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Veterans honored

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, Sen. Dave Robertson, R-Grand Blanc, and Sen. Morris Hood, D-Detroit, last week welcomed to Kowall's Capitol office Vietnam veterans Eugene Burke, a constituent of Robertson's, and Fred Sawyer, a constituent of Hood's. The senators presented a Vietnam veteran lapel pin to the U.S. Army veterans.

Owl prowls

Join the Friends of Maybury State Park on Saturday, Dec. 3, as they try to entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call. Learn about owls, enjoy a roaring fire. Hot chocolate and cookies provided.

Meet inside the Trailhead Building at the Eight Mile entrance. Program starts at 6 p.m. and is free and suitable for all ages.

Space is limited to 120. Reservations can be made online at www.friendsofmaybury.org. Recreational Passport required for entry. Call 248-349-8390 with questions.

Bright House is now Charter

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New customers looking for Bright House Networks for their cable and Internet subscriptions will now need to search for Charter Spectrum going forward.

That's because the rebranding of Bright House into Charter Spectrum began this week in the areas covered by Bright House, which includes Redford Town-

ship, Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. The transition has already begun, with work trucks being rebranded with the Charter Spectrum insignia. Beginning Tuesday, customers looking for service will sign up through Charter's website, said Leigh Byrd, a com-

munications manager with the company based in the Livonia.

The changes won't mean much for existing Bright House customers for the time being, Byrd said.

"There virtually won't be any change for existing Bright House customers now," she said. "Customers calling in (Tuesday) ... will get Spectrum service."

Bright House and Time Warner Cable was bought out earlier this year by Charter Communi-

cations in a deal that made the company the second-largest cable and Internet company in the United States. The merger meant more than 25 million customers in 41 states will have services provided by Charter, which also provides services elsewhere in Michigan in western and mid-Michigan. The addition of the former Bright House territory in Michigan will be

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Hayrides are a popular attraction at Novi's Light Up the Night event.

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BRIGHT LIGHTS KICK OFF NOVI'S HOLIDAY SEASON

The city of Novi will host the annual Light Up the Night event to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

Light Up the Night takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, on the Novi Civic Center Campus. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m., with fireworks starting promptly afterward (weather pending).

In addition to the tree lighting and fireworks, Light Up the Night attendees will enjoy a craft show; kids activities and games; hayrides; s'mores; petting farm; ice sculptures; reindeer; live entertainment featuring Mexico Lindo Ballet Folklorico, Family Self Defense Martial Arts and Novi Middle School Orchestra; and free food samples from several local restaurants.

Attendees can catch a shuttle to the Novi Public Library to enjoy two variety shows by John the Magician at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man miniature train rides 6:30-9 p.m.

"Light Up the Night is a great community event complete with wide eyes, big smiles, hugs and handshakes," Gatt said. "It's something the residents of Novi look forward to each year and it's a joy to be a part of."

Light Up the Night is supported by numer-



Santa will be the star of the show at Novi's Light Up the Night event Dec. 2.

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ous Novi businesses, including ITC Holdings, Ryder, Community Financial, DTE, Noodles and Co., Family Self Defense Center, state Sen. Mike Kowall and Novi Youth Assistance. To learn more about the event, go to cityofnovi.org. To learn about involvement opportunities, contact recreation supervisor Cristin

Spiller at 248-347-0474 or cspiller@cityofnovi.org.

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Supermoon creates a super sight

Spectacular is how the NASA website describes the November supermoon. And it surely was as our own staff photographer, Bill Bresler, captured this image Monday evening.

Bresler was in his backyard grilling a pork tenderloin on his deck in Livonia, casually keeping an eye on the moon. As the sky cleared around 7:45 p.m., he set up his Sony mirrorless camera on a tripod.

"I made a few shots, but it was just a plain old moon. I was waiting for a bank of clouds to move in and partially cover the moon, but the clouds missed the moon. I shot a few more frames, but was not even looking through the viewfinder. Watching the

moon with the naked eye, I thought I saw something pass in front of the moon, but I couldn't be sure. I don't even remember shooting it, but I got two frames," he said.

It was not until Tuesday morning that he noticed this image of an airliner passing overhead.

The supermoon, according to the NASA website, is when the moon makes it closest pass to Earth in its orbit. This November's supermoon is especially "super" as it is the closest the moon will pass to Earth since 1948 and it will be 2034 before passes this close again.



Staff photographer Bill Bresler captured the November supermoon with an airliner passing overhead Monday evening.

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Charter's first venture into the tri-county region of metro Detroit, joining the likes of Comcast, AT&T and Wide Open West, among others.

While there won't be many changes for existing customers, Byrd said those who have Bright House's 50 mbps Internet speed will have those speeds boosted immediately to 60 mbps. Existing customers will still be able to pay their bill using their Bright House login credentials, though they will be redirected to Charter's website when

they attempt to visit the Bright House site.

"At Charter, we are working hard to redefine what a cable company can be and we call it Spectrum," Tom Rutledge, chief executive officer, said in a press release. "It starts by providing the best TV, Internet and voice services possible at the greatest value to our customers, combined with a service organization that is large enough, expertly trained and well-equipped to provide the highest level of craftsmanship and service."

More local employees

Bright House will also work to rebrand the two offices in the area that it currently operates. Both centers, one at 37635 Enterprise Court in Farmington Hills and the other at 14525 Farmington in Livonia, will continue to operate as normal. Byrd said Charter has committed to bringing back jobs left by outsourcing and that's something that's already being seen at the Livonia office; more than two dozen people have been hired since this summer in sales and customer service positions, she said.

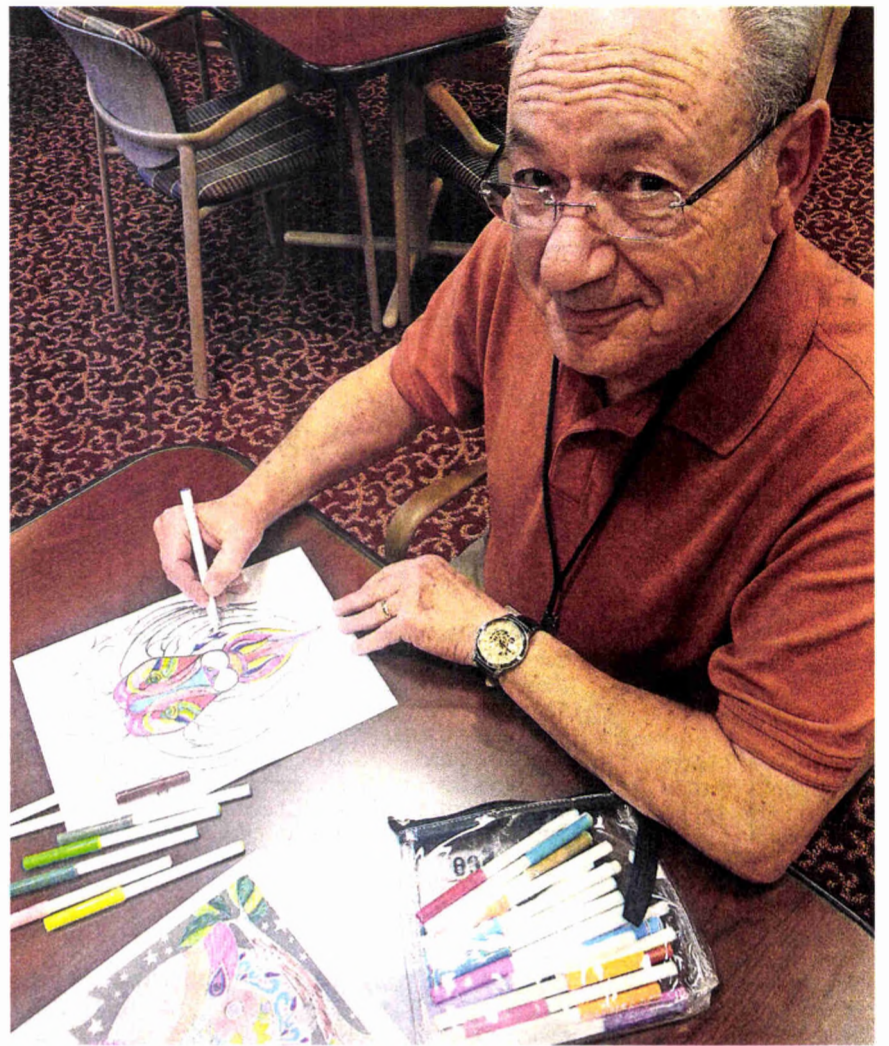
"Since the merger took place, we've hired 25 new people," she said. "Our office is still there and the plan is that it will stay there."

There's also a possibility more could be hired locally as well, Byrd said. The company hopes to hire an additional 20,000 employees nationwide.

Byrd said it's important for area residents to know the company and many of the local people will remain the same as they were with Bright House, a provider that has been in the area for several decades.

"For some reason, people don't seem to be aware that Bright House has become Charter. I think there's some confusion. Bright House has been in this community for so long," she said. "It's a process to go through, the rebranding. It's time, we're here and now we're Charter and our service is Spectrum."

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Fox Run resident Michael Samson says coloring is a great way to relax

MEGAN SMITH

Fox Run residents join adult coloring fun

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Correspondent

Fox Run retirement community residents have officially jumped on the adult coloring bandwagon.

With the assistance of Community Resources Manager Peggy Mather,

they have formed a coloring club. Mather came up with the idea along with her mother, Nancy Ryan, who lives at Fox Run and has always enjoyed coloring.

"We started to see that it was getting very popular in the stores and in articles in maga-

zines," Mather said. "We put up an interest flier to see if we might have any residents interested."

Indeed, they were. Almost 20 people showed up at the first meeting and the group now meets once a month to color and chit-chat in Fox Run's on-site creative arts studio. Mather says club members have a range of approaches to coloring.

"We've had some who have colored a variety of items and actually framed their pieces," she said. "Then we have people who say that they just do it for relaxation, that it's something they don't have to think too much about — they just do it and enjoy."

Michael Samson, who moved to Fox Run about a year ago from Bloomfield Township, is one of the residents involved with the coloring club. He first became interested in coloring a while back when his family was looking for activities to entertain his granddaughter while she recovered from an illness. Remembering how enjoyable coloring was, Samson decided to check out the club at Fox Run.

"I thought it would be a fun way to relax and a chance to meet people," he said.

Mather brings in colored pencils and markers, as well as a selection of pictures for the group to color each month. Samson said some are of animals, flowers or landscapes and others are more abstract images. Recently, club members colored pictures of foxes in an artful tribute to the community where they live.

"It's a very relaxing hour and a nice chance to talk to people while you are coloring," Samson said. "The pictures turn out very beautiful and it's interesting to see how people take the same picture and express themselves very differently."

In addition to the coloring club, Samson sings in the Fox Run resident choir, tends to a garden and is a member of the walking club.

Two popular adult coloring books, "Secret Garden" and "Enchanted Forest," sold a combined 13.5 million copies between 2013 and 2015, according to an article in the New York Post.

Studies have shown that coloring is an effective way to reduce stress, according to Medical Daily website (medicaily.com).

Other research has demonstrated that coloring stimulates the right brain and gets those creative juices flowing, making it an excellent activity for when you're trying to solve a problem or fine-tune an idea. It's also been touted as a way to cultivate mindfulness, not unlike yoga and meditation.

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New tech center focuses on auto industry advances



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Ribbon-cutting

Novi school officials recently cut the ceremonial ribbon on the Early Education Center. Involved in the ribbon-cutting were school board members Willy Mena and Bobby Murphy, director of community education Bob Steeh, Ann Hansen, a child care services coordinator at the ECEC, and board President George Kortlandt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet with pancakes

The Northville High 2016-2017 boys and girls basketball teams will host a Meet the Teams Pancake Breakfast from 9 am until 11 am on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the school cafeteria.

Parks and Recreation youth basketball games will be staged in the main gym throughout the morning.

The event, open to the public, features a pancake eating challenge beginning at 10:30 am.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20/family

Genealogical society

"Why Can't I Find Grandpa?" and "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the

Stories of Your Ancestors" are the subjects of the Northville Genealogical Society meeting 1:15-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady.

The roundtable "Why Can't I Find Grandpa?" which gives techniques for searching for your ancestors on Google, Ancestry, Family Search and other sites will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Laura Hedgcock presenting "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors" at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Grace Wilfong at 248-349-9079 or go to www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

ZF TRW, the Active and Passive Safety Technology Division of ZF AG, is further enhancing the capabilities of its global electronics business with its new Technical Center building.

The newly-opened technical center features 171,000 square feet of office and laboratory space in a state-of-the-art building environment in Farmington Hills.

"The incredible growth of our electronics product portfolio and, in particular, our driver assist systems such as the automotive cameras that are designed and developed at the new technical center have brought about this exciting opportunity," said Mark Stewart, executive vice president of operations and CEO of ZF TRW. "We look forward to continuing our journey in this community as we develop the next generation of electronics products for the global auto industry."

Those products include ZF TRW's S-Cam family of automotive cameras offering both a single-lens version and an innovative Tri-cam three-lens version that support the more stringent advanced safety test protocols and semi to fully automated driving functions.

ZF TRW functions supported by its camera and radar technologies include adaptive cruise control, lane keeping assist, automatic emergency braking, emergency steering assist, and collision mitigation systems among others.

"Our very talented engineers and technicians will have even greater opportunities as we develop products in



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TRW's Andy Whydell is hands-off the wheel, explaining how the system works, as the test vehicle drives west on Interstate 696.



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The test vehicle senses the cyclist moving into the vehicle path and applies the brakes, stopping the car.

our new labs and vehicle test facilities," Stewart said. "We will also con-

tinue to look for new talent as growth continues and the new head-

quarters will give us greater capacity to do so."

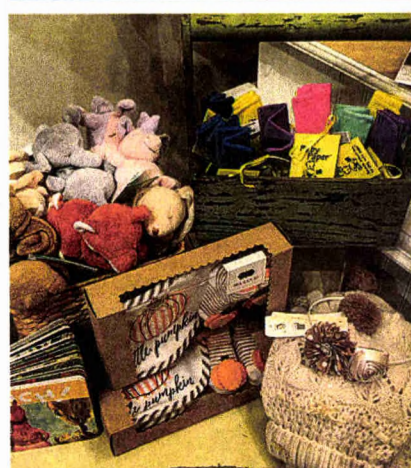


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General museum admission is free for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.



Shoppers endure traffic woes on booming Ford Road

Darrell Clem
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It's a great place to shop and a horrible place to drive.

Canton's Ford Road business corridor is witnessing a two-year, sustained uptick in new development as the community's busiest thoroughfare continues a love-hate relationship with people who shop, live or work there.

Retiree Clifford Lambert, a resident of 41 years, has seen Canton evolve from its rural past into a bustling suburb after he bought one of the first houses built in the Warren-Lilley area of Carriage Hills subdivision. He welcomes the changing business landscape.

"The value of my home keeps going up," he said. "I'm happy about that. Traffic is the only downside to me."

He is not alone with his traffic concerns.

"That's why I live in Plymouth," said Matt Pierce, leaving Plato's Coney Island at Ford and Lilley.

Pierce visits his parents in Canton and shops at places such as Dunham's Sports, but he moved out of Canton 10 years ago.

"I try to stay away from Ford Road as much as possible," he said.

A spurt of new commercial development, particularly on Canton's east side, began about two years ago with a new La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings and Décor store on Ford Road, west of Lilley.



New hotels are under construction just west of I-275, changing the face of the Ford Road corridor.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"That was about the beginning of it," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Consider what has happened since:

» The Shops of Canton, a new shopping center on Ford just west of Haggerty, is under construction and will house several businesses such as Tom + Chee, MOD Pizza and Starbucks, among others.

» Art Van has announced plans to build a 71,333-square-foot store at Ford and Haggerty and open in late 2017 across from the IKEA, which has had a major

expansion of its own.

» Two new four-story hotels are taking shape on Ford Road near the southbound Interstate 275 ramp, bringing a combined 178 rooms. Construction is continuing on Towne Place Suites by Marriott and Fairfield Inn & Suites, which represent a combined \$20 million investment in Canton.

» Michigan's only World of Beer opened in October on Ford, west of Lilley, next to the La-Z-Boy store.

» Fresh Thyme Farmers Market is building a 28,709-square-foot store

on Morton Taylor, just north of Ford, behind the Target store.

» Black Rock restaurant opened a year ago on the site of the former Roman Forum eatery.

» Two new Mexican eateries now dot the Ford Road landscape, Qdoba at Haggerty Road and Chipotle at Lilley.

» Further west, Ultra Beauty, a salon, opened near Sheldon Road and a T.J. Maxx store is expected to open soon near Canton Center.

» Land on the east side of Lotz Road, south of Ford, has been rezoned residential amid

expectations that a developer will build nearly 300 apartments and condominiums. Faas said the residences, in part, will be marketed to millennials.

Mixed feelings

Westland resident Barb Haskin said she comes to Canton's Ford Road corridor to shop at places like Hobby Lobby and Meijer. Haskin, among those interviewed outside stores along Ford Road, has mixed feelings about the new development.

"It's good for business, but it does mess up

the traffic situation," she said. And, during rush hour and weekends, "it's all bumper to bumper. You just have to go with the flow."

Her friend Kim Miller recalls when the area was largely farmland, before development changed everything.

"I think it's too much at this point," she said, though she goes to the Target and Meijer stores. She said she would prefer to see efforts to fill existing vacancies as opposed to new development.

Plymouth Township resident Charles Badics welcomed the surge in new development in Canton.

"It's a good thing because we want more choices as consumers," he said, adding that some new businesses will prosper while some may fail. He said he can accept the increased traffic.

"Traffic is just a necessary evil of having a chance to keep the dollars in the community," Badics said. "We want to keep the money here in Canton."

Faas said new development is being partly driven by a new housing boom. Canton has had 446 residential permits this year through the end of September, compared to about 300 for all of last year, Faas said.

Roads, too

To help ease Ford Road traffic, Lotz Road has been paved between Ford and Cherry Hill, providing another north-south artery. The Michigan Department of Transportation also recently improved Ford Road in the I-275/Haggerty area by adding a continuous third lane from Lotz to Lilley, lengthening turn lanes and improving ramps.

"That has helped a lot," Pierce said, adding that it appears Canton officials have done what they can to address traffic problems.

Although Canton is one of 43 communities in Wayne County, it has three of the 10 most accident-prone intersections in the county, with Ford and Haggerty being the worst. Residents have long complained of traffic woes.

Canton officials have tried several times to no avail to secure federal dollars for road improvements. MDOT officials have said the long-term solution could involve transforming Ford Road into a boulevard, but funding remains a hurdle and state officials have given no projected timetable.

Meanwhile, the new development continues.

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RIVETING

Rosies prep for Thanksgiving Parade march

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Danielle Helms, 16, is the youngest of 17 women on a Rosie the Riveter drill team that will for the first time participate in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade this year.

The 11th-grade student at Canton High School loves history and she likes bringing to life a part of local history.

She practiced the drills with the Yankee Air Museum Rosie the Riveter Tribute Corps at Willow Run Airport on a recent Sunday afternoon. Helms was dressed in her red and white polka dot scarf, blue work jump suit and metal lunch can. As they went through their drills, two original Rosie the Riveters, both in their 90s, were on the sidelines watching — she can't get any closer to a fountain of history than that.

Haley Sellers was a perfect candidate for the drill team. The 28-year-old Westland resident was in ROTC in high school and college. She "loves anything aviation and being part of something that makes people happy. It gives people a little snippet of history." Sellers is also a docent at the Yankee Air Museum.

War effort symbol

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon represent-

ing the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. Some women took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military.

A local group broke a record for the Guinness Book of World Records of most Rosies gathered together and some of those same women joined the drill team. Their focus has always been to raise awareness of the Yankee Air Museum restoration project, said Alison Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident.

"It's a cool piece of history," she added.

The story of the Yankee Air Museum began in 1941 when Willow Run Airport was built by the Ford Motor Co. to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant, which was the first aircraft manufacturing complex to use Ford's automotive mass production technique, a leading technological innovation. Today, it provides educational experiences through aviation, military, and home-front history, such as the local history focused on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant.

The plant has a personal meaning for Beatty.

"I started because my dad worked at Willow Run when General Motors owned it and my grandfather flew a B-24 bomber in World War II," Beatty said. "I do whatever I can do to help. We want to let people know it



Rosie the Riveters pose during a recent rehearsal for the annual Thanksgiving parade in Detroit.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Canton resident Danielle Helms salutes as she and 15 other Rosie the Riveters practice for the Thanksgiving Parade.

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Peggy Schneider leads the drill team that will march for the very first time in Detroit.

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was a real place. Our purpose is to honor the

original Rosies who worked for the war effort and to raise awareness of the ongoing efforts to fill the original bomber plant with history by refurbishing it and making it the new museum."

Ten-hut

Peggy Schneider, the team drill sergeant, yells out commands. She's perfecting the routine with Fred Hill, of the famed Fred Hill Brief Case Drill Team that started out as a lark 32 years ago. It was a human billboard in local parades to parody those who wear business suits. Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, made it to the big time when he took the team to the 82nd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The Rosie team called in Hill for his drill team expertise. "We were inspired by Fred," Schneider said.

The Rosie drill team has been in lots of other parades, but the goal was to get into the local Thanksgiving Day parade, especially since they were rejected last year.

"Then we went to work," Hill said before giving the team a command. "I'm really pleased with how they're progressing."

The woman range in age from 16 to 70 and they come from all over the Detroit metropolitan area. Helms, the youngest in the group, is living out part of her dream. She builds model airplanes and wants to be a pilot for the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds some day. "That would be awesome," she added.

Beatty asks people to go to savethebomberplant.org for more information about the Yankee Air Museum restoration project. A \$50 donation will save one-square-foot of the plant. The donor will receive a certificate that she said would make a great gift for a history buff or someone who had a family member who worked at the plant.

"We've saved Rosie's factory, now it's time to fill it with history," according to savethebomberplant.org. Donations helped preserve 144,000-square-feet of the bomber plant from being demolished. Now, funds for renovation work are being raised so the Bomber Plant can become the future home of the Yankee Air Museum.



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Kidney Ball aims for \$6 million mark

More than 800 notable business executives and socialites will gather Saturday, Dec. 3, at MotorCity Casino Hotel for the 12th annual National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball in the hope of reaching the \$6 million mark in total annual Kidney Ball funds raised over the past 12 years.

Danny Zivian, a sophomore student at North Farmington High School, is being recognized at the ball for his outstanding fundraising.

Danny, a kidney patient himself, has raised \$84,446 from 2009 to date during the foundation's yearly Kidney Walks, making him the top youth fundraiser.

More than 250 auction items and hundreds of children's toys, books and games will be featured in the live and silent auction events. This year's event expects to raise \$600,000 for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's many community programs and services to help the more than 900,000 people in Michigan with kidney disease.

"For more than a decade the community has supported us in raising the funds needed to create programs that aim to help the nearly one million people in Michigan with chronic kidney disease," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "This evening is vital to the community we serve as these funds provide the life changing, and sometimes life-saving, programs for a disease that we know to be 70 percent preventable."

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan was ranked the No. 1 charity in the category of diseases, disorders and disciplines in 2014 by Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator. This year, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan earned its ninth consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. The designation puts the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in the top 1 percent of all charities in the United States.

Considered on the social scene as "the most fun black tie event in metro Detroit," guests will experience live entertainment from the band Your Generation in Concert featuring Fifty Amp Fuse, along with the exceptional MotorCity Casino Hotel cuisine prepared by executive chef Raymond Bertschy.

The 2016 Kidney Ball chair is Patrick Rugiero, executive director of Roman Village Restaurant Group. The honorary co-chairs of the Kidney Ball are Duane McLean, executive vice president of business operations for the Detroit Tigers, and Ed J. Peper, U.S. vice president of GM Fleet & Commercial.

The Kidney Ball is presented by General Motors Fleet and sponsored by Lear Corp., Madison Heights Glass, Meijer, Hour Detroit,

ty Casino Hotel, Northwest Detroit Dialysis and Print Tech Inc.

The Kidney Ball will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program, with dancing and entertainment in Sound Board to end the evening. Tickets for the event are \$250 per guest and can be purchased via the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's website, www.nkfm.org/kidneyball, or by calling the NKFM at 800-482-1455.



North Farmington High School sophomore Danny Zivian has raised more than \$89,000 for the National Kidney Foundation.

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LETTERS

Democracy crumbled

Citizens must continue to believe in and fight for such American values as love, decency, justice for all, equality, diversity, and hope.

Persons of all ages, especially millennials, must continue to be involved and participate, then vote. Apathy is not a choice. Citizens must educate themselves about history, the world, the Constitution, civics then teach others.

Depression about the outcome of the presidential election will last a while. In the next two years there can be improvement in political parties and all forms of government — local, county, state, nation. The mid-term elections in 2018 will predict the future. Let's make America

kind again.
Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

History of a different sort

Our last few elections have been very historical. In 2000 for only the second time in our country's history the son of a former president became president. In 2008 we elected the first black president.

Now in 2016 we have a man who has never held any office in government, never served in the military nor am I aware of any kind of public service. He has a history of failed marriages, a history of failed businesses and filed bankruptcy numerous times. Several women have accused him of sexual assault and he has bragged about groping women. He also bragged of not paying taxes to the

country he claims to love, and that he alone can fix the problems our nation faces.

Given these facts there must be several historical firsts that come with this man that is about to be declared our new president.

I would like to know, has there ever been an American president before that would match any of this?

Chuck Tindall
Novi

One final reformation

Everyone is entitled to their conclusions, however, has America been given one final opportunity for reformation breaking away from decades of lousy leadership? The yapping chihuahuas subdued momentarily. Poodle enablers of "cupcake" malcontent occupiers pushed to the back of the

cold press rooms.

Soros and his favored slick left wingers were totally shocked. Bent, but set to return on the usual vulturous wings of implications and charges of racism, hate and their only negative flavor du jour.

Will the Republican Party be cultist or dwell on actions advancing the very positive interests of the faith? What really pulled them and America through all the angst?

Jim Nowka
Northville

Too bad, liberals

Oh those nasty, vicious liberals, how they try to suppress all free thought! How ironic that they were moaning about a peaceful transition of power when they thought that Hillary was going to win, but now they're out marching in the streets like 10-year-old cry-ba-

bies, Boo hoo hoo, do these sore losers expect a do-over? If they don't like it, let them move to Canada! They did the same thing in 2000 when they protested George W's (Bush) inauguration. But their childish temper tantrums don't change this wonderful moment in history and won't spoil my joy. Yahoo!

These hate-filled liberals chant that Trump isn't their president but Mr. Obama isn't mine and these last eight years have been mortifying. Now we finally have a man we can be proud of!

The demon-possessed liberals always follow a script when attacking their enemies — they offer bullying opposition, they mock, they call names, they try to isolate and marginalize the enemy. For example, if you support a traditional family structure of a

man, woman and children based on religious values, you're called a bigot.

What's obvious about this election is that there were many good people still left in this nation who were too cow-towed and embarrassed by the liberal media to admit to being Trumpers to pollsters, but there was a vast, hidden, stealth army of them out there. If you put up a Trump sign on your lawn, the demonic liberals would come by and steal it. Put a Trump bumper sticker on your car? They'd "key" scrape your paint.

The liberals don't believe that others have a right to an opinion. You have a right to your own opinion, and you have a right to disagree with me, but you don't have any business trying to suppress my beliefs!

Leo Weber
Livonia

Our commitment: Respect each other

The 2016 election is over.

For many of us, the end could not come soon enough. We were deluged with ads and commentary and news stories that left many of us feeling worn out and confused. So as the election ended, many of us felt a sense of relief.

But while the election is over, the aftermath is not.

Some of us are happy with the result of the election. Some of us are not.

Sadly, we have all seen or heard stories about events and activities that have taken place after the election that have created tensions in our school communities. I am sure that there have been conversations in our schools between students, between staff and between staff and students that may have hurt feelings or in-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Our diverse community helps us to see and hear and experience different points of view.

flamed already tense situations.

What should we do as a school community?

On the one hand, school should not be political. By that I mean that school should not promote a Republican or a Democratic or a third-party agenda. School should not be a place that advocates

partisan policies. Teachers should not use class time and administrators should not use district resources to promote or disparage political figures or political agendas.

Teachers and administrators, bus drivers and secretaries talk to students every day. However, just because we have access to students and can engage our students in conversations, we should never take advantage of that opportunity by attempting to make students see things the same way we see them.

On the other hand, school is very political. By that I mean that the purpose of school is to teach our students to think and reason and examine ideas closely. The purpose of analytical thinking is to help our students learn how to think deeply. That is the essence of politics.

The purpose of school is not to help students learn how to solve problems that they will only encounter in school.

The purpose of school is to help our students learn skills that they can use to solve problems that they will encounter outside of school.

If the purpose of school is to help our students learn to think and reason and examine ideas closely, then it stands to reason that our students will begin to take an interest in the ideas that are captivating our nation.

And therein lies the conundrum. How can we help our students learn to engage in civic conversation in ways that respect viewpoints that may differ from their own?

Here in Novi, we are mindful of the diversity that resides in our world — social, econom-

ic, racial, religious. That is one of the beautiful parts of Novi. Our diverse community helps us to see and hear and experience different points of view.

As a district, we continue to find ways to listen to each other, learn from other and support each other as we make our way through this world. We will make mistakes at times. Feelings will be hurt. As that happens, we will address those issues and learn from them.

But our commitment is to respect each other, help everyone find their voice, listen and learn from each other and find ways to make a positive difference in the world.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

Transfer open house Nov. 30 at Livonia EMU campus

Eastern Michigan University will host an open house for prospective transfer students on Nov. 30 at the EMU Livonia campus, featuring a campus tour, opportunities to learn about transfer options and much more.

The open house is from 4-6 p.m. and will be held at EMU-Livonia, 38777 Six Mile. Parking is free at EMU-Livonia.

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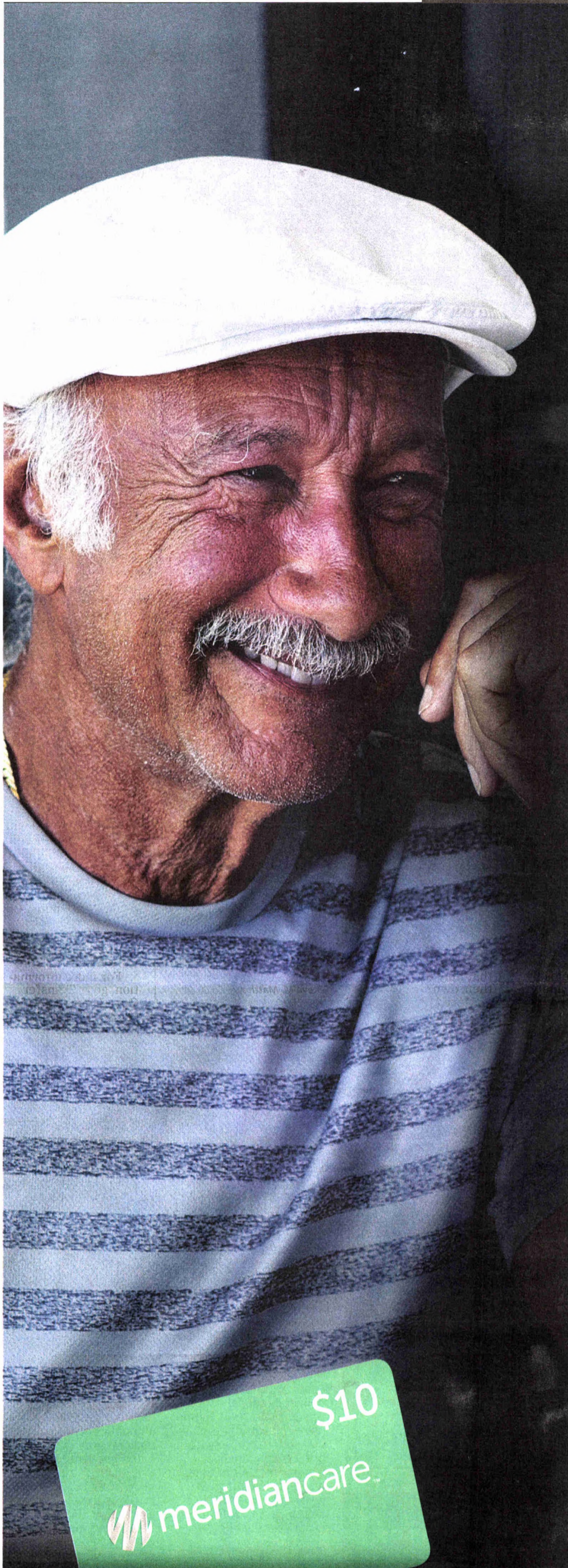
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Trump co-chair: The new president is good for Michigan

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

The Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign believes the newly elected president is going to benefit the Midwest by boosting manufacturing in the region.

"Mr. Trump's first day on the campaign trail was in Michigan and Mr. Trump's last day on the campaign trail was in Michigan," said Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Township resident and general manager and co-owner of Vesco Oil Corp. "He has made it abundantly clear that Michigan is at the top of his priority list and that making Michigan the manufacturing mecca it

once was is a top priority in his administration."

It has been a satisfying week for Epstein, a longtime Trump supporter who was asked to co-chair his Michigan campaign in August. The 35-year-old entrepreneur said she always felt in her heart that Trump's leadership qualities and business background would carry the election.

At the same time, she admits a number of people asked her the same question throughout the campaign: Why Trump?

"That's a question I was asked a lot," said Epstein, a Detroit Country Day School graduate who has degrees from Harvard and University of Michigan Ross School



"We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there," said Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair for the Trump campaign.

of Business. "I was a very early supporter Donald Trump ... the American people will see he is going to be a phenomenal president — he is going to strengthen our economy, secure our borders, combat ISIS and make health care affordable once again."

Why Trump?

Epstein, who runs the family business with her parents and sister, first met Trump at a Lincoln Day dinner in Oakland County in 2012.

"I had a wonderful opportunity to spend

time with him," she said. "Within the Republican Party, it was known I was a staunch supporter from the beginning — I'm a genuine Trump fan."

She got the call to co-chair the Michigan campaign three days after her wedding in early August. By the time she joined, the Trump campaign in Michigan was already starting to come together.

"The momentum definitely picked up as we went along," she said. "As the polls made it clearer he was winning, the support kept picking

up and rallies were getting bigger and bigger."

Her job as co-chair was to serve as Trump's official surrogate. She said her role in the campaign was covered globally, including interviews with correspondents in England, Washington, D.C., and New York.

"I was asked to lead the charge and it was an honor," she said. "I was humbled by the opportunity and I'm grateful we were met with tremendous success."

But there were setbacks, in the form of inappropriate remarks and wayward Tweets in the early morning hours.

"I'm not going to apologize for some of the comments he made, because they were wrong and inappropriate," she said. "There were a number of occasions where I was put on the spot by some of the things he said. But that's not why I supported him for president."

Factories and health care

Epstein said she expects Trump to follow through on his campaign promises to overturn NAFTA and oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership. She believes he'll bolster that promise by creating new infrastructure in the Midwest to accommodate more manufacturing opportunities.

"He wants to make America competitive again," she said. "I believe at the end of these four years, we're going to see a dramatic shift in our manufacturing position in the nation — this is good for Michigan."

Along those lines, she expects Trump will replace the Affordable Healthcare Act by introducing health care savings accounts and opening up state borders to create more competition.

"This is going to create more flexibility, freedom and independence," Epstein said. "Mr. Trump has emphasized his plan will address those with pre-existing medical conditions ... right now, we're anticipating 25-percent price hikes in health care in 2017. That is not sustainable."

Rebuilding

Epstein also realizes parts of the Trump campaign has left different groups in the country feeling alienated from the process — even attacked.

"Absolutely, I understand there are a lot of people right now who are sad, mad and afraid," she said. "That was going to happen regardless of who won. It was going to happen either way."

Speaking directly to the Jewish community in metro Detroit, she said Trump is a fervent supporter of Israel and would like nothing more than to broker a lasting peace agreement in the Middle East. She also noted Trump's daughter, Ivanka, converted to Judaism in 2009 before marrying Jared Kushner, an Orthodox Jew.

"If anyone has a chance to make the Middle East a safer place, it's him," she said. "It would be the deal of a lifetime for him, as he has said so many times."

Where do other groups fit in Trump's America?

"They fit where you and I fit," Epstein said. "It's not a question of segregation. I believe Mr. Trump wants one America and opportunities for everyone ... he wants to grow the country and expand our opportunities for success."

As for the idea of building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, she said: "He doesn't want people to be here illegally. I can't blame the guy, I don't either."

Epstein said the president-elect opposes any attacks on individual groups and that just because certain extreme factions support his presidency doesn't mean he supports them.

"At this point, people will have to give him a chance," she said. "On Jan. 20, he will be sworn in as our next president. Our duty as American people is to cooperate and respect the law of the land — and the voice of the people. And the people have elected Donald Trump."

It was the middle class that carried Trump to the White House, Epstein said, and the reason for it is the economy.

"They have spoken up," she said. "They have suffered through election after election with no real improvements. I have a tremendous amount of compassion and empathy for those suffering in our country and I have faith in the years ahead that we will heal and come together as a nation. We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there."

She invites anyone interested in learning more about the whirlwind presidential election and how those final critical moments in the campaign came together to follow her on Twitter @LenaEpstein.

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Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, first met the president-elect at a Lincoln Day dinner in 2012.

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CLAUDE Age 74, passed away November 7, 2016. He was born December 12, 1941 in Fount, Kentucky, son of the late George and Drucilla Brock. Claude was a proud Army veteran serving during the Vietnam war. He was employed with G.M. for over 38 years at the Willow Run plant. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary; his loving children, Claude (Christine Walker) Brock, and Deanna (Jason) Boike; his two grandchildren, Claudia and Grant; siblings; and by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Claude was preceded in death by his son, Joseph in 2009 and one brother, Theo. Visitation was held on Thursday, November 10 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Milford. www.phillipsfuneral.com

CHESNUT

DAVID C. February 2, 1948 - November 11, 2016
A retired engineer and small business owner, passed away peacefully at home. He leaves behind his wife, Kathleen; son, Dr. Cameron Chesnut; daughter-in-law, Aubree; and two grandchildren, Torin and Tatum. He will be missed by his siblings, nephews and nieces in both Idaho and Michigan. A private celebration of life will be held with family and friends in Idaho and Michigan. Donations in his honor can be made to: Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Rd., Central Point, Oregon 97502. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DIETRICH



VIRGINIA Age 87, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan and Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away November 13, 2016. She was born December 15, 1928 in Detroit, daughter of the late Earle and Ruth Kerr. Virginia had a successful career in advertising. She spent time working at Ross Roy Inc. and J. Walter Thompson. She is survived by her loving daughters: Tracey (Chris) Gray and Libby (Paul) Smith; her son-in-law, Russell Sweet and five grandchildren: Gina Sweet, Beth Sweet, Graham Smith, Hannah Smith and Sean Smith. Virginia is also survived by her sister, Barbara (John) Frank. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; and her daughter, Jane Sweet. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:00a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan. phillipsfuneral.com

GLATFELTER

FRANK age 49, of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away November 10, 2016. He was born August 11, 1967, son of Ted and Sharon Glatfelter. Frank was a heavy equipment operator and was known for his love of horses and kids. He will always be remembered for his huge heart and for always helping others in need. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna; his parents, Ted and Sharon Glatfelter; his daughter, Samantha Avery; his son, Michael DiPonio-Glatfelter; his sister, Shellie (Al) Bell; his nieces: Aislinn, Sheila, and Allie and also many unofficial, extended family members and nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 21 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a funeral service being held on Tuesday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon. Frank will be laid to rest in New Hudson Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

KUSHIM



RENI M. of Highland; passed away November 7, 2016 at age 44. Loving wife of Steve. Treasured mother of Ainsley. Beloved daughter of Seigi and Katsuko Tome and sister of Roberto Tome. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Road. Memorial contributions suggested to the Livingston County Humane Society. eltonblackandsonhighland.com

LASH

BARBARA M. Age 82 passed away November 8, 2016. She was born in Novi, Michigan, daughter of the late James and Ida Morrison. Barbara loved life and loved to laugh. She was known for her loving and kind nature and for being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She could often be heard giving those she loved her favorite piece of advice: "stay positive". Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Lance; her loving children: James Turner, William (Melissa) Turner, Wilda (Harold) Phillips, Barbara (John) Morgan; and her grandchildren: Lauren and Anthony. She was preceded in death by her son, John and her brothers: Donald, George, John, and Jimmy. A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 25 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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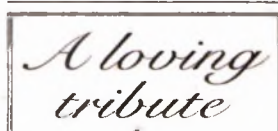
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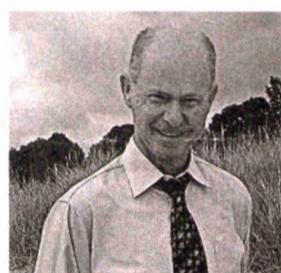
HOWARD N.L. age 84, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on November 9, 2016. He was born April 24, 1932 in Hohenwald, Tennessee; son of Homer and Willie (nee Thompson) Reeves. He graduated from Lewis County High School in Hohenwald, TN; Class of 1950. He proudly served his country with the Army during the Korean War. Howard was united in marriage to Virginia Fay Bolton on December 31, 1954; they spent 61 loving years together. Howard worked as a Police Officer with the City of Northville; he began his career with the department in 1966 and retired in 1987. He enjoyed his work and interacting with the community; he was very well liked among his colleagues. Howard was proud of his role as a police officer in the movie, "Northville Cemetery Massacre." Howard loved to go Up North to Lupton, Michigan where he would spend his time relaxing and driving his golf cart around. He liked vacationing in Tennessee to visit with his family and the big farm where he raised cattle. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, riding his Harley, and boating. Howard is survived by his beloved wife Virginia Fay Reeves; his children, Dennis Reeves, Douglas (Maureen) Reeves, Duane (Linda) Reeves, and Lorenda Baber; his siblings, Lou-Dean Stephen, Wilma Bryant, Oscar (Martha) Reeves, Wanda (Johnny) Creasey, and Margaret Stowe; his grandchildren, Shaun (Jill) Reeves, Jason (Layna) Reeves, Alicia (Kevin) Beedle, Shandol (Josh) Glass, Deanna (Eddie) Jonker, Jeremy Baber, Westley Baber, Daniel Reeves, and Matthew Reeves; and his great grandchildren, Joshua Powers, Autumn Willim, William Dargo, Gabrielle Dargo, Savannah Jonker, Kinsley Glass, and Addison Beedle. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Carlton Reeves. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Casterline Funeral Home, with services following at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN. He was laid to rest at Deavers Cemetery in Hohenwald, TN. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443.

REYNOLDS

JANET ROPER (nee PICHLER) 76 of Farmington Hills, formerly of South Lyon. Passed away Oct. 29, 2016. Surrounded by her husband Kenneth Reynolds and her children.



RICHARDSON



LAWRENCE A. "LARRY" of Milford, passed away in the loving care of his family on November 11, 2016 at the age of 63. In addition to Judy, his beloved wife of 36 years, Larry is survived by his sons, Larry (Julie) Jr., Andy (Molly) Richardson and Justin (Katy) Richardson; grandchildren, William, Max, Ronan, Roarke, Belle and one on the way. Larry is survived by his siblings, William (Joyce), III., Christine (Mark), Richard, Mark (Paulie), Dennis (Carrie), Maureen (Mark), and Robert (Dana) as well as extended family and dear friends. Mass of the Resurrection will be held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. with gathering to begin one hour prior at 10 a.m. The Rev. Fr. Vince Richardson to officiate. Air Force Honors will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions encouraged to: Parkinson's Foundation. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

From a new chairlift at Caberfae Peaks to an innovative instructional program at Mt. Brighton, Michigan ski operators are gearing up for the season.

"There are a lot of things going on this winter that people should be aware of," said Mickey

MacWilliams, executive director of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

Caberfae Peaks, near Cadillac, will add a triple chairlift to serve the North Peak complex, taking skiers 1,561 feet up and offering a 360-degree view of the Manistee National Forest.

Boyer Mountain will offer new shops in its

village, including a new spa experience. Other ski areas and the association itself are offering a variety of deals for learners and frequent skiers.

At Mt. Brighton, for example, guests who pay \$349 for a series of four, two-hour skiing or snowboarding lessons during January will get skis or a snowboard to keep at the

end. Extend your weekend at Treetops Resort near Gaylord and participate in "Learn to Ski Monday," where a group lesson comes free with a lift ticket.

The Snowsports Industries Association also is offering its popular White Gold card right now. The card costs \$269 and offers one-day admission to

35 different ski areas in Michigan, as well as discounts on ski- and snowboard-related services. Only 400 are available. Buy them at participating locations or online at www.goskimichigan.com.

January has been designated learn-to-ski month in Michigan, and resort operators will offer a variety of lessons and programs as well as

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Green space neighbors want trees, not skate park

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Michael Shada sees a slice of nature when he looks across the street from his Milford home.

Supporters of a proposed skate park look at the same green space and see an underused drainage area that's perfect for development.

Shada is one of a handful of residents on Atlantic Street who have voiced opposition to the location of the proposed skate park at public meetings this fall. A few also opposed the site in July, when the village council approved the concept. As plans proceed, they want officials to know they still prefer a green space to a skate park north of Milford Civic Center. They hope an ad hoc committee that was created by council last month will consider another location.

But the committee is looking into the feasibility of building the skate park on the green space and will report its findings to the council at an undetermined date. The committee, which includes two council members, two parks and recreation members and three skate park supporters, also will recommend a design firm and construction proposal.

Pro-skate park residents, mostly parents, dubbed their group Project S-Park, and through a GoFundMe campaign established in July have raised almost half of \$25,000 needed for the design phase of the park. They hope to raise a total of \$220,000 to build the plaza-style skate and BMX park that would include green space and a play area for younger children. The village would own and maintain the completed park.

Village Manager Christian Wuerth, who sits on the ad hoc com-



The view of the green space from Michael Shada's living room window.

mittee as a non-voting member, said an engineering firm donated its survey work at the green space. Data from its work, along with information from consulting engineers, will help determine if a skate park is appropriate for the site.

"The (green space's) primary function today is as a drainage ditch," Wuerth said.

He noted that some existing trees and other green elements can be integrated into the plaza-style park.

Colorful trees

In a letter to village council and Wuerth in July, Shada and his wife,

Janice Watson-Shada, urged officials to conserve the green space "for all to see and appreciate."

"If you look at it from our house across the street, you don't see drainage, you see beautiful red maples and beautiful orange crab apple trees," Shada said in an interview last week.

Shada, a retired Southfield police lieutenant and a football coach at Milford High School, also is concerned about accidents between skateboarders veering off the proposed plaza and police cars exiting the Civic Center on emergency runs.

Wuerth said the committee will consider other locations if the green space is not feasible. The committee must determine if it's possible to enclose the drain, maintain the drainage and build a skate park on top

of it.

He said parents hope to start construction by summer.

"That is optimistic. A lot of steps have to happen between here and there. The goal is that, hopefully, by early Janu-

ary, we'll be in a position to put out a request and get a design firm on board," Wuerth said. "No final decision has been made. This is very much a work in progress."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 12, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 12, 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, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Setbacks) for residential property located at 19611 Clement Road, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#77-016-02-0029-000).
- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 3 General Use Provisions (Accessory Structure) for commercial property located at 19720 Gerald Street, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#77-007-99-0026-701).

Written comments regarding these requests 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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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.279 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.82. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS, ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.25. MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS, ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.27. TC AND TC-1 DISTRICT REQUIRED CONDITIONS, AND ARTICLE 5. SECTION 5.2. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS. IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TC AND TC-1 DISTRICTS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

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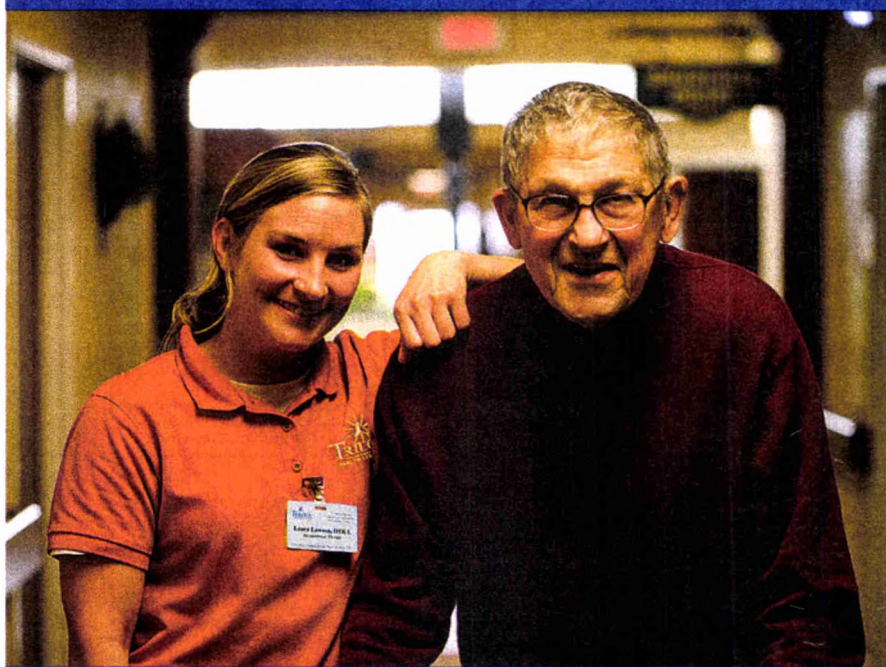
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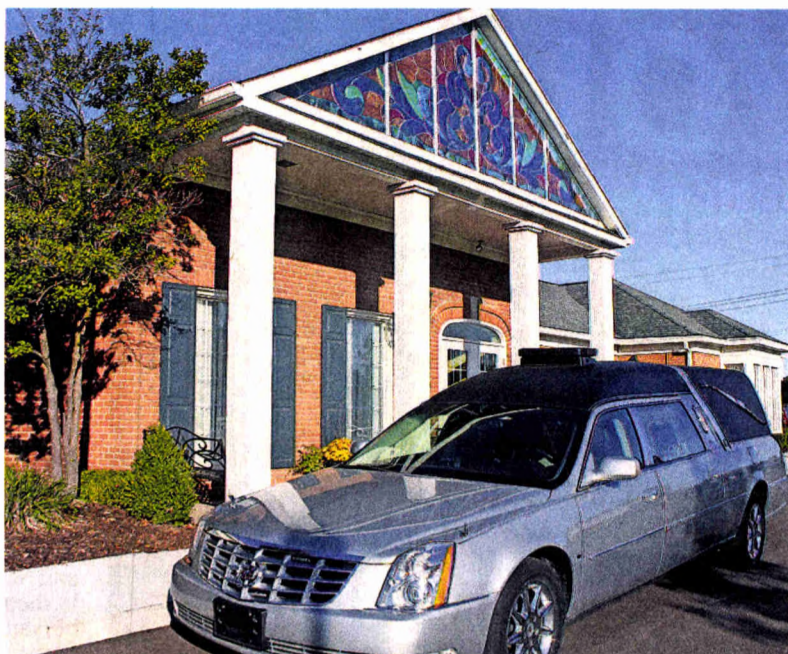
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By Terry Jacoby
Contributing Writer

MAKING funeral arrangements for a loved one is an experience filled with grief, stress, heartache and many other emotions that can become quite overwhelming. Mrs. Williams, a local resident, recently had to arrange for cremation of her longtime husband and there was nothing that could be done to ease her pain.

But there was an innovative program she had heard about launched by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, in Northville offering "In-Home Arrangements."

This program allows families to arrange funeral plans or cremation services to be finalized in the comfort of their own homes instead of having to travel to the funeral home. These In-Home Arrangements, which are provided by an experienced funeral director, are done at the home rather than having the family come in to the funeral home, which helps alleviate the stress and anxiety associated with funeral planning.

Just ask Mrs. Williams.

"I have to be honest," she said. "I was blessed to have heard about (Griffin Funeral Home) and to be in contact with them. Everything went smoothly. I have been in charge of other loved one's services and this one was by far the easiest when it came to the arrangements. I never imagined it could go so smoothly."

Mrs. Williams stressed how much easier it was to make such important decisions surrounded



by the comforts of her own home. "They made everything so easy on me and I am very appreciative," she said.

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, is now providing these special In-Home Arrangements in Northville and surrounding communities for families that experience loss of a loved one.

"It's a difficult time when a death occurs," Griffin said. "Some people would prefer to do the finalizing at their home if they are elderly or have some anxieties about coming to the funeral home or just feel more comfortable in their own surroundings."

The program is just another way of helping ease the stress during a difficult time. And it's just another way Griffin Funeral Home is living up to its longstanding hallmark of commitment: "Service - A Family Tradition."

"We have heard from Mrs. Williams and others how much easier it is, how much more comfortable they feel in their own homes," Griffin said. "And if it makes things a little easier on them, then we have done our job better."

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home has "been doing their job better" for more than 60 years, which started in Detroit with a commitment to servicing families who trusted them in their time of need. With successful locations in Livonia, Canton and Westland, the Griffins became the new proprietors of the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville in 2014. A complete renovation of the building soon followed.

"We wanted to create a place for Northville and the surrounding community to represent this area to honor the dead," said Griffin, whose own family lives in Northville and supports the city in numerous ways. "And what we have created here fits the community and that's important to us."

What Griffin

created is not only a comfortable and peaceful setting for families and friends to honor the dead, but a "landmark" for the community. In their first year open for business in Northville, Griffin Funeral Home won the O&E's People's Choice Award for best funeral home.

Griffin, whose mother and father started the family business in Detroit in 1954, is always asking "what can we do to get better," "how can we better serve the community," "how can we make a stressful and difficult time easier on our customers."

And the in-home arrangements is another way the Griffin Funeral Home is trying to ease the pain of what is often a painful time for family, friends and loved ones.

Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, is located on Northville Road in Northville, providing funeral and cremation services. For more information on in-home arrangements or other services, call (248) 348-1233 or e-mail info@griffinfuneralhome.com. Griffin Funeral Home is located online at www.griffinfuneralhome.com.

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- Mrs. Williams.

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LTU, St. John Providence to offer nursing program

St. John Providence and Lawrence Technological University have received state approval to establish a nursing education program.

The program, which will open in the fall 2017 semester in August, will have classroom instruction at Lawrence Tech's Southfield campus, with clinical and laboratory instruction at six St. John Providence hospital locations around metro Detroit, according to a press release. St. John Providence is part of Ascension, the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system.

The new program will fall under Lawrence Tech's College of Arts and Sciences as a major in the LTU Department of Natural Sciences, granting a bachelor of science in nursing.

"Michigan and the nation as a whole are in the midst of a continuing shortage of qualified, well-trained nurses," Lawrence Tech President Virinder Moudgil said. "We aim to help solve that problem with a nursing education program that will take full advantage of our 85-year history as a technologically advanced university. Our founding motto, 'Theory and Practice,' is a perfect description of the kind of nursing education we will deliver with our partners at

Providence."

"This partnership is part of our ongoing commitment to providing the training our future nurses need so they can deliver the high quality and compassionate care that patients expect and deserve," St. John Providence President & CEO Jean Meyer said.

The Michigan Board of Nursing approved the application for the new nursing program Thursday, Nov. 3.

Lawrence Tech has hired Therese Jamison, DNP, ACNP-BC, as professor of nursing and director of the program. Jamison earned her doctorate of nursing practice from Vanderbilt University. Earlier, she earned a bachelor of science in nursing and a master's degree in Nursing from Wayne State University, as well as a post-master's certificate as an acute care nurse practitioner from the University of Michigan.

A veteran nursing specialist, Jamison continues to work one day a week as a nurse practitioner in cardiovascular services at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus.

The six St. John Providence hospital locations are: St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit; St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus; St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Madison Heights Cam-

pus; Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield; Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi; and St. John River District Hospital, East China Township.

The new nursing program will admit an initial cohort of 32 students for the fall 2017 academic semester, and 32 new students per year thereafter.

Jamison said the LTU-St. John Providence nursing program will be unique in that it will admit qualified students directly into the nursing program, and nursing classes will start in the curriculum's first term. Most nursing programs admit students to a "pre-nursing" program for two years of prerequisite courses, then admit a smaller number of those students to the formal nursing program, according to a press release.

Also unique is the close academic-practice partnership between LTU and St. John Providence, Jamison said. Most nursing programs offer their clinical programs through a wide variety of hospital groups, creating barriers for students in navigating the healthcare system.

The LTU-St. John Providence program will conduct its courses year-around over 11 semesters, requiring 126 credit hours of study.

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Parkinson's patients fight symptoms by boxing

Pragmatic Dementia is a term that refers to the brain impairments caused by the sport of boxing. Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder of the brain and is said to affect 1 million people in the United States. Parkinson's is often characterized by shaking tremors throughout the body, impaired gait, poor balance, impaired speech and other associated difficulties.

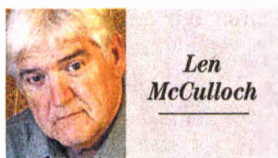
One doesn't have to go further than Muhammad Ali for an example of the best of boxing and the debilitation of Parkinson's disease.

Recently, I learned of a relatively new form of exercise that uses boxing in the fight against Parkinson's. My initial naive thought was, "Do people involved in this program have rocks in their head? Don't they know that a sport with the object of damaging your opponent's brain would add to, not remediate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease?"

However, information from our local Sports Club of Novi, which conducts Rock Steady Boxing classes specifically for people with Parkinson's disease, set me straight. You see, they do so in a non-contact way, without striking each other. There are also Rock Steady affiliates in Beverly Hills and Troy and at 50 other sites around the country.

Boxing exercises

The exercises of boxing seem well-suited for targeting symptoms of Parkinson's. Stretching out helps with stiffness, footwork is used for balance and agility, the forced intensity of punching with a large glove can steady trem-



Len McCulloch

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles ... to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's.

ors, sparring is for coordination and counting, shouting and singing is used for the so-called "short voice syndrome" associated with changes in speech.

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles — all sorts of equipment — to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's. The participants also "spar" with the certified coaches to work on strength, focus, footwork, power, agility and so much more. The coaches use "mitts" to give the participants a focus point and, at the same time, encouragement.

The website for Rock Steady Boxing headquarters has a marvelous video interview between Lesley Stahl of CBS News and her husband, Aaron Latham. Aaron has Parkinson's disease. On the video, Aaron speaks for other participants who acknowledge improvements in both the physical conditioning and their emotional and mental abilities as a result of this program. They've regained control over the body, an achievement that alleviates depression. The camaraderie of

the group, cheering each other on, alleviates the sense of loneliness and isolation often seen in individuals with a neurological disorder. Participants in Rock Steady can range in age from 45-95.

Research

The program, started in 2006, evolved from research conducted at the University of Indianapolis. Studies comparing participants with Parkinson's who are involved in boxing versus those without the activity seemed to show patterns of improvements in various areas of medical and mental health. There is some suggestion that forced intense exercise may generate renewed growth of brain cells that are neuroprotective and can actually slow the progression of Parkinson's. In some cases, great improvement may occur. Unfortunately, there is no cure. As the "boxers" at Sports Club of Novi Rock Steady Boxing program show, there is a change in perception of being the victim of such a devastating disease to someone who is "fighting back," "clobbering" and "fighting for" some renewed control against the losses which are the Parkinson's experience.

For more information, go to www.rocksteadyboxing.org or call Suzanne Schulz, certified personal trainer and Rock Steady Boxing coach at 248-735-8850, ext. 217 or email fitnesscoachsuz@gmail.com.

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. McCulloch is available for a courtesy consultation at 248-474-2763 ext. 222.



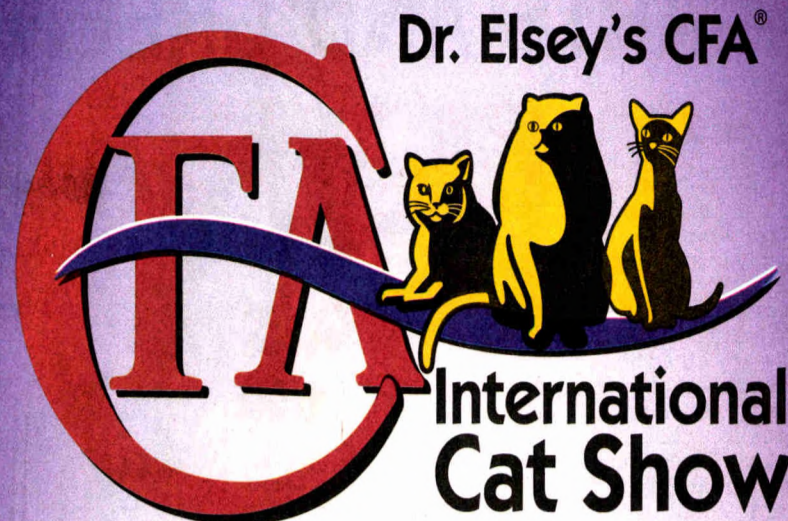
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Celebrating its 11th year, "Arts and Greens is unlike any other holiday arts market due in large part to the stunning backdrop that the Bogie Lake Greenhouses gives us, but also because of the quality of the artists on board," said Erin Sabo, Huron Valley Council for the Arts executive director.

Presented in partnership with Bogie Lake Greenhouses owners Patty and Mark Watkins, this annual event occurs inside the extraordinary 28,000-square-foot facility at 1525 Bogie Lake Road in White Lake and features natural lighting, plants, flowers and holiday greens.

More than 50 artists offer a wide range of wares using a variety of materials and methods, including fused glass, porcelain, wood, clay, fiber art, leather handbags, various types of jewelry, polymer photography/mixed media, etched river rock, drawing/printmaking, bead work and fabric accessories, knitting, jewelry and photography.

In addition to visual art, the event also offers



The popular Tuba Christmas, shown here during a holiday concert in Howell, returns to the Art and Greens market Saturday, Nov. 19.

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children's activities of basketry and gingerbread house-making.

Back by popular demand is the HVCA Tuba Christmas concert, scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday; the event

features a jam session comprised of as many tuba and euphonium players as possible.

In addition to sponsoring the beautiful event space, Patty Watkins of Bogie Lake

Greenhouses will offer a free workshop at 11 a.m. Saturday on making fresh, beautiful and unique holiday decorations. She'll offer another at 1 p.m. Sunday focusing on secrets she's

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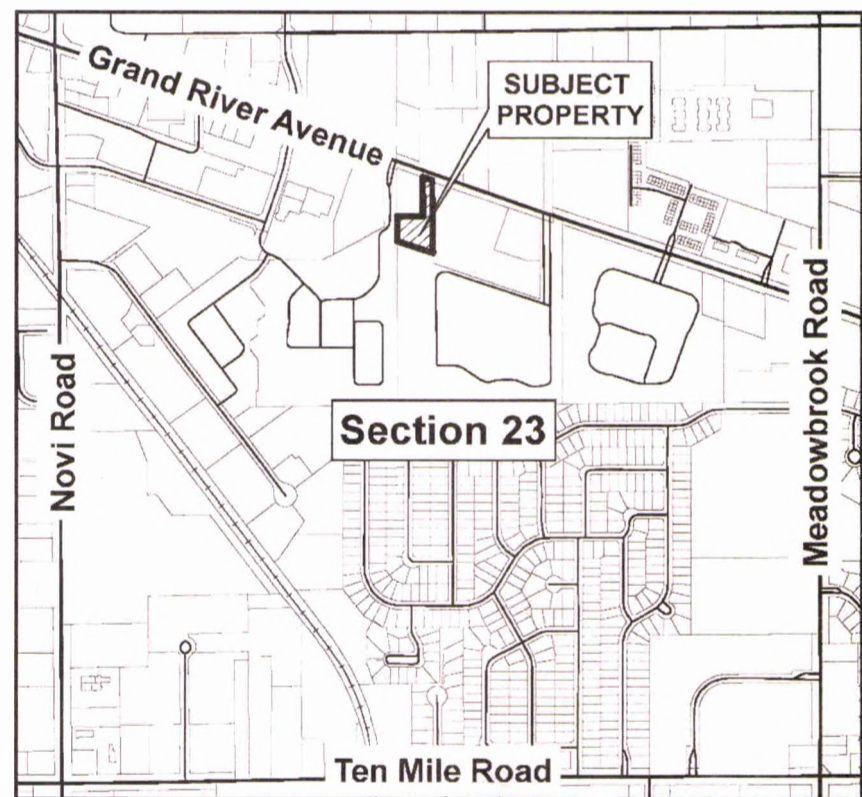
Admission and parking are free for the

event; food is available for purchase from the food truck and restaurant Meat Shop.

For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

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Teacher investigated over Trump tweets

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A high school teacher in Birmingham faces possible disciplinary action after he allegedly posted on Twitter negative comments about Donald Trump supporters — along with a few crude remarks about students in general.

"There was a situation and the school is still investigating," district spokesperson Marcia Wilkinson said Monday. "But since this is a personnel matter, that is all I can tell you."

Several students and parents have identified the person as a teacher at Seaholm High School. According to one student, the teacher sent out a series of tweets last week that were shared and posted in several group chat rooms.

One student shared screen shots of the tweets reportedly sent out by the teacher. The student also noted the teacher's Twitter account has been removed and his tweets have been deleted.

In one posting, the teacher reportedly states: "Therefore, if you voted for Trump, you

are, by definition, racist & misogynist. There. Now that you know that, what's your next step?"

That's followed by another tweet stating: "Disagree. Supporting a known racist misogynist makes one a racist misogynist. Actions > words."

In the next several postings, the teacher appears to take shots at students at Seaholm, which academically speaking, is consistently ranked one of the top public high schools in the country.

On the day after the election, the teacher reportedly posted: "To give a sense of how this happens, I gave a simple reading quiz on recent homework, and 5 of 50 kids passed, meaning 90 percent didn't do the work ... *white kids ... And this is in a high-scoring school where kids go off to prestigious colleges."

He then throws in a line from the movie "Animal House": "Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through, life, son."

The teacher also reportedly sent out some tweets on today's high school fashion:

"(Thinking back to the time) when I was in high school & kids petitioned (administration) to allow shorts in dress code. Update: I've seen 6 actual buttcheeks (sic) today."

That's followed with:

"By the time I retire, folks'll (sic) just be walking around in g-strings ... Now get off my lawn."

The alleged rant comes on the heels of an email blast Birmingham Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel Nerad sent out last week after some middle school students in Royal Oak were caught on video chanting "Build the wall!" during their school lunch hour. The political chant was a signature rallying cry at Trump events to stop illegal immigration.

"This was a particularly contentious campaign cycle, with words and actions that, arguably, our youngest students should not have witnessed," Nerad wrote. "The tone and tenor of this election season has been of great concern to me and my greatest hope is we now return to civil discourse as we think about our issues that lie ahead of us."

Nerad added the district staff will "continue to model kindness and respect for differing political views."

While Trump won the state of Michigan in the Nov. 8 election, a majority of voters in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, two traditional Republican areas, supported Hillary Clinton for president.

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Novi honored as five-star community

The city of Novi has once again been recognized as a five-star community by iLabs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research.

Researchers conduct the annual eCities study to identify and recognize cities for their work in fostering entrepreneurial growth and economic development.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition from iLabs, as we take a great deal of pride in fostering a climate where businesses can succeed. This helps us identify best practices we can use to attract and retain diverse businesses and develop further entrepreneurial growth," said Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager. Novi has participated in the eCities program since 2007 and this is the seventh consecutive year the city has been honored.

Five-star communities have seen more than



Cardenas

\$875 million in commercial construction, more than \$29 billion in combined real and personal properties and increased assets by more than \$21 million, with about 10 percent of the employed population being self-employed.

The eCities research surveyed 76 communi-

ties from 25 counties in Michigan that are home to more than 22 percent of Michigan residents and 28 percent of its college graduates. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the state's entrepreneurs with more than \$1.9 billion in self-employed income as residents. About 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, more than a quarter provide business improvement grants and more than 40 percent have full-time economic development employees.

"The eCities project highlights how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development," said Tim Davis, director,

iLabs.

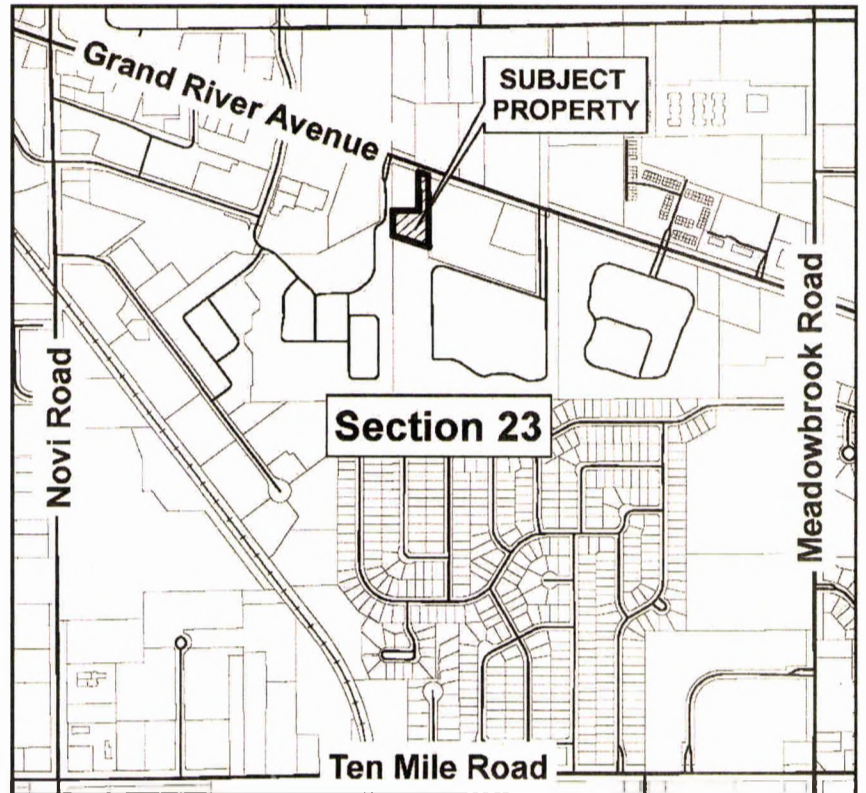
The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records, to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepre-

neurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversifica-

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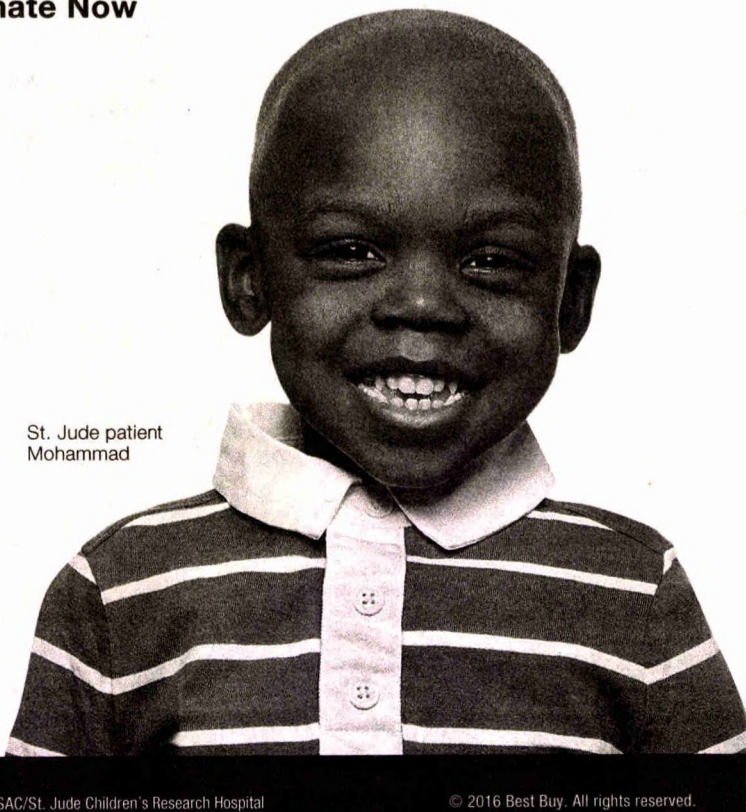
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Dec. 7 is the deadline for seniors to decide on their Medicare Prescription D Plan. This is the only time of the year when you can make changes in your plan. If you currently have a Medicare Prescription D Plan and you do nothing you will be automatically renewed for another year. For many people that may not be a problem but for others it could result in substantially higher fees and costs. My recommendation is that you take this opportunity to do a new search to determine what would be the best Medicare Prescription D Plan for you. Not what was the best plan for you last year but rather, the best plan moving forward. Companies change their cost structure and their plans and that is why it is important to redo your search. The sooner you begin the process, the better. I recommend that you start your search on Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Remember, when you do your search for a new



Rick Bloom
 MONEY MATTERS

prescription drug plan, focus on the medications you are frequently taking. Keep in mind that what is good for one spouse doesn't make it good for the other spouse. Each spouse must do their search independently.

Another deadline is rapidly approaching and this one is Dec. 31 and it deals with Roth IRA conversions. Converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs can be a substantial benefit. After all, you're moving money that was growing tax deferred into money that will grow tax free. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions and thus, you can let the money grow tax free for as long as you choose.

A Roth IRA conversion is not for everyone and you need to look at your individual situation to make sure that it's economically feasible. My general rules are that you must have the money without touching the funds that you are converting to pay the additional tax liability. In addition, by converting money into a Roth IRA

you don't put yourself into a higher tax bracket and you can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you meet these criteria, a Roth IRA conversion can be beneficial.

Unlike new contributions into a Roth IRA, just about everyone is eligible for a Roth IRA conversion. However, one thing to keep in mind is that if you are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions, you cannot convert that amount. You can convert anything above and beyond that amount if you choose.

For those of you who have flexible spending plans, many of you are facing a Dec. 31st deadline to spend the money within the plan or you lose it. Some plans allow you to extend the period but many do not. Therefore, this is an excellent time to review your flexible spending plan so you can understand the terms and conditions. If you find that you have a Dec. 31 deadline, now is the time to make sure that you spend that money wisely. You don't want to wait for the last second and either lose the money or spend it on something you really don't need.

Deadlines are serious and in most situations there are no extensions. Therefore, if you are affected by one of the rapidly approaching deadlines, there is no longer time to procrastinate; now is the time to get it taken care of.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



The Novi volleyball team won its third straight Class A regional title with a three-set win over Mercy.

BRIAN GORDON

NOVI MAKES QUICK WORK OF MERCY IN REGIONAL FINAL

Defending Class A champion Wildcats capture third straight with three-set win vs. Marlins

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Often times, when a team wins a championship, the hardest part is trying to pull off the same achievement again.

Finding the fire within can take some time, with players trying to pick up the pieces and coaches setting loftier goals.

This certainly has not been the case for the defending Class A state champion Novi Wildcats, who showed little signs of struggle in their three-set decision (25-12, 25-15, 25-14) over Farmington Hills Mercy in regional final Nov. 10 at Howell.

Novi (51-1) advanced to the state quarterfinals against Birmingham Marian (48-13), which was scheduled for Tuesday at Troy Athens.

"They were really focused and fired up to play

this match," Novi head coach Jen Cottrill said. "They honestly played their best tonight. They know what it takes to win, they're trained and they're prepared. We had a game plan and we executed it."

That sort of razor-sharp execution and firepower came from a variety of sources, but most notably in the form of a cannon – junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon, to be exact.

The Notre Dame commit tallied nearly half of her game-high 19 kills in the first set alone, highlighted by a 10-4 Novi run to close it.

Cannon talked about the in-sync pattern she had going all-game long with junior setter Erin O' Leary (38 assists, 16 digs), who is University of Michigan-bound.

"The setter connection is an important thing in volleyball," Cannon said. "Erin is a great setter, so

it's not super-hard to get that connection from her because she always knows where you're at and always knows where you're coming in. Half the time, I don't even say anything and she sets me right where I want to."

The second set proved to be a tougher set for the Wildcats as Mercy (43-10) stayed within four points up until the very end.

Mercy spread out its offense, getting kills from setter Kennedy Kuffner, along with attackers Malory Conrad and Lauren Hunter.

Following a tag-team block and kill by Marlins Jordyn Kreucher and Jessica Mruzik to pull within four, 16-12, senior Ally Cummings, junior Kathryn Ellison and Cannon each had a pair of kills as part of a Novi 9-3 spur down the stretch.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Brown stars as CC stops Grandville in region final

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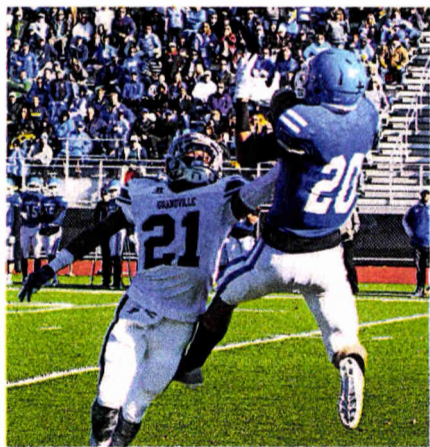
A preseason scrimmage may have provided the prime motivation for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's latest football victory.

In Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final, the host Shamrocks kept their perfect season intact at Fr. Elmer Stadium with a 28-14 win over Grandville.

Ironically, the two teams met 13 weeks ago and it didn't go well for the Shamrocks, who now stand 12-0 on the season.

"They whopped on us," said CC senior fullback Cameron Ryan, who scored a on a pair of touchdown runs. "We approached this week of practice really seriously because of that four-way scrimmage. We knew we owed them one. Honestly, it was a big week for us and it showed we came together as a team."

Quarterback Austin Brown, who was 11-of-12 passing for 150 yards, scrambled out of the pocket and raced down the sideline 35 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching TD



Catholic Central receiver Kevin Korte (right) makes the grab over Grandville defender Jalen Raniga.

with only 3:07 remaining in the final quarter for a 28-14 advantage.

Brown also remembered that preseason tilt.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Shamrocks eye another title run

Northville, Novi play weekend season opener this Friday

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Three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central lost a boatload of seniors from a year ago.

But despite returning only five players off last year's 24-7 squad, it won't be man overboard just yet for the 2016-17 edition of the Shamrocks, who will be aiming for the school's 15th state title.

Second-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki got an early glimpse of his rebuilt squad during Saturday's preseason scrimmage at Toledo St. Francis and was encouraged by what he saw.

"We got contributions from a lot of different guys, which is always exciting from a coach's standpoint, to see you've got multiple guys that can put the puck in the net," he said. "And that goes a long way, but obviously we don't like giving up goals on the other end, so we've got to shore up some things



Catholic Central's Michael Considine (right front) is one of five returnees.

on that end. But with only a couple of days of practice, that certainly is a positive start."

The Shamrocks outscored St. Francis in the scrimmage, 8-4.

"There's a lot of things we haven't had a lot of time to go over and being in actual, live game action is great," Kaleniecki said. "For those situations, you can see what areas we need to cover again, which areas we need to

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PREP ATHLETICS



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Football coaches from the new nine-team league met last Thursday to discuss a variety of topics.

New nine-school breakaway league begins to take shape

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It's full steam ahead for the nine schools which have broken away from the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association to form their own league.

Close to a total of 100 coaches and athletic directors met for the first time at an informational meeting Nov. 10 at Milford High School to discuss plans going forward for the 2017-18 school year.

The schools represented included Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

After initial remarks were made by league president Brian Swinehart of the Walled Lake district, the new members gathered to discuss league development, specifically in regards to a constitution, by-laws, scheduling, name/logo and activities.

Coaches then broke into groups for all the different MHSAA-sponsored sports that were represented at the meeting.

"It's a process getting a generic by-law, a generic schedule where we identify some key coaches for each sport," said Greg Michaels, athletic coordinator for the Huron Valley district. "We're calling them sports liaisons. Then we ask them to reach out to their sports community. Some of them met, sat down, discussed, had a meeting, looked at by-laws, looked at probable schedules."

With Pinckney also leaving for the Southeastern Conference next school year, the KLAA is now down to 14 schools — Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Hartland, Howell and Grand Blanc.

Superintendents from all of the KLAA's school districts met Oct. 28 to discuss their impending moves and plans for the future.

"It was a pretty spirited group last night, good fun, energized," Michaels said. "There's not 100-percent buy-in, but there's a majority that buy in. There's a lot of good relationships still with the remaining 14 (KLAA) schools with coaches. A lot of history there. That's what they'll miss most. They'll miss the competition and the relationships they had with other coaches and colleagues."

Some ties, however, remain strong with the remaining schools in the KLAA.

"I think it's relationships, collegial relationships they've established," Michaels said. "It's history, camaraderie. It was an open forum. It was 95 percent good juice and energy. This is my own assumption. No one came for-

ward and said, 'This sucks.' It wasn't like that when I took temperature (and) gauged the room."

Lakeland activities director Scott Rolando also spoke about the name and logo development for the new league, which will be decided by the nine student bodies' leadership groups in a vote expected to be finalized by next month.

One of the concerns going forward for the new nine-school league is scheduling. Michaels also talked about possibly expanding to 10 or even 12 member schools for the new league.

"Some groups are excited to be able to broaden their non-league schedules," he said. "There will be challenges with that. We talked about long-term vision. We want two divisions of five or two divisions of six. That's the long-term vision. That makes scheduling a little more convenient. It opens up the door for more division titles and conference titles, which we liked in the KLAA, which was a great model. The more we can recognize championships with kids, the better, no doubt. All these schedules are being created for a nine-team conference. We're not splitting up a five and a four."

The most challenging aspect and one of the driving forces for the split was football. The new nine-school league has an unbalanced schedule.

"We have bye weeks," Michaels said. "We identified those bye weeks, everyone is going to have a bye week, so we're hitting the pavement hard with that. We talked with (Pontiac) Notre Dame Prep, which is an independent now. We're going to schedule one or two games with them. We're working with the Flint Metro, we've scheduled one or two games with them. Three schools still need non-league games, because we're hitting the ground running with that. We're trying to gobble up some games."

South Lyon East, the smallest school in the conference (with 963 students), is looking forward to the move for 2017-18.

"Everybody is kind of looking at it as a great opportunity for a new start and kind of make our league a unique league and something to be a part of," East football coach Joe Pesci said. "We're pretty excited about what we have going forward."

Football scheduling, however, remains the biggest challenge.

"That was one of the major concerns going into it, how to accommodate everybody with their bye week," said Pesci, who served as the football liaison at the first informational meeting. "Some schools have gone out and been proactive to find opponents. Other leagues have contacted some of the A.D.s about doing a crossover. I'm not quite sure who everybody is matched up with and who everybody got with their bye week. Our school was contacted by Dexter about possibly doing a two-year contract with our bye."

Football coaches also had other concerns in addition to scheduling.

"A lot of the by-law stuff is pretty familiar to all the coaches," Pesci said. "We took a pretty good portion of it from the KLAA. We kind of liked what was going on there. Some of the things that had been proposed that are still in consideration are trying to do a 40-second play clock and every home team has that to make it easier on the coaches and players to see how much time is left. After that, it was pretty much the standard by-laws and rules."

The 40-second play clock was used last season by KLAA member Brighton.

"They saw that as something really unique and they were just hoping to adapt that," Pesci said. "Obviously, getting the clocks for each school would pose cost to the (athletic) departments. We're not quite sure feasibly how we can make it happen yet. I'm not quite sure what kind of clocks there are, but I imagine with technology today that somebody could control all of that through a Wi-Fi device up in the press box right down to the clock."

One of the driving forces for the nine schools splitting off from the KLAA was equity of competition based on school enrollments. Some of the remaining KLAA members, such as Grand Blanc, Howell, Novi, Northville and Hartland, have enrollments in excess of 2,000.

"We wanted to get with like schools," Michaels said. "And when you look at enrollment, you look at geography, you look at win-loss percentages over the past eight years, we thought these nine schools were very compatible. If we expand in the future, that's what our goal would be, is to bring in a school with those similarities. Geographic proximity, win-loss percentages and enrollment."

This fall, Lakeland (enrollment 1,882), enjoyed immense success in the KLAA, a winning conference title in boys cross country, as well as division titles in girls cross country, girls swimming, girls golf and boys soccer. Lakeland also won the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country state title for the third time in school history.

Other conference or division titles came from outgoing KLAA schools were won by Milford (girls cross country), Walled Lake Western (football), Walled Lake Central (volleyball and boys soccer) and Walled Lake Northern (boys tennis).

The Milford girls cross country team also captured its first state title in school history.

"We've had quite a history in Huron Valley for running," Michaels said. "We get 130 kids at the middle school and the coaches do a good job promoting it. We had a good fall, absolutely."

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PREP LACROSSE

Northville's Durham honored as top coach

Mustangs mentor recognized for outstanding 2015-16 season

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Northville's Greg Durham, who guided the Mustangs to KLAA Association and Kensington Conference titles last spring, was recently honored as the 2015-16 Coach of the Year by the Men's High School Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Durham was recognized by his peers by the Michigan High School Coaches Association, the governing body for each individual sports' association.

Multiple criteria were used for each nominee, including impact on the game, longevity, impact on young men's lives, sportsmanship and coaching acumen. A coach may only win the award one time during his career.

Durham has amassed a 121-98 record at Northville, including an 11-8 mark last season as the Mustangs reached the MHSAA Division 1 regional semifinal before losing to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 10-3.

He has served multiple terms as vice president of the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association and has played an integral part in helping managing and tweaking both the all-state and All-America process.

Durham has also spent his time being devoted to making sure that all member schools keep the best interest of the sport, and the students, at the forefront of everything they do.

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Northville's Greg Durham (left) was honored recently as the state's top boys lacrosse coach.

VOLLEYBALL

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"Everything we threw at them, they dug up," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel. "They had very few errors and were able to put the ball away."

The Marlins grabbed their only lead of the set to begin the third set on an ace from Hunter, followed by sophomore hitter Logan Beyer providing a kill shortly thereafter to give them a 3-2 advantage.

A pair of errors, however, handed control of the scoreboard back to Novi, which cruised the rest of the way.

The Wildcats' lead grew to as many as 12 points throughout the match, which came courtesy of a Cummings kill to make it 22-10.

A well-played ball by senior middle blocker Emmy Robinson off an O'Leary set was the final touch to hand Novi its third regional title as many years.

"Everybody on our team was locked in and we didn't let up at all," Cannon said. "I think it was one of our best games."

Vogel spoke highly of her players after the game, especially of Kuffner, a senior who moved over from her outside hitter position due to an injury to the starting setter.

"Early on, we lost our setter," Vogel said. "The young lady Kennedy Kuffner came in and never was a setter in our program. She carried us to here and I can't tell you how much respect I have for her. For everyone else, stepping in and playing well for us, we had a very successful season."

With her team one step closer toward repeating as state champions once again, Cottrill said that it's all about living in the moment.

"As you proceed in the state tournament, it's easy to get wrapped in winning and all the scores and all those sorts of things," Cottrill said. "In the past, we've had success just focusing on what we need to do to win and the process and it really has paid off because it takes the pressure off to focus on volleyball."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lacrosse tryouts

Tryouts for the 2017 Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse boys teams will be Sunday, Nov. 20, and Friday, Dec. 2, at Detroit Country Day Fieldhouse, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills.

Tryout times will be 7-8:15 p.m. for both 12-and-under (grades 5-6) and high school (school years 2018-19 and 2019-20), while the 14-and-under Orange and Blue teams (grades 7-8) will be 8:15-9:30 p.m. both dates.

In order to be considered, all players must attend the tryouts, where they will be evaluated with players of their age. Any player that does not attend the

tryouts must contact Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse in order to be evaluated.

To register for the tryouts, go to www.michiganmavericks.org. The cost is \$20. (You can pay online or by cash/check the night of the tryouts. Checks should be made out to Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse.)

For more information, email michiganmavs@gmail.com.

Cain earns all-MIAA

Adrian College junior Sean Cain (Northville H.S.) recently earned second team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors in men's soccer.

The midfielder, who started all 19 games, scored one goal and added one assist. Cain was an integral part of the Adrian defensive success this season as the Bulldogs finished 11-8 overall and 9-5 in the MIAA.

Panthers football

The Michigan Panthers will be starting a new youth football team beginning in fall 2017, as well as staging football camps beginning in January.

For more information, go to www.michiganpanthersyfc.com as the site will be have updated information over the next few months. Updates can also be found on the Panthers' Facebook page.

COLLEGE SWIMMING

Novi's Murphy always had Georgia on his mind

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Before he becomes a Georgia Bulldog next season, Camden Murphy has some unfinished business as a high school swimmer.

The Novi senior, who signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent Nov. 9 with the University of Georgia, plans to join the Wildcats for the first time in mid-December after competing in the 2016 Speedo Junior Winter Nationals at Ohio State University.

"I made an early decision in early June," Murphy said. "It was the school I really wanted to go to and the one I set my heart to."

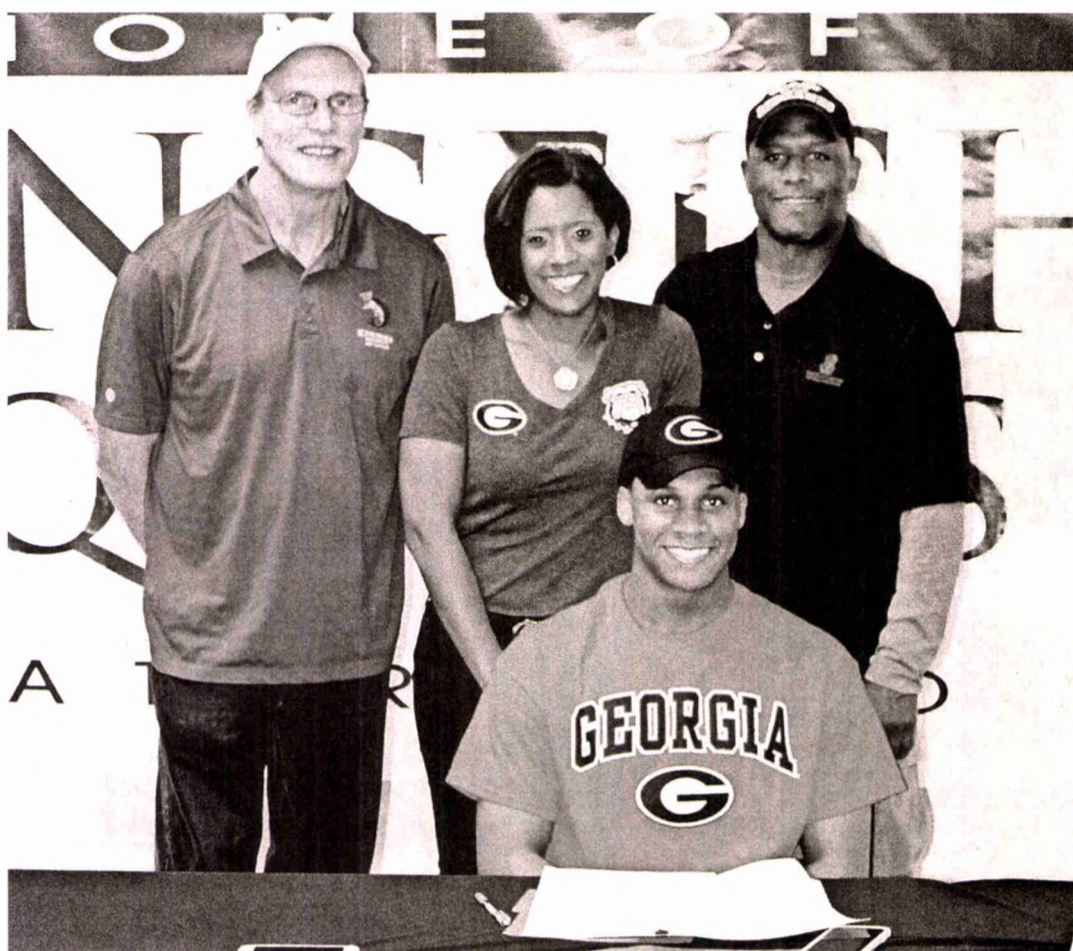
Murphy, who has performed solely with the Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford during his first three years of high school, is the No. 4-rated 2017 recruit nationally by SwimSwam.com.

His best events include the 100-yard butterfly (46.25), 200 butterfly (1:44.31) and 100 backstroke (49.67).

His 100 butterfly time would already beat the all-class Michigan High School Athletic Association record of 47.33, set in 2011 by Battle Creek Lakeview's Clay Youngquist.

Georgia, with a rich tradition in both women's and men's swimming, won out for Murphy's services over such schools as Michigan, Arizona, Florida and Auburn.

Georgia sent 12 swimmers to the Rio Summer Games, including eight from the U.S. (led by Canton's Allison Schmitt), three from Canada and one from Finland. Georgia coach Jack Bauerle served as the U.S. men's assistant coach in 2016 and was the U.S. women's head



Novi's Camden Murphy signed a swimming letter-of-intent with the University of Georgia. On hand for the signing were Kingfish Aquatic coach Brad Brockway and Murphy's parents, Monyka and Jamie.

coach in 2008 (in Beijing).

"There were a lot of different factors," said Murphy, who plans to study business. "The two biggest factors is that it's a really good academic school and it's a really good swimming school. They've put a lot of people on the Olympic team. They do really well at NCAAs.

"The other factor was the coaches were really great, they're really nice. They're fun to work with and a lot of the guys on the team were super-nice. Just kind of a fun team altogether."

Murphy, coached by Brad Brockway of Kingfish, qualified for the 2016 U.S. Olympic

Trials last July in Omaha, Neb., where he took 53rd out of a field of 133 with a 100-meter butterfly time of 54.40, but it was off his previous best of 53.79.

That event was won by none other than Michael Phelps.

"I didn't do as good as I wanted to and, at the time, I

was kind of disappointed," Murphy said. "But after, I was just happy I was there because it was a really exciting meet to race with all those previous Olympians and all those fast swimmers. And to see those people make the Olympic team for the first time was really cool."

Following the Olympic Trials, Murphy went on to compete Aug. 8-12 in Minneapolis for the 2016 Speedo Junior Nationals, where he said, "I didn't do as well." His best finish was third in the 100-meter butterfly (54.14).

Murphy also competed in the 200 butterfly (20th, 2:05.00), 50 freestyle (45th, 24.55), 100 backstroke (60th, 1:01.12) and 200 freestyle (65th, 1:56.83).

Murphy said he'll be splitting time between workouts at Waterford Mont H.S. with Kingfish and Novi.

"I'll do all the mornings Mondays through Fridays at Novi, the afternoons with Kingfish and some afternoons with Novi," Murphy said. "Saturdays and Sundays, I'll swim with Kingfish. I'll start training with Novi after Junior Nationals in Columbus."

Murphy's presence alone should elevate Novi's stock as a team statewide for the 2016-17 season.

And coach Brent Pohlonski is elated about Murphy's decision to swim his final high school season for the Wildcats, who placed seventh in last year's MHSAA Division 1 state finals with 134 points.

"He said he was excited and said all the boys were really excited, too. I'm excited, so ..."

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BOYS HOCKEY TEAM CAPSULES



Novi's senior captain this season include (from left) Brandon Kour, Anthony Luongo and Cam Czapski.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Brandon Kaleniecki, second year.

League: Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League (North Division).

Last year's record: 24-7

Titles won last year: MHSAA Division 1, regional and MIHL North champions.

Notable losses to graduation: JoJo Mancinelli (Area Player of the Year), Alex Kreuzer (first team All-Area); Kyle Mulka (first team All-Area), J.P. Lafferty (first team All-Area); Alec Calvaruso (second team All-Area), Luc Krasicky (second team All-Area); Nick Macari, Brian Kearns, Sheldon Wasik, Glynn Robitaille.

Leading returnees: Austin Roell, Sr. Def. (captain); Zachary Sprys-Tellner, Sr. F. (captain); Michael Considine, Sr. F. (captain); Brendan West, Jr. F.; Jared Lee, Jr. F.

Promising newcomers: Spencer Kimball, Sr. Def.; Sean Finnstrom, Sr. G.; Joe Pemecki, Sr. G.; Nicco Zervas, Sr. F.; Greg McQuade, Jr. F.; Ethan Ervin, Sr. F.; Mitch Morris, Soph. F.; Carter Korpi, Soph. F.; Parick Brandemihl, Jr. F.; John Zielinski, Sr. F.

Kaleniecki's 2016-17 outlook: "Most of them have been through our JV program, but a few of them have not. It's good mix, but most of them have been in our JV system for a while now, so they have an idea of who they are and what type of player they are before they ever really arrive on my door. They've been waiting their time, they've been playing JV hockey, some of them for three years. They've kind of been waiting for the opportunity to play and this year a lot of them have that opportunity. With the amount of guys that we graduated — which seems to be kind of a trend every year — which every high school team goes through that where you just graduate a decent amount of your team. And you've kind of got to replenish it kind of quickly."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Clint Robert, eighth year.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 16-8-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Dann (first team All-Area), Riley Brass (second team All-Area), Zac Osaer.

Leading returnees: Brett Miller, Sr. G. (first team All-Area; alternate captain); Nick Williams, Jr. Def. (second team All-Area; alternate captain); Jack Sargent, Jr. Def.; Alex lafrate, Sr. F. (captain); Jimmy Dales, Jr. F.; Daniel McKee, Sr. F.; Shane Bryans, Sr. Def.; Josh Mitchell, Sr. Def.; Nick Bonofiglio, Sr. F.; Ty Kilar, Sr. F.; Luke Skillman, Sr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Devin Laba, Jr. F.; Mike Szorzo, Jr. F.

Robert's 2016-17 outlook: "I think we'll be strong defensively. I think we'll have a lot of depth, up front and on the blue line. Our goal is to think defense first, but I certainly think our expectations should certainly be high this year. I think everyone needs to stay on board with the idea of playing defense first. It's not glamorous, but I think it's what wins championships."



NOVI

Head coach: Mark Vellucci, fourth season.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 8-15-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Brennan Martin (first team All-Area), Jake Cyr.

Leading returnees: Brandon Kour, Sr. F. (captain); Anthony Luongo, Sr. Def. (captain); Cam Czapski, Sr. F. (captain); Derek DuBois, Sr. F.; Ryan Fonda, Sr. Def.; Zach Perpich, Sr. F.; David DeNova, Sr. F.; Ryan Wexler, Sr. F.; Manny Legace, Jr., Sr. G.; Alec Giragosian, Jr. F.; Alex Scarozza, Jr. F.; Nathan Graff, Jr. Def.; Mitchell Grinshpun, Jr. F.; Logan Londo, Jr. F.; Joe Casselton, Jr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Louis Wolff, Jr. Def.; Chris Martin, Soph. Def.; Evan Chippa, Soph. F.; Noah La'Vigne, Fr. G.

Vellucci's 2016-17 outlook: "We return 15 guys from last year's team. We have a good senior base this year. Manny (Legace) is in net, he's our No. 1 goalie. He's looked really good this summer and fall. It's his spot to take and he'll probably play a majority of the games. We're solid on 'D' with four defensemen with Fonda, Luongo, Casselton and Graff. Adding Martin and Wolff to it we're solid right there. I think up front we'll be solid with two or three lines. I think we'll have a tough time scoring early on, but once we get going we should be fine."

HOCKEY

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introduce some different things. All in all, it was a positive start and gave us an idea of some things that we have to make sure we cover certainly before we go down to Culver (Military Academy)."

CC's top returnees include the team's three senior captains — Austin Roell, a defenseman, Zachary Sprys-Tellner, a forward (eight goals, 12 assists), and Michael Considine (eight goals, four assists). They are joined by junior forwards Jared Lee (seven goals, 14 assists) and Brendan West (seven goals, 12 assists).

"We'll have some bumps and bruises along the way, but we've got a good group and they're going to work," said Kaleniecki, who lost his top six top scorers to graduation, including Area Player of the Year JoJo Mancinelli. "We'll, obviously, try to get up to speed where we need to be. It might be a little more of a process this year with so many new guys, but hey, a lot of these guys have been waiting for this opportunity to come."

After CC opens its season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against host Port Huron Northern at McMorrin Arena, the Shamrocks will then hit the road for a two-game set Friday and Saturday against Midwest power Culver (Ind.) Military Academy.

Culver won last year's two-game weekend series against CC during the middle of the season by a combined score of 7-2.

"Ideally, it's not when we like to go down there and play them, but due to some scheduling conflicts this year, it was either this upcoming weekend or wasn't going to be at all and, obviously, we want keep that tradition going," Kaleniecki said. "We said, sure, we'll come down. Obviously, it makes it a little bit of a nightmare from my point of view, because you know they're going to be one of the best teams, hands down, in any division they play. They're just a phenomenal hockey team and for our kids, we're going to find out real fast where we're at and how much farther we've got to go. It's a great challenge and great test for our kids right away. It will also offer a lot of opportunity for some learning experiences in there as well."

Northville ready

Coach Clint Robert returns to guide the Mustangs behind the bench following a one-year hiatus after taking a leave to concentrate on pro-

fessional development and school studies.

Assistant Jon Gates served as interim coach as Northville finished 16-8-1 overall, falling to CC in the opening round of the state tournament, 4-1.

Senior Brett Miller, a first team All-Area selection, returns in goal after finishing with an 11-7-1 record and a 2.33 goals-against average. The alternate captain posted a .917 save percentage (with two shutouts).

Junior Nick Williams, a second team All-Area pick who finished with six goals and 10 assists, will anchor the defense, along with junior alternate captain Jack Sargent.

Meanwhile, junior Daniel McKee (10 goals, 10 assists) and senior captain Alex lafrate will lead an experienced group of forwards.

"We have to make sure we all stay committed to think defense first," said Robert, in his eighth season. "We have bunch of really good guys and players. We're excited about every new guy and everybody should contribute."

Can Novi score?

After suffering through an 8-15-2 campaign in 2015-16, things are looking up this season for Novi as fourth-year coach Mark Vellucci returns 15 players.

The Wildcats, who hope to make a run in the KLAAs strong Central Division, will be led by senior captains Brandon Kour (10 goals, eight assists), Anthony Luongo and Cam Czapski.

Meanwhile, an improved Manny Legace Jr. takes over in goal full time for the Wildcats after playing a backup role last season.

"My biggest concern is scoring," Vellucci said. "I think we'll win a lot of low-scoring games, especially against the better teams, better programs, stronger programs. ... I think we'll be right in the mix. Defensively, I think we're strong in goal and on 'D.' Offense, we've just got to put the puck in the net and get pucks to the net. I think one of our strengths is speed. We're smaller-sized up front. We don't have any big bruiser, body guys, so more or less we'll have to use our strength and speed there."

Novi opens its season at 5:15 p.m. Friday against Muskegon Mona Shores and faces Muskegon Reeths-Puffer at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, with both games at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville, meanwhile, takes on Reeths-Puffer at 7:45 p.m. Friday and Mona Shores at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, both games also at Novi Ice Arena.

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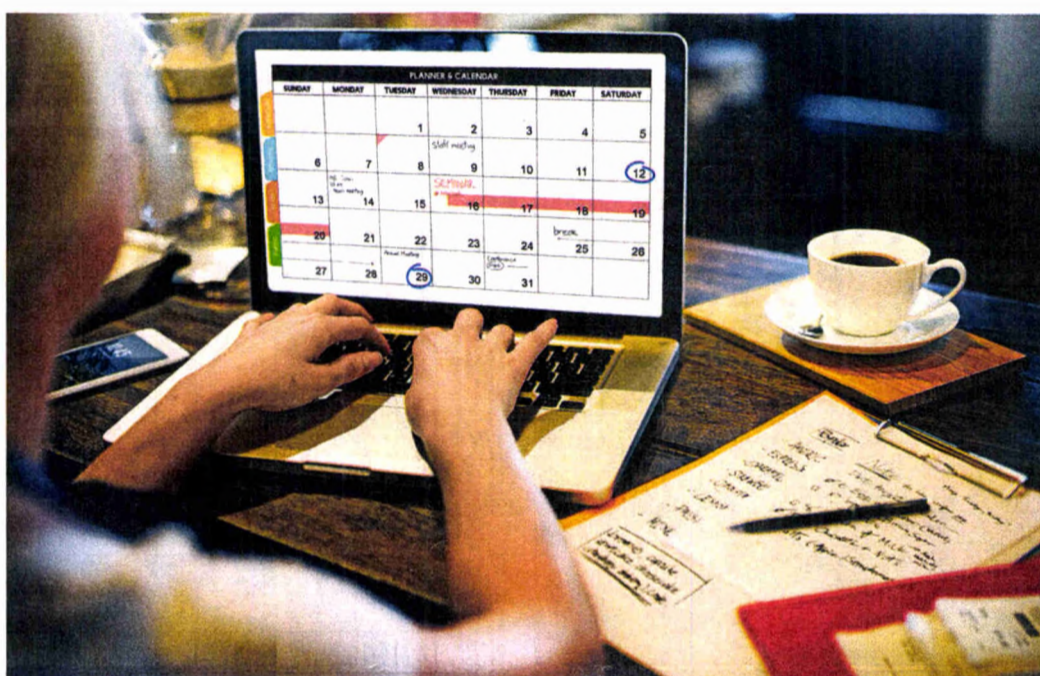
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Heather Franks knows the meaning of a side hustle. Before founding Design Your Life, where she coaches women on starting their dream businesses, she had a full-time job at a design firm, was working for another company on the side and had her own interior-design business.

"Starting out, I simply did what I had to do," Franks says. "I would get up at 5 a.m., work on the side work, go to work (from) 8 to 5, maybe hit the gym (and) then come home to work on my businesses. And of course the weekends were devoted to my business. ... I lived by my calendar." She adds that it can be challenging to find balance between your side gig and your day job. "It takes planning and understanding (and) knowing what your end goal is."

Whatever your motivation may be — supplemental income, a passion project or eventually breaking out on your own — follow these tips for finding success with a side hustle.

Define your goals. Joseph Liu, a career consultant and host of the Career Relaunch podcast, emphasizes the importance of setting realistic



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goals and objectives "to help guide where and how you invest your efforts, especially since you'll have limited time you can dedicate toward it," he says. "Is the side hustle about exploration? If so, focus on tinkering with several ideas. Creating supplemental income? Focus on securing clients or customers. Laying down the foundations for a business you eventually launch while you have a stable income? Invest in creating your long-term business plan and vision."

Evaluate your interests. When determining which side hustle to pursue, consider not only what you're good at but also what excites you.

"A side hustle is, by definition, a project you're squeezing into your evenings and weekends on top of your day job's responsibilities," Liu says. "Therefore, because you'll often be tapping into whatever physical and mental energy reserve you have to do this work, it's important that your side project be energy-generating rather than energy-

depleting. When evaluating different side hustles to get involved in, try to pursue those that truly excite and energize you. This often means pursuing side hustles that align with your values, natural passions or underutilized strengths."

Be prepared to make sacrifices. Lisa Lewis, founder of So Much More Career Coaching, has been side hustling as a career coach for about a year and is taking the leap to make it an independent, full-time business. She's

had to make some tough decisions about what activities to cut out to make time for her passion.

"While I loved singing with my choir, I knew that I would regret using choir as the excuse not to pursue my business idea," she says. "So rather than trade off time with my significant other or time for sleep, I cut way back on volunteerism and trimmed down to the essentials. ... These were definitely trade-offs, but for me, the potential gains from side-hustle success and fulfillment outweighed the downside of the temporary trade-offs."

Don't slack on your day job. "If this truly is a side gig, you need to ensure you're still prioritizing your day job's work priorities," Liu says. "If your side hustle begins to interfere with your day job, you either need to pull back on how much time you're spending on your side hustle or make a decision about whether to give up your day job to more fully dedicate yourself to your side gig."

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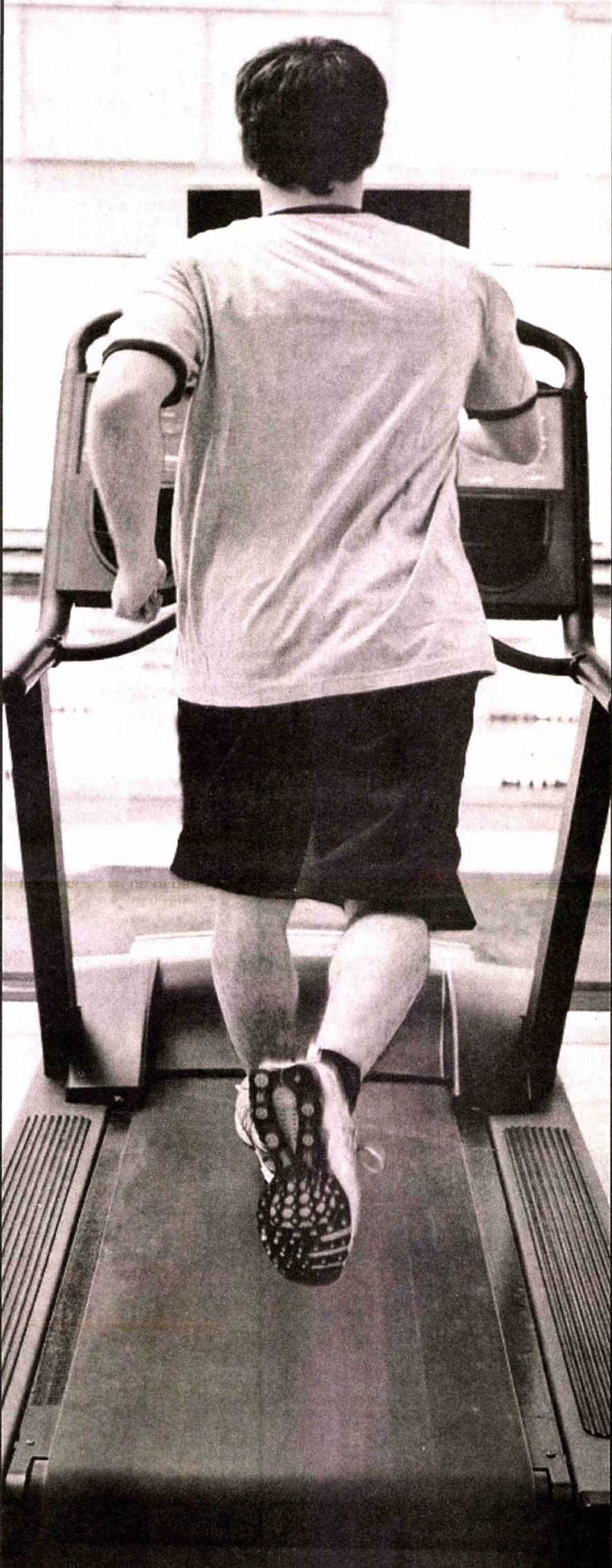
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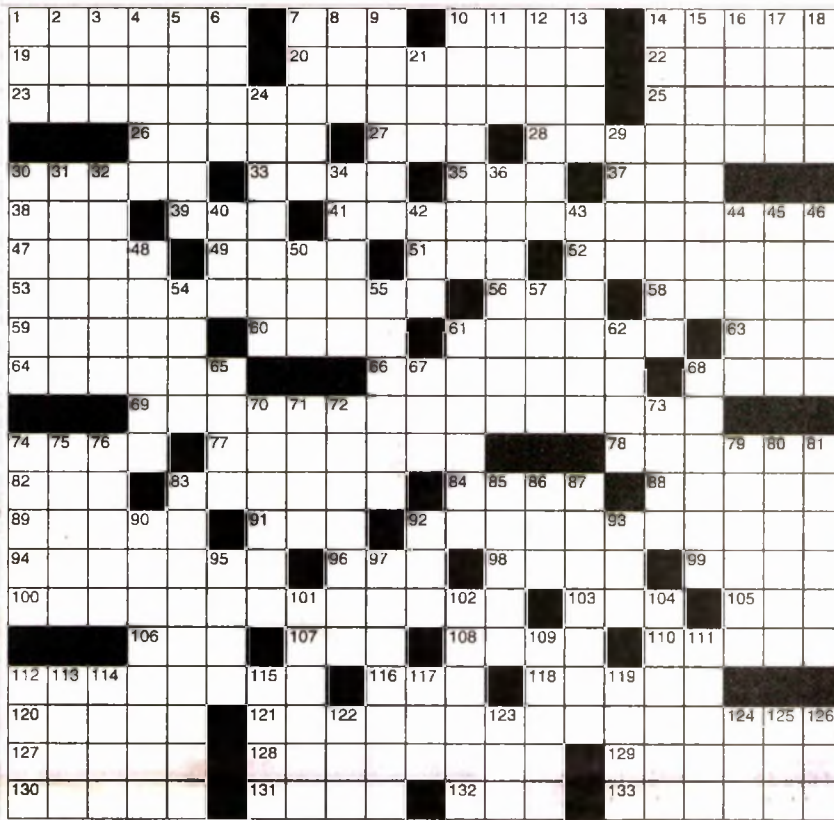
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 - 14 Foe
 - 19 Goddess of the arts
 - 20 Single guy
 - 22 Cartoon art of Japan
 - 23 Flip one's lid
 - 25 Certain opening for a bolt
 - 26 Proportional relationship
 - 27 Millennium ends?
 - 28 Bottle plugs
 - 30 Welsh pooch
 - 33 Brit's baby buggy
 - 35 "I think," to a texter
 - 37 Former miler Sebastian
 - 38 Rainbow part
 - 39 Drake's genre
 - 41 Small, aggressive fowl
 - 47 24-hr. sources of bills
 - 49 Sorority letter
 - 51 Bluto pursued her
 - 52 Having ill will
 - 53 Free-swimming, stalkless echinoderm
 - 56 In addition
 - 58 Big blender brand
 - 59 "— Was a Lady" (Ethel Merman song)
 - 60 Crystal ball user
 - 61 Spring or fall
 - 63 Discontinue
 - 64 Martyr who's the patron of sailors
 - 66 Made red-faced
 - 68 24 hours —
 - 69 Rouse to action
 - 74 Close kin, for short
 - 77 Final deed
 - 78 Walks pompously
 - 82 Capote, to pals
 - 83 Distill brine from
 - 84 Put in a juicer
 - 88 Fertiliser compound
 - 89 "Crimewave" director Sam
 - 91 "... bug — feature?"
 - 92 Wallow, as a pig in mud
 - 94 Erase from memory
 - 96 Crude
 - 98 Kansas city
 - 99 In — (testy)
 - 100 Language of Chaucer
 - 103 Gershwin's "Concerto —"
 - 105 Prefix with propyl
 - 106 Suffix with urban
 - 107 Wormfish lookalike
 - 108 Focal points
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 - 116 — roll (hot)
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 - 127 Carried
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 - 129 Dwell too much (on)
 - 130 Hog havens
 - 131 Smell
 - 132 Vote against
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 - 34 Die away
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 - 42 Neither fish — fowl
 - 43 Elected
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 - 45 Kagan on the bench
 - 46 Dweebish
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 - 54 Hot-rod engine
 - 55 PLO leader
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 - 68 Exuberant cry in Mexico
 - 70 Downs a brew, say
 - 71 Ruler of yore
 - 72 Like escapees
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 - 81 Fights
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 - 93 Galloped
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 - 104 In a sauce of blazing liquor
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 - 111 Italian for "pardon me"
 - 112 Smidgens
 - 113 Gershwin's "Rhythm"
 - 114 Goa garb
 - 115 Really, really
 - 117 JFK's home
 - 119 "That's — blow"
 - 122 Luckus
 - 123 History topic
 - 124 Subdivision: Abbr.
 - 125 "Kinda" suffix
 - 126 Texas hrs.



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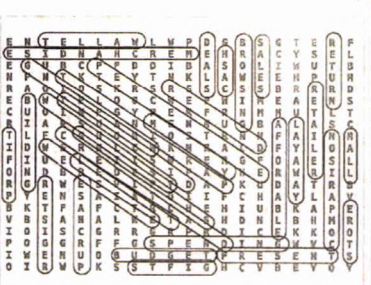
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Car Report

JEEP, ITS DEALERS GET BEHIND 'MOVEMBER' MEN'S HEALTH CAUSE WITH 'JEEPSTACHES' – AND MORE



By Dale Buss

Concerns about prostate cancer and other men's health issues are trending these days as the Movember movement -- and its featured symbolic mustaches -- grow on the nation's conscience.

Jeep and its dealers are helping out to raise funds in support of the Movember Foundation, which spotlights some of the biggest concerns about men's health in ways that

complement the well-established position of October, with its splashes of pink everywhere, as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Specifically, Jeep has launched a month-long campaign across its digital, social and experiential platforms focused on galvanizing the brand's substantial global audience to support the Movember Foundation.

Jeep is encouraging its fans, followers and owners to "Grow a Mo, Show a Mo" by purchasing a Jeep 'Stache by Carstache accessory to affix to their vehicle and by taking the Move Challenge. For every #JeepStache posted on Instagram and Twitter throughout the month, the Jeep brand will donate \$1 (up to \$15,000).

And as part of its year-long 75th-anniversary digital and social initiative, "My Jeep Story," the brand's November story will also shine a spotlight on the Movember Foundation.

There's also a social-media contest to win a new Jeep. And the brand is getting its dealer network involved in the Movember effort as well.

"Each of our dealers throughout the US has received a point of sale kit and it includes posters, window clings and things like that," Kim Adams House, head of Jeep advertising, told me. "But in addition

they have been sent one of our JeepStaches by CarStache, and we're asking them to display it prominently on one of their vehicles. Then they can sell the mustaches to their customers. And we make them available online."

Mike Manley, head of Jeep Brand and Ram Brand for FCA, spearheaded this effort. "As the only global charity focused solely on men's health, the Jeep brand's alliance with the Movember Foundation gives us the opportunity to shine a spotlight on a very important issue," he said in a press release.

I talked with House more about the brand's Movember efforts:

Q: What is your sense of how much traction the Movember Foundation has gotten for its men's health cause?

House: When we became involved we did our own due diligence and evaluated it as a philanthropic opportunity for the brand. As a global charity it is one of the largest if not the largest focusing on men's health. That in itself is pretty phenomenal. The focus they take is continuing to gain traction.

When we talk about it, it's one of those opportunities where we don't necessarily always think about it, but it's critical and important when you think about prostate and testicular cancer, and in particular with prostate: One out of seven men will be diagnosed in their lifetimes. That's a pretty daunting statistic. We would like to be part of the solution.



Mike Manley, head of Jeep brand and Ram brand, announced Movember partnership.

Q: Compare the cultural awareness and relevancy of Movember with that of October and Breast Cancer Awareness.

House: Breast cancer awareness has impacted my family and has been a global effort to bring awareness to a very important cause for women. Both are very important. Both are worth support and generating awareness and funds.

But the Movember Foundation is the opportunity that came forward to us and we looked at it and evaluated it and because it's on a lesser scale than breast cancer awareness, there was reason and just cause to get behind it and an effort to amplify it further.

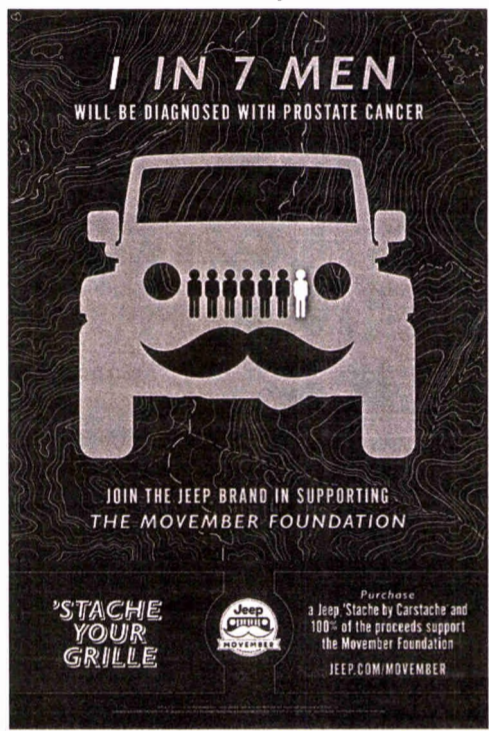
The Movember Foundation is seeing great traction and will continue to grow and advance its cause to find some very important cures.

Q: Why the Jeep brand?
House: This is a cause that

[Manley] has a lot of passion for. He doesn't easily embrace efforts unless he fully understands them and can fully get behind them. He saw some incredible statistics that raised concerns for him. So it's our way of putting the face of the brand forward and galvanizing our network.

Q: How did you decide on the specific marketing approach you would take?

House: You have to look at it in a number of different ways. What makes the most sense in terms of strategically making this work and making a difference? The social channels we have are vast ones and that would present the most valuable opportunity: north of 11 million fans and followers around the globe. So we have reached out not only to our fans and followers but also colleagues and US dealers and employees.



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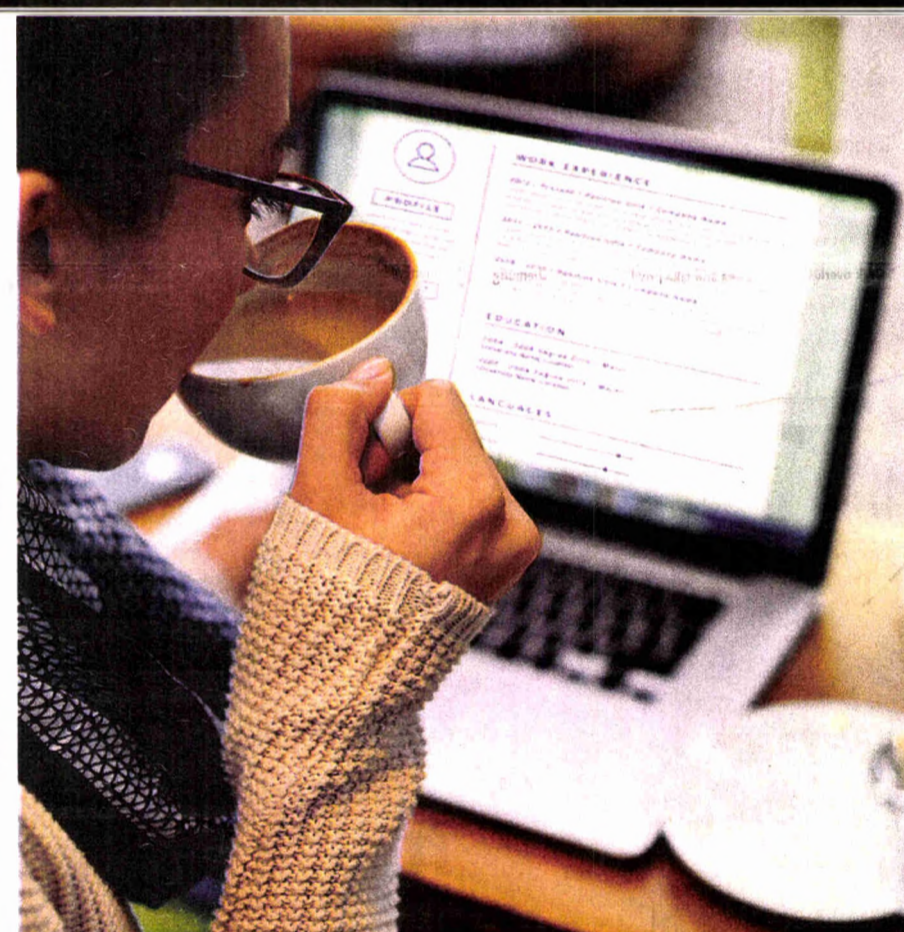
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