10th (397).

Hannah Dygert paced Northville with 81, followed by Mariella Simoncini (84), Gabby Jaszczur (91), Paige Rosinski (92), Sufna Gill (98) and Marin Furuyama (100).

Junior Kiersten VanNorden and senior Hannah McKee both shot 86 for South Lyon East, which recorded its best score and finish in Kensington Conference history. It was McKee's personal best by six shots.

Other scorers for the Cougars included Emily O'Brian

(90), Natalie Alicino (93), Paige Conrad (98) and Devin Dzumaryk (105).

South Lyon's top scorer was Carmen Sweigard (86), followed by Sophie Yergin (91), Mya Price (95), Kendall Skore (101) and Raya Sall (108).

Meanwhile, Novi eclipsed its school record by nine strokes by finishing runner-up with 314 to first-place Rochester (297) at the Troy Invitational held Aug. 25 at Twin Lakes G.C. The Wildcats' previous best was 323, set last season.

Macomb Lutheran North placed third in the team standings with 316, while Midland Dow's Alexis Caras and Rochester Stoney Creek's Lauren Ingle tied for individual medalist honors at 70 each.

Leaders for Novi included Hatz and Livingston, tied for ninth (75 each); Kiura, tied for 16th (79); Henry, 30th (85); and Fujiwara, tied for 52nd (93).

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BOYS TENNIS

Novi places second at Ann Arbor Pioneer tilt

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Defending MHSAA Division 1 state co-champion Novi swept matches in three of eight flights Aug. 23, but host Ann Arbor Pioneer came away with the team title in a four-school boys tennis invitational tournament.

Host Pioneer edged the Wildcats, 19-17, while Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day was third with 12. Troy Athens did not score.

In singles, Novi sophomore Sid Amarnath took first at No. 2 singles with a 3-0 record, including a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4 tiebreaker) victory against Pioneer.

In doubles, Novi's senior tandem of Aakash Ray and Nayan Makim took all three matches in No. 2, including three-setter against Pioneer, 7-5 (7-5), 2-6, 6-2. The Wildcats' No. 4 team of Chris Kwederis

and Ryan Krawec, a pair of juniors, also finished 3-0, highlighted by a three-setter against Country Day, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

Going 2-1 in singles for Novi were junior Alex Wen (No. 1), who lost a tough three-setter to Country Day, and senior Thomas Rolfe (No. 4), who also fell in three sets to Pioneer.

Daniel Yu (No. 3), meanwhile, went 1-2.

Novi's No. 2 doubles team of juniors Venkatesh Nagalla and Tim Tanaka also finished 2-1, losing a three-setter against Country Day and winning a three-setter against Pioneer.

Juniors Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen, Novi's top doubles team, went 1-2, while the No. 5 (exhibition) team of seniors Prajwal and Sai Abburi took two of three matches on the day.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

South Lyon East hosts Operation Winter Warm

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The South Lyon East volleyball program will join forces with the Ann Arbor Pioneer and West Bloomfield varsity teams for "Operation Winter Warm," which will benefit the Michigan Veterans Foundation's transitional housing center located in downtown Detroit.

The round-robin tri-meet match begins at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at East H.S., 52200 W. 10 Mile Road, South Lyon.

Military veterans, who will receive free entry, are invited to be recognized for their service before the matches.

Among the items fans are asked to donate are sweat shirts (with hoods), coats, gloves/mittens, hats, hand-foot warmer packets, boots, thermal socks, long underwear, long sleeve and flannel shirts.

Warming station items such as microwave popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate, creamer/sugar and tea bags can also be donated.

Winter accessory items can also be dropped off 4-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and Monday

and Tuesday, Sept. 5-6, at the East gymnasium.

For more information, email East volleyball coach Dennis Belaïre at dennis.belaïre@gmail.com

Mavs rule tourney

Junior outside hitter Mad-die Appleton and senior middle hitter Sydney Philipps combined for a total of 70 kills on the day as Milford earned the Grand Blanc Classic championship.

Appleton finished with 39, while Philipps added 31 as the Mavericks capped their tourney run with a 10-25, 25-20, 15-6 victory over Flint Powers Catholic in the final.

Junior outside hitter Megan Wallace paced the defense with 51 total digs.

Warriors clips Frankel

Reagan Mumford collected 10 kills and Danielle Fusco served eight aces as Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-4) earned a 20-25, 25-18, 25-18, 25-17 non-conference victory Monday at West Bloomfield Jewish Frankel Academy (0-1).

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The Champps restaurant on Haggerty in Livonia closed over the weekend.

Champps closes over the weekend

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Those who frequented Champps in Livonia will need to find a new location to hang out this football season.

That's because the restaurant, located at 19470 Haggerty, in front of the AMC 20 theater complex, closed its doors.

"Thank you for partying with us," a sign affixed on the doors to the restaurant Tuesday morning read. "Our location has closed. We appreciate your support over the years."

Several tables were standing on the sidewalk outside of the building Tuesday morning, as well as a large dumpster on the south side of the property.

The restaurant, which has been in Livonia since that complex opened, closed over the weekend, along with many others across the nation. The parent company of Champps, Last Gurantor, LLC, filed for bankruptcy earlier this summer.

A message was left with Champps, which is based in Dallas, Tuesday afternoon. An employee

who answered the phone there said more than a dozen restaurants were closed over the weekend.

The only other Champps open in the area is the one at 7410 Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, just north of Farmington Hills. An employee who answered the phone there Tuesday said they were the only Champps that remained open in the area. Another Champps location on Big Beaver is also closed. The phone at the Troy location just kept ringing when called Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to Champps, other restaurants owned by the company shuttered their doors over the weekend, including Bailey's in Canton.

Surprised local leaders

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said the closure came as a surprise to him, but he knows another business can come in and succeed at the site.

"We had heard the ownership was having some financial troubles,

but it was still a surprise to hear they were closing. That Haggerty Road corridor is a premier area for dining and this area has more development in the works," he said. "We expect someone to take over the Champps site and have a good opportunity for success."

This is the second major chain restaurant to suddenly shutter its doors in Livonia this year: Max and Erma's in Laurel Park Place Mall closed its doors without warning back in January

Barb Gamber, the economic development coordinator at the city of Livonia, said she was surprised to hear about the closing. She said she drove by the restaurant earlier in the week and saw chairs outside. She said she originally thought they may have been doing some remodeling.

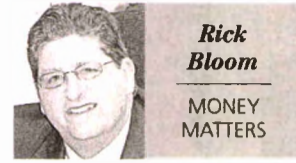
"We find out in the press just like everybody else does," she said.

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Scam artists are taking advantage of new technology

When it comes to writing a personal financial column, I believe one of the most important things is to keep people informed about scams that attempt to separate them from their hard-earned money. With technology and the advent of the Internet, the number of scams has been increasing dramatically. That's why I want to devote time to those scams. It's important to realize that, in today's world, these scams impact everyone: the rich, the poor, old, young, the educated, the uneducated and everyone in between. The bottom line, scams affect everyone.

A scam that has been around for the last decade has taken off the last few years. This is ATM skimming which, according to recent reports, the number of people affected has increased by well over 500 percent in the last few years. ATM skimming is when a criminal attaches an illegal card reading device on an ATM machine, a gas pump or other public-area machines that process debit cards. When you put your card into one of these machines, they skim the information stored on the magnetic strip. In addition, through the use of a hidden camera when you use the ATM, they are able to capture your PIN number as well. With your PIN, along with the



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MONEY MATTERS

information on the magnetic strip, they can either make a duplicate of your card and go to town on your dime or they can sell your information on the black market.

The crooks know that it is very difficult to determine whether the ATM we are using has a skimmer attached to it. That being said, there are some things that you can do to lessen the risk. The first is to be cautious about what ATM you use. Preferably, the ATM you should use is your bank's. Not only are the security procedures better at banks, but also you can save on ATM fees by using your own bank's machine. I recommend that you avoid the ATMs that you find at places such as gas stations, party stores and bars. These machines have a higher likelihood of being tampered with and should be avoided. In addition, you want to avoid any ATM that appears to have been tampered with. If something just doesn't seem right, such as the card reader being loose, walk away.

When you use an ATM or any charge card machine where you have to enter your password, you should make sure that you keep one hand over

the touch pad so a camera can't see your PIN as you enter it. By protecting your PIN, the crooks will not be able to access your account.

Lastly, you want to make sure of is that you monitor your bank account for unauthorized withdrawals. You have protection under the law, but it is up to you to monitor your account and to timely notify your financial institution of a breach. Most banks and financial institutions will send out alerts when your account is accessed. If your financial institution offers this, it's a good idea to sign up.

Technology was supposed to make our lives easier and, in many ways, it has. There is the other side of the coin and that is technology has allowed for a new generation of crooks to use more and more sophisticated ways of stealing from us. I wish there was a 100-percent way to avoid scams, but there isn't. That's why it is always important that we keep our eyes and ears open, monitor our accounts and put up enough speed bumps to reduce the likelihood that we will be scammed.

Good luck!

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Community Choice Credit Union launches new grant program

In order to strengthen ties with community organizations and expand the reach of its Give Big culture, Community Choice Credit Union is issuing its first open request for grant applications through the Community Choice Foundation. Each quarter, the foundation will award a grant of up to \$3,000 to a nonprofit in Michigan.

"Since launching the foundation in 2008, Community Choice has awarded \$880,000 in scholarships and staff has donated over 17,000 volunteer hours to local charities," said Steven Hernandez, foundation development coordinator. "The new grant program will now allow us to help fund the nonprofits we've spent so many years volunteering with and believing in. With four grants to be awarded per year there is plenty of love to go around and awardees just

might also benefit from our annual Give Big volunteer weekend."

Nonprofits must be located in Michigan and address one of the foundation's four priority areas: health and human services, projects or programs that address the physical and or mental well-being of children and adults; capacity building, which would support staff or board trainings, financial audits or strategic planning; basic needs, for organizations who provide food and shelter for the most vulnerable residents of Michigan; and neighborhood safety/community development, which would support organizations who are fighting blight and beautifying their communities. Eligible organizations must also have their own 501(c)3 legal status.

Community Choice is accepting letters of in-

quiry on a rolling basis. The first winner will be announced in December. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and awarded quarterly.

The Give Big Grants program is made possible through the credit union's payroll deduction program, in which more than half of Community Choice's 244 employees have elected to donate a portion of their pay.

To apply, interested organizations are asked to contact the manager at their nearest Community Choice Credit Union member center to ensure eligibility and begin the application process. Community Choice has 15 locations across Michigan. To find the member center nearest to you, go to communitychoice-cu.com/locations.

For more information on Community Choice Credit Union, go to communitychoicecu.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING September 21, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests as follows:

- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, for residential property located at 18585 Sheldon Road, (Article 28 - Gated Entrance)
- Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, for commercial property, Belle Tire, to be constructed on a Meijer Store Outlot with a new address of 39931 8 Mile Road, (Section 145.4; 145.6 & 145.7 - Wall Sign & Off-Premises Ground Sign)

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 27, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the Township's 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long-range planning for the Township. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and on the Township's website beginning September 19, 2016 at www.twp.northville.mi.us. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair
Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER ROBERT SCOTT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF FIVE MILE ROAD AND BECK ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Five Mile Road and Beck Road in the Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan formerly known as the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Plan.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Airport Ambassador Scafero lauded for service, commitment

Detroit Metropolitan Airport employees and volunteers were among the honorees Aug. 24 at the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's 22nd annual Recognition of Service Excellence Awards. The event honors those who have demonstrated the highest of standards in customer service. The Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport, had 33 nominees, including one winner. Airport Ambassador Joe Scafero received the top prize in the Volunteers Category.

"A key part of any airport's success is the quality of its customer service. Our ROSE Award nominees understand that," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "At DTW, we are lucky to have an entire team of committed employees and volun-

teers — our Airport Ambassadors — who recognize how important our customers are and who strive to exceed their expectations."

Scafero began volunteering as an Airport Ambassador more than 10 years ago and has provided more than 2,500 hours of service to DTW and its customers. In all six years the Airport Authority has participated in the President's Volunteer Service Award program, Scafero has earned a Silver Award each year. He is known for being compassionate, dependable, professional and determined to help travelers make their flights. While Scafero was the only winner in the ROSE Awards Volunteers Category, 25 additional Airport Ambassadors were nominated. A total of four were finalists for the honor: Scafero, Karen Andrusiak, Sharon Kelly and Carol

Oakley.

For the first time, Airport Authority employees were nominated this year, seven in all. Jason Wade, a manager in the Landside Services Department, was recognized as a finalist in the Transportation Category. Landside Services is responsible for the administration of all parking operations; the Commercial Vehicle Access Program, including taxis, buses and car rental shuttles; and all airport-provided shuttle services.

"We're especially proud of Jason and Joe," Naughton said. "They always go the extra mile to help our customers."

Detroit Metropolitan Airport is looking for more dedicated and caring volunteers. For information about the program, visit metroairport.com/volunteer or email AirportAmbassador@wcaa.us.



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Insurance industry experts recommend having a renter's policy.

Renter's insurance: A little expense goes a long way in fire, theft

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jeff Juenemann, a long-time insurance agency owner, has seen fires in Westland destroy a number of apartments in the last 18 months or so.

"The apartment building can't protect their stuff," Juenemann, who owns Juenemann Insurance Agency in Westland, said of tenants. "They can't and they don't provide protection for the renter's belongings."

That's why he and others in the insurance field recommend a renter's policy, which Juenemann noted can cost you as little as \$100 a year when bundled with an auto policy through the same carrier.

"Obviously to protect their belongings," said Juenemann, a Northville Township resident. That includes furniture, clothing and even hobby items.

"Typically, it's not your apartment that burns that causes damage," he said. "Even as responsible as you

are, you're tied together in the same building."

Theft is also a concern for renters. "It's amazing how quickly your values accumulate," he said. That can be a new TV, new gaming system, and new clothing to replace.

"It adds up very quickly and it doesn't cost much to have enough coverage," Juenemann said.

Agreeing is Larry Johnson, owner of the Larry Johnson Agency of Farm Bureau Insurance of Plymouth.

"We do an awful lot of renter's policies," said Johnson, a Plymouth Township resident. "Most people have a tendency to underestimate how much risk they have. When you start replacing everything you own, you'd be surprised. I believe it's a very valuable policy to have."

Even your dishes can be costly to replace, Johnson said. "Just the little things, you'd be amazed," he said.

A homeowner's policy also covers such liability issues as a slip and fall or dog bite. For renters, "It would generally be the inside areas" of the

apartment covered, Juenemann said.

The apartment owner would generally bear responsibility for common areas. Juenemann said often now when tenants sign leases they're required to show they have renter's insurance "which is smart on the part of the apartment building."

If the liability is caused by the tenant, "the apartment building wants not to be the deep pocket," he added. Johnson too sees more and more landlords requiring renter's coverage, a practice he recommends.

Said Johnson, "You have a tendency to see more younger people renting apartments." They may not fully understand risk of fire and theft, Johnson said.

"In a loss like that, it's devastating for the tenant," Johnson said. He encourages people to talk to their agent about coverage.

Johnson also encourages those in senior assisted-living facilities to have insurance coverage for theft and fire. He has an older customer who

escaped a fire with only the clothes she wore and was not physically hurt.

"There's an expense there," Johnson said. Such senior units may only be a couple hundred square feet, but replacing clothing and other items quickly adds up "and some of them can be expensive," he added.

Johnson noted for seniors their glasses and hearing aids can be covered by a policy. He talks to adult children of senior policy holders if those children are involved in key decisions.

Of things like family photos, "There's really no way to cover sentimental loss. There's no way to replace photos that burn," Juenemann said.

Juenemann's neighbors lost wedding photos and sentimental Christmas ornaments in a fire. "It's just gone. There's no way to replace it," he said of a child's elementary school trophy, agreeing family safety is foremost.

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FHA mulls change on reverse mortgage eligibility

Q: I am a senior citizen and I currently live in a condominium unit. I heard that the federal government is considering eliminating the availability of reverse mortgages for seniors that live in condominiums. Is that true, and if so, why?

A: The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has proposed a new plan which will make senior citizens residing in Community Association priority lien states, such as Michigan, ineligible for FHA reverse mortgages. The stated purpose of the proposed modifications to the program is to build in

safeguards to stop predatory lenders from using financial emergencies, or other circumstances, to enrich themselves by siphoning off a senior citizen's home equity. However, this proposal is not without controversy, as consumer advocates argue that some seniors need this type of financial relief available to them to assist with payment of medical or retirement expenses.

Reverse mortgages are often the only option for these individuals to raise funds to pay expenses and, therefore, these type of mortgage options allow seniors to avoid selling their homes to raise necessary funds. Also, Community Association advocates are concerned that the FHA is using these proposed modifications as a tool to attack the real target: states that grant priority to a portion of Association Liens when assessments remain unpaid by co-owners which is not the case in Michigan. Association advocates claim that the priority lien laws are the most effective tools that they have for collection purposes, especially when banks delay foreclosure on abandoned properties or co-owners otherwise fail to timely pay assessment dues.

Q: I understand that there are condominiums in suburban Prague which are, of course, cheaper than living in an apartment in the inner city, but what is the transportation like?

A: Prague has an excellent transportation system. It has trams, subways and buses running from the suburbs to throughout the city and you can buy a ticket from the suburbs for \$20 a month to reach the city. It may not be necessary, therefore, to even have a car in Prague, even if you live in the suburbs, because of the excellent transportation which, unfortunately, is not the case in every American city. Property values are less expensive than in the City Center.

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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, 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.

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Inventory issues impact housing market, prices

Slowed by frustratingly low inventory levels in many parts of the country, existing-home sales lost momentum in July and decreased year-over-year for the first time since November 2015, according to the National Association of Realtors. Only the West region saw a monthly increase in closings in July.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and co-ops, fell 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.39 million in July from 5.57 million in June. For only the second time in the last 21 months, sales are now below (1.6 percent) a year ago (5.48 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says existing sales fell off track in July after steadily climbing the last four months.

"Severely restrained inventory and the tightening grip it's putting on affordability is the primary culprit for the considerable sales slump throughout much of the country last month," he said. "Realtors are reporting diminished buyer traffic because of the scarce number of affordable homes on the market, and the lack of supply is stifling the efforts of many prospective buyers attempting to purchase while mortgage rates hover at historical lows."

Adds Yun, "Furthermore, with new condo construction barely budging and currently making up only a small sliver of multi-family construction, sales suffered last month as

condo buyers faced even stiffer supply constraints than those looking to purchase a single-family home."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in July was \$244,100, up 5.3 percent from July 2015 (\$231,800). July's price increase marks the 53rd consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of July inched 0.9 percent higher to 2.13 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 5.8 percent lower than a year ago (2.26 million) and has now declined year-over-year for 14 straight months. Unsold inventory is at a 4.7-month supply at the current sales pace, which is up from 4.5 months in June.

"Although home sales are still expected to finish the year at their strongest pace since the downturn, thanks to a very strong spring, the housing market is under-shooting its full potential because of inadequate existing inventory combined with new home construction failing to catch up with underlying demand," Yun said. "As a result, sales in all regions are now flat or below a year ago and price growth isn't slowing to a healthier and sustainable pace."

The share of first-time buyers was 32 percent in July, which is below last month (33 percent) but up from 28 percent a year ago. First-time buyers represented 30 percent of sales in all of 2015.

All-cash sales were 21 percent of transactions in July, down from 22 percent in June, 23 percent a year ago

and the lowest share since November 2009 (19 percent). Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 11 percent of homes in July, unchanged from June and down from 13 percent a year ago. Seventy percent of investors paid in cash in July.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage dropped from 3.57 percent in June to 3.44 percent in July. Mortgage rates have now fallen five straight months and in July were the lowest since January 2013 (3.41 percent). The average commitment rate for all of 2015 was 3.85 percent.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says in addition to affordability concerns, an issue seen earlier in the housing recovery may be re-emerging. Realtors are indicating that appraisal complications are appearing more frequently as the reason why a contract signing experienced a delayed settlement.

"Appraisal-related contract issues have notably risen over the past year and were the root cause of over a quarter of contract delays in the past three months," he said. "This is likely a combination of sharply growing home prices in some areas, the uptick in home sales this year and the strong refinance market overworking the already reduced number of practicing appraisers. Realtors are carefully monitoring this trend, and some have

already indicated they're extending closing dates on contracts to allow extra time to accommodate the possibility of appraisal-related delays."

Coming in at the lowest share since NAR began tracking in October 2008, distressed sales — foreclosures and short sales — were 5 percent of sales in July, down from 6 percent in June and 7 percent a year ago. Four percent of July sales were foreclosures and 1 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 18 percent below market value in July (11 percent in June), while short sales were discounted 16 percent (18 percent in June).

Properties typically stayed on the market for 36 days in July, up from 34 days in June but down from 42 days a year ago. Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 95 days in July, while foreclosures sold in 54 days and non-distressed homes took 34 days. Forty-seven percent of homes sold in July were on the market for less than a month.

Inventory data from Realtor.com reveals that the metropolitan statistical areas where listings stayed on the market the shortest amount of time in July were Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, Colorado; San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, California; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, California; and Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Washington, all at a median of 32 days; and Vallejo-Fairfield, California, at a median of 36 days.

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When a raise is denied, ask for alternatives

BY MARY LORENZ
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On paper, you're an A-plus employee: You never miss a day of work, reach all your goals, get glowing performance reviews and are always willing to put in extra hours to get the job done right. You deserve a raise, don't you?

That may depend on whom you ask. Sometimes what you think warrants a raise differs from what your managers think. "If you've been told your performance doesn't warrant a raise, ask what you need to be doing differently and make a plan with your boss to measure your improvement," says Corrie Shanahan, CEO of The Beara Group, a consulting practice based in Washington, D.C.

Other times, your boss may agree that you deserve a raise but may not be able to grant you one because of factors that are out of his or her control, such as budgetary limits. Another possibility: You are already earning above industry standards, which can make it hard to justify raising your compensation even higher.

Frustrating as it may be to hear you won't be getting a bump in pay, you don't have to walk away empty-handed. If you've proven that you are deserving of a raise but don't get



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one, consider asking for one of the following alternatives, which can save you money in the long run.

Promotion or title change. A promotion might seem a little pointless without a raise to accompany it, but it can be a valuable résumé builder, says Cheryl E. Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of Call to Career. "It will be easier for you to find a comparable position with the pay increase (you want) if your résumé shows that you have already been working at the higher level."

One-time bonus. "Sometimes managers have a

separate pool of money available for bonuses, which may be available to reward stellar performance," says Amanda Sowadski, founder of the Institute for Feminine Leadership. Strengthen your case with examples of the ways in which you helped the company save or make money.

Flexible schedule. Consider asking your boss for a more flexible work arrangement, such as coming in and leaving a little earlier, working four 10-hour days or telecommuting a few days a month. You'll save money on transportation costs and get time back in your day to spend however you like.

Extra paid time off. If a raise isn't in the cards, getting extra vacation time can be a viable option. While such perks are most commonly negotiated during the hiring process, your employer may be willing to make an exception, says independent management consultant Caroline Siemens.

Tuition reimbursement. Ask if your company will pay for you to further your skills through workshops, seminars, conferences or classes. You may even be able to get full or partial reimbursement toward a master's degree. "Many companies view this as a direct investment back into

the company and are willing to contribute in this area," says Wendy Ann Payne, a founding partner of Centurion Wealth Management, which is based in McLean, Va.

Just remember that while it's perfectly OK to ask for an alternative perk in lieu of a raise, you should be careful not to aim too high, warns Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "You will lose credibility, and so will your request," he says. "It will also make your request for alternatives less likely to be taken seriously."

If, at the end of the day, these alternatives aren't enough and you feel you aren't being fairly compensated for the work you do, it may be time to start looking elsewhere. "When your boss won't consider your request for a raise no matter what you do, it's time to consider whether the job still meets your needs," Sowadski says. "It never hurts to have a Plan B. You are the ultimate leader of your life and your career, and you know what's best for you."

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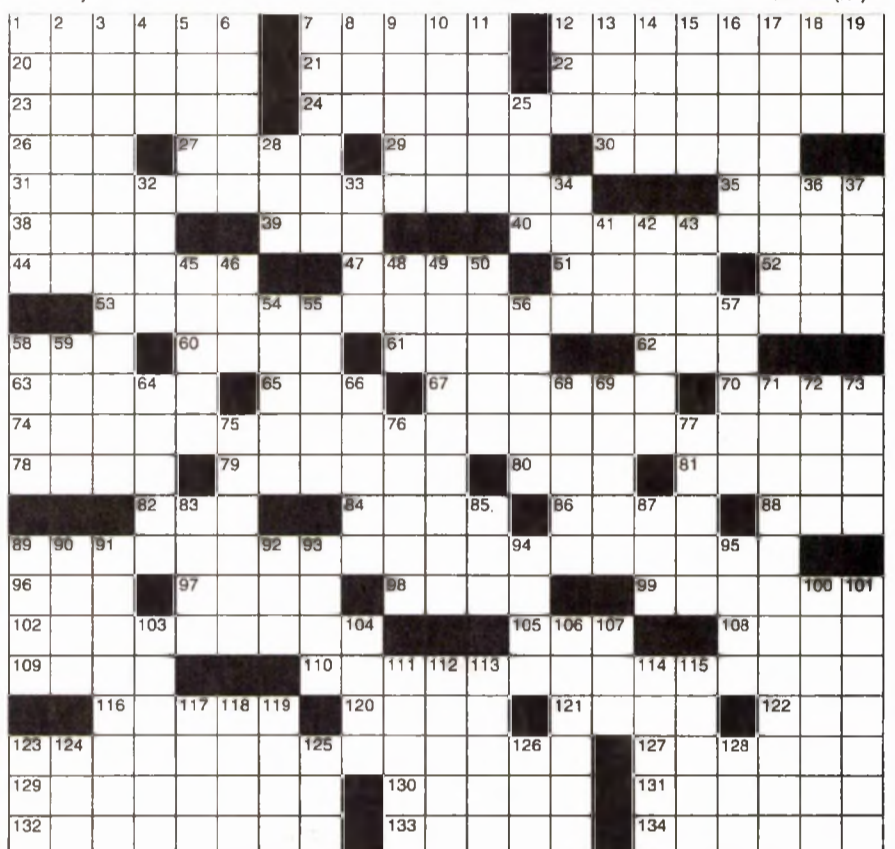
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7 Old TWA rival
12 Exit doors, e.g.
20 Not certain
21 Top-drawer
22 Feeling like suede, say
23 Actor Freeman
24 Start of a riddle
26 — snail's pace
27 Layer
29 Behavioral quirks
30 Eat soup undaintly
31 Riddle, part 2
35 Short swims
38 Lean (on)
39 Horse cousin
40 Parked oneself
44 British noble, in brief
47 Mountain in Thessaly
51 Cost to get out of jail
52 Pro at W-2s
53 Riddle, part 3
58 Open field
60 Actor Sean
61 — Grey tea
62 Curly's friend
63 "For — Know" (1971 hit song)
65 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
67 Rent splitter, often
70 Not only that
74 Riddle, part 4
78 "Anti-art" art
79 New York governor
80 Beauty spot?
81 City in Japan
82 Pull hard
84 Camelot wife
86 Grandson of Eve
88 Diesel of film
89 End of the riddle
96 Balladeer
97 Oahu shindig
98 Relative of "pss!"
99 Polish port on the Baltic
102 It's currently newsworthy
105 Flight takeoff abbr.
108 Be like a sot
109 Tex-Mex staple
110 Start of the riddle's answer
116 Set of beliefs
120 Mixed bag
121 Painter Nolde
122 Kyo — ("Star Wars" character)
123 End of the riddle's answer
127 Singer Siespi
129 In a tomb
130 Garlic mayonnaise
131 Las —, New Mexico
132 Unrivaled
133 Pulls hard
134 Optimally
- DOWN**
1 Neighbor of Java
2 One more of the same
3 Dish of finely diced vegetables
4 Pull along
5 Muse with a lyre
6 Jeans fabric
7 13-Down of June
8 Sitcom alien
9 Mob boss
10 Didn't dine out
11 "Thank you, Yves!"
12 Manning of the gridiron
13 Precious stones
14 Stair user's aid
15 "And you," to Caesar
16 Pot bits
17 Stage scenery item
18 Up 'til
19 Barrett of rock
25 "It — fair!"
28 Clean air org.
32 Bladderlike sac
33 Beginning on Mongolian desert
36 Dad
37 See 124-Down
41 Rower's tool
42 Destiny
43 Choir woman
45 Melville novel
46 Corrida cry
48 Holy Mile.
49 Give some of yours to
50 1974 and '75 World Hockey Association winners
54 2002 scandal company
55 Ceaselessly
56 Big failures
57 Irish poet
58 Sgt. Friday's force
59 Fitzgerald of jazz lame
64 Marshal Earp
66 Up — (stumped)
68 Power bike
69 Qom resident
71 Remove any potential evidence
72 Pen name of H.H. Munro
73 Where Muscat is
75 Spicy stew
76 Skin-coloring dye
77 "Such a pity!"
83 The NCAA's Bruins
85 '50s prez
87 Texter's "Yikes!"
89 Olympic figure skater
Katarina
90 "Funny one!"
91 Entertaining little tale
92 Innuendo queen West
93 Need to
94 — Him on a Sunday
95 Perry of pop
100 Round solids
101 Most acute
103 Observer
104 — shall not ...
106 Grad-school proposal
107 Like Obama: Abbr.
111 Revlon brand
112 Bone of the shin
113 Wise, skillful lawyer
114 Neopagan religion
115 Observant
117 Young lady
118 Nothing but
119 Quite a while
123 Shred
124 With 37-Down, very poor rating
125 Sts.
126 Moose's cousin
128 Fill in (for)



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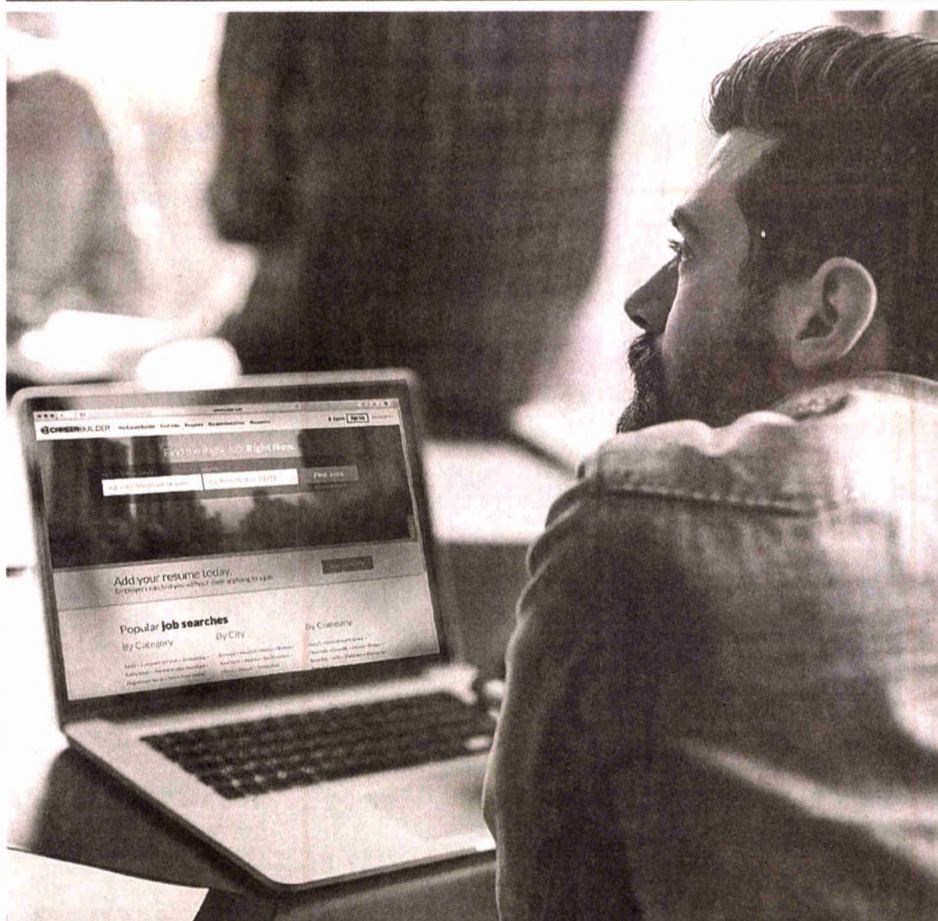
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Word Search Answers

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Car Report

LOVE – AND SAFETY – ARE WHAT MAKE SUBARU A SUBARU, IN NEW TEEN-DRIVING CAMPAIGN BY GRITTY BRAND



By Dale Buss

Subaru, the automotive brand that speaks shamelessly of "love," has done it again: given owners and potential buyers yet another emotional reason to buy its products.

In a new mini-campaign that explores the brand's "commitment to safety and the continued trust in Subaru vehicles from parents everywhere," Subaru has launched two TV ads that make the point in very different ways. One uses pathos, the other uses humor, in an interesting and effective combination.

Subaru, of course, long has had to take an unconventional approach to marketing because it remains a tiny niche brand worldwide even though its relative sales increases over the last few years have been near the front of the pack among brands in the US.

Its lineup of all-wheel-drive SUVs and CUVs is on point in the current utility-vehicle craze by the American consumer, and that has paid in a compound annual growth rate of 17.6 percent in the US since 2008.

The brand also has gained because of its devotion to positioning that

can best be described as crunchy, emphasizing, for instance, how dog lovers worship Subarus, and resulting in a recent ad where a grandmother literally took her daughter and granddaughter to the field where Woodstock was held so they could hug the same tree she did back in her formative years.

"We've been identified as granola crunchers and tree huggers, and people with lots of stickers on the backs of their vehicles, and it's true," Tom Doll, president and chief operating officer of Subaru of America, told me recently. "We're proud of that. Why run away from that? [Brands] who are critical of that wish that they had what we do."

Or, put another way, Doll said, "Do I need half the market?" that might be put off ideologically by Subaru's blatant appeal to "progressive" consumers? "Our customers kind of led us to this. The things we talk about internally, and externally through our advertising and marketing, are really a reflection of where we believe we want to make an impact on the general society. It's important for all companies to be able to give back."

In this case, Subaru is "giving back" by underscoring the outstanding safety record of its vehicles as well as its status as a trusted brand, illustrated by its being named 2016 Most Trusted Brand by automotive-information outfit Kelley Blue Book.

"We are proud that Subaru continues to be the trusted vehicle of choice for so many families who recognize the importance of safety for our young drivers," said Alan Bethke, senior vice president of marketing for Subaru of America, in a release. "With these new spots, we are happy to reinforce the brand's commitment to building and honoring this trust and keeping



The Subaru Outback as featured in the brand's new "Take the Subaru" ad.

our drivers safe on the road."

In the new ad "I'm Sorry," a variety of teenagers are seen in the immediate moments after they've been in bad wrecks in their parents' Subarus, though they've survived. "It wasn't my fault," they're saying; "I don't know what happened"; "Please don't be mad"; "This car came out of nowhere"; "I wrecked the Subaru."

But in their cell-phone calls to parents, the message from home is, "You're OK; that's all that matters." And the implicit reason they're safe is because they were driving the family Subaru.

The other spot, "Take the Subaru,"

is a funny send-up on the same point, in an ad for the Outback utility. Kids are shown taking all sorts of devices for play or "construction" purposes, ranging from a blow torch to a chain saw to a pair of barber shears to a sledgehammer, only to hear their parents say, "You're not taking that/those." In the extended version of the commercial, a teenage girl is told, "You're not taking him," about her boyfriend waiting outside.

But in the end, when one of the kids informs his mother, "Mom, I'm taking the Subaru," his reassured parent shouts down the stairs to the kitchen only, "Don't be late."

In addition to chiming a strong

consistency with its overall brand message, the campaign is an extension of safety-focused positioning that Subaru began in 2013 when it ran commercials showing totaled Subarus with the message, "They lived," Ad Age noted.

Subaru recently also has been promoting its Eyesight Driver Assist technology that allows the car to stop itself before a head-on collision. Eyesight is noted in the humorous new spot, for instance.

But the longstanding tag line remains, "Love: It's what makes a Subaru a Subaru."



Scene from Subaru's new "I'm Sorry" TV commercial.

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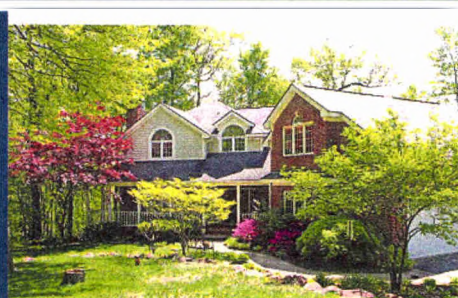
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