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Fundraiser for officer

Wixom Marathon & Empire Petroleum will host a fundraiser for the family of fallen Wayne State University Police Officer Colin Rose. The event takes place from 6 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, through 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at Wixom Marathon, which will donate 15 cents for every gallon of gas purchased, as well as 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of hot dogs, coffee and fountain pop, to Rose's family.

Student on SVSU stage

Saginaw Valley State University student actors and vocalists, including Commerce resident Abigail Burgess, will collaborate for the live radio show-style production, "Christmas of Yesteryear: A 1940s Radio Show." Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$13 and \$10 for students and seniors 60 and older. For more information or to order tickets, call 989-964-4261 or go to www.svsu.edu/boxoffice/.

Emagine to get largest screen

Novi theater will get \$4.5 million upgrade

Julie Hinds
Detroit Free Press

Emagine Novi plans to have the largest movie screen in Michigan by spring 2017. A \$4.5 million renovation plan for the location was announced Monday by Emagine Entertainment, which has 18 locations in Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota. Emagine Novi, which opened in 2002, was the company's original theater in metro Detroit. The update will introduce roomier dimensions for seating

the auditoriums, replace the rocker seats with adjustable reclining chairs, introduce new food options and update virtually every aspect of the location, from the restroom to the ticketing area.

The plan also includes combining two of the 18 auditoriums into one space in order to introduce what the Emagine folks are calling the state's biggest movie screen. It will be more than 86 feet wide and more than 50 feet high.

The new, expanded auditorium will feature laser projection with 4K imagery and a Dolby Atmos® immersive sound system. The



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Novi's Emagine movie theater will have the area's largest screen by spring 2017.

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In January, and again in March, Greta made fleece blankets for sick children.

Mother-daughter resolution prompts a year of giving

Fifth-grader chooses different cause each month to direct charitable efforts

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Greta McKee of Novi has set a new standard for new year's resolutions.

As 2016 rounds the bend, Greta, a fifth-grader at Thornton Creek Elementary, is wrapping up a resolution project she and her mother Erika began in January. To aid a worthy cause each month of the year by donating time and talent.

The project had Greta making fleece blankets for sick children, raising money to buy bottled water for people in Flint, participating in two charity fundraising races, visiting patients at a Veterans Affairs hospital and helping out at a Special Olympics soccer tournament. She's also made comfort packages for children at an area shelter, enlisting girls on her soccer team to help her with that project and served food to homeless people in Detroit.

In November, Greta had her hair cut for Pantene's Beautiful Lengths program, which provides wigs for women who've lost their hair while fighting cancer. In December, she's leading fellow students at Thornton Creek in writing letters for Operation Gratitude, which will send them to military personnel, veterans and



Greta McKee reacts to getting about 9 inches of her hair cut off at Salon Enigma in Farmington Hills. Looking on is her friend Charlotte Mills; the stylist is Denise Cook. Greta donated the hair to be made into wigs for women battling cancer.

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Novi students in showcase at state Capitol

Students from Village Oaks Elementary in Novi are headed to the state Capitol next month to participate in the 16th annual AT&T/MACUL/MVU Student Technology Showcase.

This event takes place from 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, and will give students opportunities to demonstrate and display for state lawmakers technology projects they have created. Parents, students and other attendees will also have time to discuss technology and innovation in schools with state education leaders.

Presented by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning and underwritten by AT&T and Michigan Virtual University, the 2016 Student Showcase will feature demonstrations from students representing more than 30 schools across Michigan.

"We are proud to have the chance to demonstrate students' projects to lawmakers and even prouder of the work our kids have done this school year. Having our students experience that they can truly share their learning with others and the world is a very powerful thing," said Melissa Cyrus, second-grade teacher at Village Oaks Elementary.

The students' project focuses on using the digital learning portfolio Seesaw, a place where students can show their learning and can even share where they are at in the learning process. It is also has a wonderful school-to-home connection that allows parents to see what their children are up to every day and makes classrooms very transparent to the community.

"We are looking forward to seeing the projects brought to the Capitol this year," said Mark Smith, MACUL executive director. "The Student Showcase is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their work with technology. We couldn't be more excited to see what the students have prepared."



Second-graders (from left) Kai Moseley, Reagan Conway and Alaina Beaudoin and third-grader Jack Fedell will participate in the technology showcase in Lansing.

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Fourth-grader Blake Hornback participates in Guest's Disability Awareness Workshop.

Workshop gives students insight to those living with disabilities

Mary Helen Guest Elementary fourth- and fifth-grade students recently participated in a Disability Awareness Workshop at their school, giving them a chance to experience a wide variety of disabilities, including physical impairments, speech and hearing, blindness, learning disabilities and autism.

The workshop began with a blind guest speaker, who brought her lead-

er dog and shared her life experiences with the students. Her message was that she didn't want people to treat her differently because she was blind. She wanted students to feel comfortable approaching her and asking to pet her dog.

The students then broke into groups to work through simulations. In order to put themselves in the shoes of those with these dis-

abilities, students:

- » Used canes while blindfolded to navigate a crowded hallway
- » Operated wheelchairs without the help of others to open doors
- » Used walkers and crutches while trying to carry everyday school items
- » Used items such as mirrors, goggles and headphones to mimic what everyday life is like
- » Learned about ac-

cessibility tools that help with everyday life

- » Made inventions to help people with disabilities

Students also learned about autism from a guest speaker who shared information about the disorder and what living with the disorder can be like. The students did activities that simulated what it was like to live with autism.

After learning about a variety of disabilities and disorders, students were given the task of completing an accessibility checklist. Students surveyed their building to determine if the proper tools were in place to help those with disabilities when they visit the school. Students examined everything from the width of parking spaces and door frames to water fountain and bathroom accessibility.

Kathy Murray, a Guest teacher, applied for the necessary grant funding to make this event possible.

"This workshop is a wonderful and meaningful experience for students," Murray said. "It teaches students what it is like to have a disability and develops empathy. It also creates a connection between students with and without disabilities."

Students completed a Reflection Worksheet at the end of the workshop and shared some of their thoughts and feelings:

- » "Today as I went through the stations of disability, I noticed that it can be very hard for people to interact or function if you have a disability. If I had a disability, then I would want people to think of me as a normal person and treat me like anyone else!"
- » "In the disability workshop, I learned that people with autism see the world a lot differently and sometimes see the lights flickering and get easily distracted! I used to think that it would be fun to be in a wheelchair, but now I know it would be super hard! I think it is awesome that blind people can learn braille and learn to maneuver around so well!"
- » "From now on I want to be extra thoughtful for people with disabilities!"

"We believe that lives change when our students are given the opportunity to step into someone else's shoes, the Disability Workshop offers our students these life changing moments," Principal Michelle Fiebke-Lang said. "Our ultimate goal at Mary Helen Guest is for every student to grow up and be kind, compassionate and empathetic. We believe that kindness matters! I am also very grateful for the support from our staff and community of volunteers."

The workshop was made possible by The Foundation for Excellence, with the goal of teaching students to be kind, caring and respectful people every day.

Fifth-grader Landon Tyler participates in Guest's Disability Awareness Workshop.

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The interior of Novi's Emagine Theater at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

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cost is expected to be more than \$500,000 for that one state-of-the-art auditorium.

The Giant Screen Experience at the Henry Ford, which was formerly an IMAX-branded theater, previously held the title of largest screen in the state, at 84 feet wide and 62 feet tall. Earlier this year, it switched to a digital-projection system and a screen with the somewhat smaller dimensions of 80 feet by 44 feet.

The Emagine Novi's grand reopening is expected to happen in May 2017. The theater, at the Twelve Mile Crossing at the Fountain Walk complex, will stay open through the remodeling process with a phased construction schedule.

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3D gummies come to Novi

The world's first 3D printer for gummy candy, the Katjes Magic Candy Factory, showed off its wares at Novi's Twelve Oaks mall last week with its new partner, Go! Games and Toys, the UK-based startup that brought an all-new GMO-free and vegetarian candy experience to shopping centers around the U.S. with an innovative Magical Mix & Make concept.

Katjes Magic Candy Factory managing director, Melissa Snover presented a brand-new shopping concept with the Magical Mix & Make experience. This unique assortment and presentation allows candy lovers to pick from a wide variety of gift containers, single color-coded veggie and vegan confectionery and personalized labels, in addition to Magic Candy Factory vegan 3D gummy candy customizable prints.

The Magical Mix & Make is an array of more than 20 unique varieties of rainbow candy, showcasing the art of European confectionery. From Milo the Fizzy Monkey to magical chocolate seeds, every product has a unique taste and back story, as well as being made from 100-percent natural fruit and vegetable extracts.

The innovative concept debuts not only with a veggie approach, but also allows customers to choose their favorite candy and customize their containers with colorful labels and ribbons.

In the same open-sided kiosk customers can watch their very own vegan 3D gummy candy being printed. Magic makers can choose to print a shape, an edible gummy selfie or a self-drawn design. Customers can write a message or even print an exact copy of their company logo in



Katjes Magic Candy Factory offers vegan, non-GMO gummy candy.



A Katjes Magic Candy Factory 3D printer makes a logo with sublime strawberry flavor gummy candy.

one of eight vegan flavors. Customers can then watch their candy being printed right in front of their eyes in less than five minutes, then add toppings such as glitter, fizzy or sour to complete their masterpiece.

The worldwide expansion of Katjes and Katjes Magic Candy Factory opens new dimensions through its partnership with Go! Games and Toys.

"Magic Candy Factory

is proud to partner with Go! Games and Toys to bring customers our one-of-a-kind, magic 3D candy in retail stores and online," said Melissa Snover, managing director of Katjes Fassin UK Ltd., Birmingham/UK.

"We're thrilled to start working with Katjes Magic Candy Factory," said Paul Hoffman, president of Go! Games and Toys. "We have the opportunity to work with cutting-edge technology, a

high-quality and delicious product and a strong international brand. Our Go! Games and Toys stores are ready to bring a bit of magic to the premier malls in which we operate and we know the concept will be widely embraced by the U.S. markets. Consumers will also be able to place orders online at www.GoGamesAndToys.com and have their magic delivered to them anywhere in the U.S."



Layah Davis (front, from left) and Sydney Runyon, along with Noah Kohn (second row, from left), Sophia Burkmyre, Zachary Scheidler, Mackenzie Sullivan, Johnny Isbania and Courtney Hess, play the key roles in "Aladdin Jr."

Sarah Banks school performs 'Aladdin Jr.'

Sarah Banks Middle School Performing Arts Department presents "Aladdin Jr." Dec. 8-10 at Sarah Banks Middle School (1760 Charms Road, Wixom). Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Students have been rehearsing their choreography, musical numbers and lines since September and are ready to put it all together on stage for an audience. They have a cast of 52 student performers and 43 student crew members working behind the scenes making sets, costumes, running lights, sound and doing hair and makeup.

The production also has a very dedicated group of parents who skillfully guide these students to give them opportunities to participate in every element of a musical production.

Based on the iconic animated film, with an Academy Award-winning score by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Disney's "Aladdin Jr." is sure to send audiences soaring on a flying carpet ride filled with romance and adventure.

When the street urchin Aladdin vies for the attention of the beautiful princess Jasmine, he uses a genie's magic power to become a prince in order to marry her. Iago, Jafar, the Genie and more are here in Disney's "Aladdin Jr.," a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem and the power of love.

Students in leading roles include Zachary Scheidler, Mackenzie Sullivan, Johnny Isbania, Sophia Burkmyre, Courtney Hess and Noah Kohn.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased online at www.wlcstickets.com or by calling 248-387-9160. Both reserved seating and general admission tickets are available.

Co-directors Jeff Danner and Pam Helm are "extremely proud of the work ethic and talent these young people have and feel fortunate to be able to work so hard and have so much fun at the same time."

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'Tree hugger' loves her Volt, Daisy

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Five years after Elissa Potter bought one of the first Chevrolet Volts in the area, she still loves her electric car.

Daisy — that's what Potter named her Volt — has her own Facebook page although there haven't been recent posts. It's called Volt Girl — a variation in terms of spelling is also used for Daisy's personalized license plate. Daisy has more than 93,000 miles on her odometer.

"I'm a tree-hugger. I wanted to use less oil, to reduce my carbon footprint. I'm a huge recycler — recycle, reduce, reuse," said Potter, a Westland resident who grew up in Garden City.

With a separately metered charging station at her home, Potter said she is currently paying \$40 per month for electricity to charge the car. That amount has increased from under \$35 per month, she said.

"I saved enough on gas to pay for a trip to Hawaii. I get gas every other month. It takes 10 gallons to fill up," Potter said. "I get 40-mile-per-gallon on gas alone on the generator."

The Volt has a large t-shaped battery installed under the passenger compartment. It has two engines — the electric engine and the gas engine which operates a generator to provide electricity when the battery needs charging.

"If I had to, I could take Ford Road or Michigan Avenue to work downtown on one charge. I used to get 40 or so miles per charge," said Potter, a nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit. "I average about 150 miles per gallon."

Plug and go



Elissa Potter visits the gas station every other month to fill up the nine-gallon gas tank.

When possible, Potter uses a free charging station but can also use a 110-volt cord to plug her Volt in for a charging.

"I'll walk a quarter of a mile for a charge while I do business. My husband won't," she said. "Ann Arbor has a free charging station. Then it's a bonus — you're not charged for parking."

The home charging was installed with a DTE grant and a tax refund. Potter said the charging stations take her vehicle from dead battery to a

full charge in four hours. Using a 110-volt cord, a full charge can take eight to 10 hours.

"Most places let me use an outside (110-outlet). I plugged into a hotel. I had to dig around in the snow. Only one place said no," said Potter, who has taken the Volt on trips to Pennsylvania and Ohio. "The batteries are supposed to be good for 10 years. GM has a plan to use the (old) batteries."

The 2011 Volt is the first new car owned by Potter, who saved up to

buy it while driving a pair of beater cars. She was on an unofficial waiting list for Volts when her 1996 Chevrolet Beretta died and on a cold December morning her second car, a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier, had a flat and frozen lug nuts.

"So I decided to get a new car. The salesperson said, 'What do you mean we don't have any Volts?'" said Potter, about her call to Mark Chevrolet in Wayne. "I was screaming at the top of my lungs when they said



Elissa Potter and husband Phil Potter love Daisy, the 5-year-old Chevrolet Volt.

they had the car." Recently, Potter said someone gave her a brochure from an area credit union that featured her picture. That's a legacy from her five minutes of fame as an early Volt owner.

"I was contacted by a company — they told me they were doing a research project about Volt owners in 2012. I went to New York City," she said. "You're gonna pay me to do my favorite thing, talking about my car? They paid for a hotel and per diem. I shot a commercial. I saw the 9-11 memorial, the Statue of Liberty and Times Square."

Potter was recognized after appearing in the commercial although she adds it was mostly by people she already knew. "I was on a billboard at the 2013 Detroit Auto Show. I got a picture of me with a picture of me," she said.

The \$42,000 price for a Volt was reduced thanks to a federal grant.

Tax credits

Since that first model year in 2011, General Motors has sold more than 100,000 Volts, according to Chevrolet spokesman Fred Ligouri. "We launched the second generation Volt late last year and are on a great pace of increased year over year sales — up

approximately 72 percent through August," he said.

The Chevrolet Volt is eligible for up to a \$7,500 federal tax credit and, depending on area of residence, some customers might be eligible for additional state and local incentives, Ligouri said.

"I'd buy another Volt given the opportunity, depending on the cost. I don't want to get rid of this one," said Potter, noting the room inside the hatchback Volt has allowed her to move anything she's needed.

General Motors describes the Chevrolet Volt as an electric vehicle that can travel 53 miles on stored electricity before seamlessly switching over to gas-generated electricity for continued travel of up to 420 miles between gasoline fill-ups or recharges.

The forthcoming Chevrolet Bolt EV is described as the first affordable electric vehicle capable of traveling 238 miles on a single charge. It's proportions as a small crossover, flat battery pack placed beneath the passenger compartment and innovative interior give it voluminous space in a easy to maneuver package, according to Ligouri.

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A charging station at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Area electric vehicle charging stations seeing increased use

David Veselenak
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Electric vehicles have joined the fleet of gasoline- and diesel-powered engines on local roads in the last several years. That's brought a drive for public charging stations at numerous places across western Wayne and Oakland counties.

But are these stations getting used?

When it comes to the few stations near the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Rich Weinkauf said the answer is unequivocally yes.

"The number of charging sessions has increased each year that the stations have been online, with over 2,000 vehicle charges accommodated in 2015," he said. "Over the years, the number of unique drivers that have taken advantage of the charging stations on the campus has increased, indicating more adoption of battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles in the area."

There are several charging stations across the region, with some of those in charge of maintaining them saying usage has justified their existence. Several surrounding communities contain such stations on public and private property, including Novi, Milford, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Redford, Lyon and Birmingham.

The college campus off Haggerty has four stations on campus for vehicles to plug into at no cost. They were installed in 2010 and have seen increased usage since that time, pumping out more than 59 megawatts of power in that time, Weinkauf said.

More expected statewide

With some places, such as Schoolcraft College, seeing increases, other charging stations appear to be pretty even when it comes to usage. Such stations would include the three in downtown Milford, which were installed in 2011.

Village manager Christian Wuerth said Milford did have as many as six stations when they were first installed, but some mechanical issues forced the village to take some out of commission. Still, with three stations available, Wuerth said he typically sees a few of the parking spaces occupied by vehicles charging on a routine basis.

"It was felt that going down to three wouldn't really harm the ability to use the charging stations," he said. "We're still seeing about the same numbers, about one or two cars at a time."

"It kind of mirrors the rest of the parking demand."

And growth is something that could happen statewide. One company that sees the value of these charging stations and could increase the number offered in Michigan is Consumers Energy. The power company has installed more than 55 charging stations across Michigan since 2011, with consumer charging stations available in Livonia, Royal Oak and Groveland Township in northwest Oakland County. Other stations operate in other parts of the state on Consumers Energy's power

grid, including in Jackson, Mason and Lansing. The company has another 40 designated specifically for the company's fleet vehicles.

Chris Weber, the company's director of alternative energy solutions, said they continue to see increased usage of these stations statewide. He expects those figures to increase, especially as electric vehicles become more accessible to middle-class consumers.

With leases ending on first-time electric vehicles, as well as the introduction of other electric vehicles such as the Chevrolet Bolt, Weber said there are about 30 models on the market that can utilize charging stations.

"People have a greater understanding now than they did five years," he said. "It's something that's not financially out of reach anymore."

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Garage owners love their Volt

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Dennis Wheeler had his eye on the Chevrolet Volt, a gas-electric hybrid, since it was a concept car, and when it hit the market, he bought one. Five years later, he has no regrets.

"It worked out perfectly as far as I'm concerned," said Wheeler, who owns, with wife Victoria, Denny's Service Center, an automobile repair shop on Starkweather in Plymouth.

"We'd buy another one in a heartbeat. Both of us feel the same way," he added.

The Wheelers, of Canton Township, bought the Volt so that Dennis could study the car over time and learn how it performed and how to maintain and repair it, and because Victoria, who does office work in the shop, needed something to replace the gas-guzzling Chevy Suburban she was driving.

Now, she wouldn't drive anything else.

"It's been a wonderful car, fuel efficiency-wise, maintenance-wise," Wheeler said. The Wheelers' Volt has nearly 99,000 miles on it.

The Volt is a General Motors Corp. plug-in hybrid that relies on a large battery to run an electric motor but also has a small gasoline engine. The internal combustion engine kicks in when the battery's charge gets low, turning a generator that allows the electric motor to continue powering the car. The Volt also fea-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Denny and Victoria Wheeler bought the Volt, in part, to learn how to fix it. Very little has needed fixing.

tures regenerative braking, which recaptures the energy used in braking to further recharge the battery.

Wheeler sounds like a commercial when he discusses the car: Economical, low maintenance, roomy, fun to drive. He's religious about oil changes and tire rotations, but other than some minor electrical problems, having the 12-volt battery used to start the car replaced and having some precautionary upgrades made to the main battery, it's needed very few repairs.

The battery used to power the car, for the first 40 miles or so after each full charge, "works as well today as the first day we had it," Wheeler said.

The Wheelers keep a 110-volt charger at the shop to plug in the Volt when it is there, and a

220-volt charging station at home, which can fully charge the battery much faster.

They pay about \$40 a month extra on their home electricity bill for all the 220-volt power the car needs. They've used free courtesy charging stations, like the ones at Schoolcraft College, and a charging station gift card they put \$25 on five years ago still has money on it.

And the gasoline fuel efficiency, Wheeler said, has been tremendous, averaging 109 miles to the gallon since they bought the Volt.

"If she doesn't drive over that 30-40-mile range (between charges), she doesn't have to put any gas in it," he said.

Not long after buying the car, Wheeler said, he and his wife realized they hadn't gassed up for

about six weeks and stopped at a station when they spotted a good price. They hadn't checked the fuel gauge, and the car only took a gallon or so. "It was like, laughable," he said.

The big battery, Wheeler said, gives the Volt a low center of gravity and even weight distribution. "What you get is a car that hugs the road, and a really nice car to drive," he said.

Wheeler said he's not afraid of high-mileage cars — he has some with well over 200,000 miles on them — and wants to keep the Volt until the motor fails. That, he said, could be well north of 300,000 miles.

"I want to go as many miles as that car will go," he said.

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RESOLUTION

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first responders.

What started early last year with what Erika McKee called "a conversation" about new year's resolutions has, for Greta, turned into an exciting endeavor that's still gaining momentum.

"After we started, I really got into it and I kind of wish we did more than one every month," Greta said recently. Greta said she gets satisfaction out of helping others.

The pair are planning to carry the resolution into next year and want to get others to join them (Greta has already gotten friends interested, in addition to schoolmates and fellow soccer players). They've even set up a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/gretasmonthlypledge, to document their project.

Greta's biggest effort came in August, when she was part of the youth crew that supported walkers during the area's Susan G. Komen 3-Day, which raises money to fight breast cancer. It's an event in which Erika McKee has long participated — this year was her 13th 3-Day — as a tribute to her mother, Deanne Nelson of Northville Township, a 15-year breast cancer survivor.

"I think it's the closest one to me," because of her grandmother and a neighbor who has also survived breast cancer, Greta said of the Komen.

"This year, it was especially neat that she got to be right there with us," Erika McKee said. Greta's brother Daniel, 17, also participated, walking the 3-Day for the second time. In May, the three raised about \$5,000 for the 3-Day by hosting a silent auction.

It was the walk, Greta said, that inspired her to get her locks cut to further help women facing cancer. "When I got to the 3-Day, it really kind



Greta, Erika and Daniel McKee at the end of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in August. While her mother and brother walked the fundraiser, Greta served on the youth crew that helped walkers.

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GRETA MCKEE
Novi fifth-grade student

of came to me," she said. Visiting the VA hospital, where Greta called the action during horse-racing games based on throwing dice, was another favorite. "It was really cool and I liked seeing all the men," she said.

"She was great with them," her mother said. "She was amazing. She was calling the horse races and smiling. When

they joked with her, she joked right back. I was really proud of her, to see how comfortable she was."

Erika McKee said she and Greta's monthly "adventures" have given them important time together and that the gratitude returned to them offers them as much, or maybe more, than they've given.

"We're giving our time, but getting so much more," she said. "Because we're walking away (with) just a heart full of love."

In addition to her mother and brother, Greta lives with her father Dave and sister Caitlin.

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In February, after collecting money from neighbors, Greta sent 2,200 bottles of water to people in Flint.



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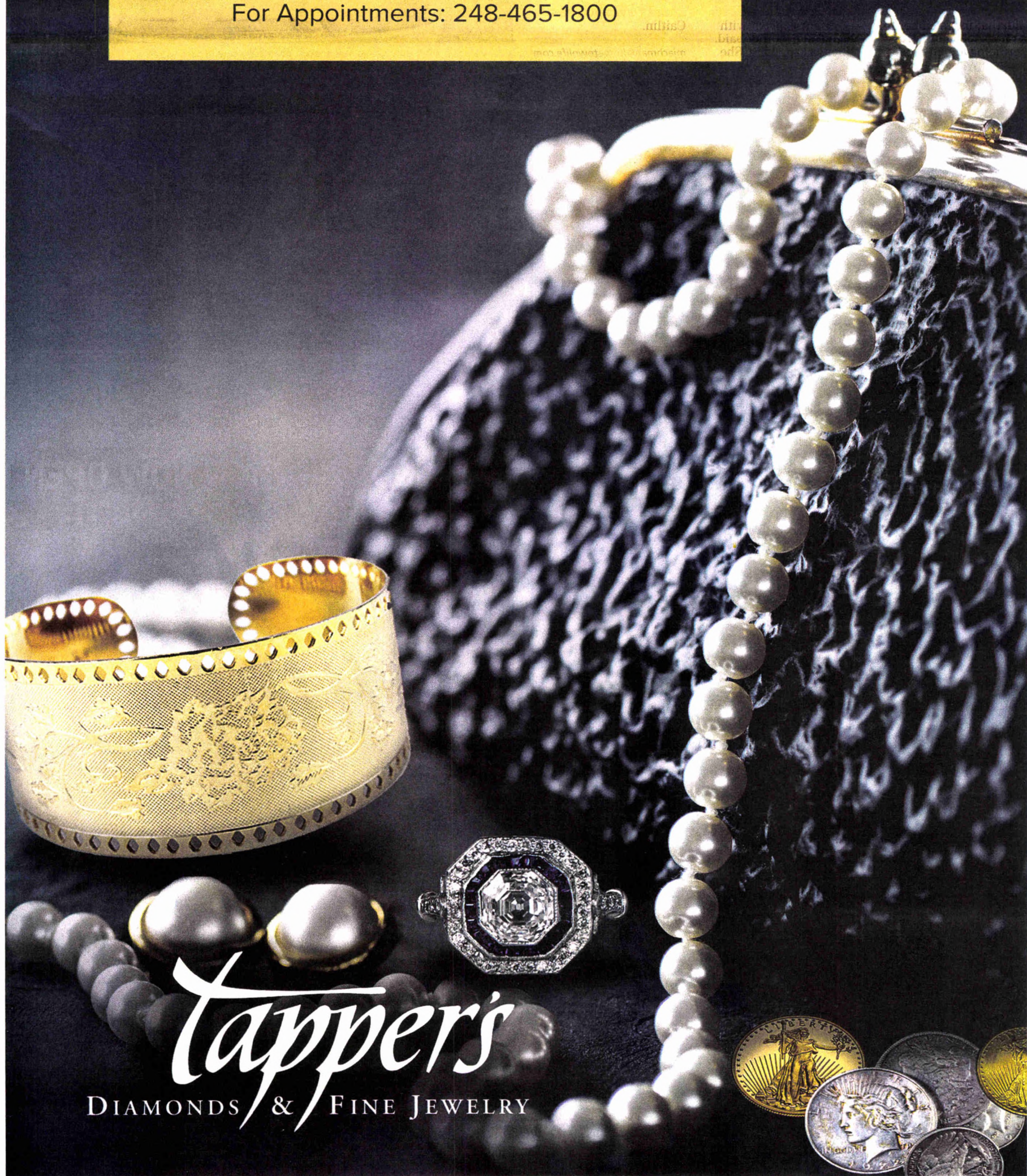
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Every bit an American

Recently, a group of 30 people from our First United Methodist Church of Northville visited the Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills to learn more about the Muslim community. Imam Al-Masmari gave us a tour of the mosque, showed two short videos on issues facing Muslims in America and held a question and answer session.

As I left I felt a stronger pride in living in America where we can all strive to learn more about our neighbors who may not share our same religion or cultural background, but who are every bit as American as I, whose French-Canadian great-grandfather was a pioneer in Michigan.

Russell Doré
Northville

Draining the swamp?

My God, what the hell have you people done to our country? Comrade Trump was supposed to drain the swamp, not fill it with every conceivable snake and leech the Republicans ever spawned. Boy, you "patriots" really showed us. You guys really "stuck it" to the establishment, eh?

Every single cabinet position and appointment is being filled with life-long Republican insiders, lobbyists and filthy rich Wall Street insiders. Every single one of these corrupt and incompetent boobs played a starring role in rigging the system against you, offshoring your jobs, destroying the economy the last decade and dragging us into Bush's Middle East debacle. Everything you whining crybabies screamed was wrong with D.C., you brought back, only on steroids.

Trump also promised to end crony capitalism and put his businesses in a blind trust his kids could run (which isn't a blind trust), but instead

he brings them into his transition team (illegal) and uses his presidential.gov website to promote his hotels and his family's crummy white trash jewelry and tchotchkes.

The look on his face when he came out of the meeting with President Obama was priceless. That was the look of pure fear; of knowing he was in way over his head. I'll bet you Bush Jr. went to bed that night with a smile on his face like he's never known before. He knows that soon, real soon, he'll no longer be the biggest joke in presidential history. Sleep well Georgie, the swamp is already spilling over its banks.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Fight puppy mills

Imagine a child walking into a pet store and picking up an adorable puppy. What the child does not know is that this puppy has come from a puppy mill and likely has many health issues that will burden it. Dogs from puppy mills have physical and emotional issues and we should avoid buying dogs from mills at all costs.

Nearly 100 percent of dogs from a pet store come from a puppy mill. These dogs live in deplorable conditions and are mistreated and bred without concern of genetic diseases. They are starved, kept in cages for the entirety of the time they are in the mill and are denied the veterinary care they need.

However, there is something we can do to fight this. About 3.9 million dogs enter a shelter every year, and about 1.2 million are euthanized. With this many dogs in a shelter, everyone can find the right dog for them. By adopting a dog from a shelter, you can save a dog's life — and help fight against the horrors of puppy mills.

Scarlett Chen
Novi

Core principles lead to success

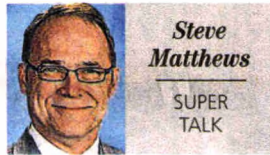
As I write this, I know that Nov. 30, I will see the doctor for my annual physical. Last year, my physical was memorable for the wrong reasons. Last year, my doctor looked at my chart and asked if I was keeping track of how much I weighed.

I told him that in Novi, we are high achievers and I was just living up to the district's expectations.

My doctor was not amused.

So over the course of the last several months, I have been trying to live a healthier lifestyle. I am no longer consuming an entire day's calories through mini Hershey candy bars. Instead, I am eating more fruits and vegetables, limiting my snack input and trying to be more consistent about exercise.

So far, it is working. I have discovered that for me there is no magic formula to losing



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

weight. Focus is the key. What I have learned is, if I am to be healthy, I need to focus on a few core principles — eat appropriately, watch my calories and exercise.

I think that philosophical approach works with our schools, as well. If we are to be successful, we need to focus on a set of core principles. What might those principles be?

All students can learn. Every student can achieve at a high level. Schools should provide students with a set of skills and knowledge that will help them be successful once they leave our district. These core principles can and should guide us as we make decisions about the education that the

students in our district will receive.

In our district, we are focusing on ensuring that every student moves forward every year. We have an online curriculum resource, Atlas Rubicon, that guides our teachers. Parents have access to this resource, as well, and can identify key concepts and guiding questions. This resource serves as our road map and guides us as we work our way through the school year.

Sometimes, we can get distracted in schools. We turn our focus away from our core principles and focus on ideas and activities that do not really provide the substance that our students need. Our students look busy and seem to be enjoying themselves but, if we looked closely, we would see that they are not really learning what they need to be successful in the next grade or

in their lives beyond our school district.

Our school district is focused on making sure that we are healthy. We collect and analyze data to see if we are making progress. We make sure that we are healthy and, if we are not, we refocus our efforts. We understand the responsibility we have to ensure that every student learns.

Annual checkups are important. As I received the report back from my doctor, it helped refocus my efforts to remain healthy. Here in our district, we plan, implement and take stock in an effort to ensure that we remain true to our core values and that we provide the education that our students need to be successful.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Date/Time: Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m.

Details: Music lovers can start their Christmas season attending one of the performances of Handel's "Messiah" at Orchard Lake Community Church.

The chorus, made up of the OLCCP Chancel Choir and singers from the community usually numbers close to 100. They are accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra. There are both volunteer and professional soloists.

Tickets are available by calling 248-685-1407. For more information, contact Lynn Lotoczky via email at lynn@olccp.com. Orchard Lake Community Church is located at 5171 Commerce Road in Orchard Lake.



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EQUESTRIAN EXPO

Dates: Dec. 2-4

Details: The 22nd annual Novi Equestrian Expo takes place at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi.

The expo features riding exhibitions and breed demonstrations, plus an extensive shopping area. Again this year, Oakland County 4-H will offer a gently used Tack Marketplace on Sunday, Dec. 4. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will also be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more.

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Students raise Empowerment Plan awareness

A group of students decided that they wanted to make a difference this past summer and started a project to help homeless people in Detroit. The group consisted of four students: Caitlin Parsons and Supreet Nirman, who attend Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; and Dylan Parsons and Zachary Peurach, who attend Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.



Zachary Peurach (from left), Erika George, Amit Soni, Anurag Shrivastava, Dylan Parsons, Caitlin Parsons and Supreet Nirman.

The students have been involved in other community service programs before and often participated in programs where they would volunteer at homeless shelters or distribute food to the homeless through St. Aloysius in downtown Detroit.

But these students wanted to do more this time to help the homeless, especially after learning that there are more than 600,000 home-

less people in America and that Detroit has close to 40,000.

Parsons began researching various non-profit organizations that helped homeless people in Detroit and stumbled across the Empowerment Plan, which was founded by Veronika Scott about five years ago. The Empowerment Plan aims to help build a better life for those

trapped in the cycle of homelessness. The organization hires homeless parents from local shelters to become full-time seamstresses so that they can earn a stable income, find secure housing, and gain independence for themselves and for their families.

The individuals hired are trained to manufacture a coat that transforms into a sleeping bag

and a bag. The coats are distributed to homeless people living on the streets at no cost. The organization believes in giving second chances to those who want it and providing warmth to those who need it (www.empowermentplan.org).

The purpose of the students' project was two-fold. First, they wanted to raise awareness about the Empowerment Plan and its objectives; second, the students raised funds through donations to help the Empowerment Plan's mission. After the students visited the facilities where the coats are made and heard some of the workers' stories, they developed a strategy that involved several methods to create awareness and raise funds.

They created a GoFundMe webpage, wrote letters to Michigan businesses, conducted fund-

raisers and went door-to-door to local companies and businesses. The students also displayed the coat at Tre Sorelle in downtown Farmington during Founders Festival to create awareness about the Empowerment Plan.

It is estimated that the students reached more than 5,000 people through all of their different methods, from online to direct mail.

"The students worked tirelessly over the course of the summer to bring added awareness to the Empowerment Plan," said Erika George, director of development at the Empowerment Plan. "I admire their dedication to not only supporting our mission, but their commitment to serving the homeless across the city of Detroit."

"Most of these people had not previously heard about the Empowerment

Plan, but now they do," Parsons said.

The students also raised \$10,300 in donations from individuals and businesses. Netlink Software Group, which is an IT services company based in Madison Heights, matched the donations raised and was a gold sponsor at the Empowerment Plan's annual event at Garden Theater in Detroit.

"It is wonderful and inspiring to see such young people with a passion for helping others take action and get involved," said Anurag Shrivastava, president of Netlink.

The funds that the students donated will produce 100 coats, which the students hope to distribute themselves to the homeless over the next several months with the assistance of the Empowerment Plan organization.

Compassionate Friends to host annual candlelight vigil

The 20th annual Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, which unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who left too soon, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

As candles are lit at 7 p.m., hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor all children gone too soon.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle-lighting on the globe, the annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it

moves from time zone to time zone.

Started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance, the event has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance.

Hundreds of formal candle-lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle-lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

Starting in New Zealand, candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are started in another, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the



Kellogg Park is the setting for the Worldwide Candle Lighting, sponsored by the Livonia Chapter of Compassionate Friends, set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

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world.

The local chapter of The Compassionate Friends sponsors the Kellogg Park ceremony. The event will include a candlelight vigil, reading of the children's names, a PowerPoint presentation of the children's names, poetry and songs.

Families will gather near memory trees specially decorated with the names of the children who have died too soon.

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brance. For more information or to register a child's name to be included, call 734-778-0800 or email tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Fred Shadko, Trustee; Marv Gans, Trustee

EXCUSED:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Public Safety Presentations - Presented
 - WTUA Presentation by Aaron Sprague - Presented
 - Reappoint Joe Vig to the EDC/BRA - Approved
- Public Hearing:**
 - Brownfield Plan for former Robert Scott Correctional Facility - Opened
- Brief Public Comments:** None
- New Business:**
 - GFL Environmental Inc. - Approved
 - Manor Reserve - Final Site Plan - Approved with conditions
 - Ridge Hills Active Adult Community PUD - Approved with conditions
 - Five Mile Rd. Booster Station - Award Bid - Approved
 - Brownfield Plan Amendment - Approved
 - Budget Amendment #2016-5 - Approved
 - Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System Withdrawal - Approved
 - Resolution to the EPA regarding the Arbor Hills Landfill - Approved
- Unfinished Business:** None
- Ordinances:** None
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,990,886.94 for the period of 10/8/16 to 11/4/16. - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available December 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:
 Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

Published: December 1, 2016

School principal made into pizza



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As he has a fair amount of tomato sauce poured over his head, Novi Woods Principal David Ascher is made into a human pizza by students and staff Oct. 31. Ascher agreed to be covered in dough, sauce, cheese and peppers after his students surpassed their fundraising goal in their recent Fun Run. The students raised more than \$22,000 for the school, which will be used for its assemblies, field trips and educational materials.

Novi Township man facing charges in crash

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

A Novi Township man, 71, is facing charges of drunken driving third offense and leaving the scene of an accident following a crash Nov. 25 at Napier and Grand River. The other driver, whose hometown wasn't listed, told the deputy he was driving west on Grand River at Napier when he saw a pickup truck traveling north at a high rate of speed. Trying to avoid a collision, he said he veered off to the right, but the truck

driver didn't try to turn and struck his vehicle on the rear driver's side.

A deputy was dispatched and, upon arriving, was told by a witness that the driver and passenger, a 77-year old woman, from a truck involved in the crash had gotten into another vehicle.

The deputy saw that vehicle drive about 800 yards south on Napier and stop in a private driveway before returning to the accident scene. That driver told police she was driving north on Napier, approaching Grand River, when she saw an elderly couple walking south of Grand River.

Since it was cold and lightly raining, she said she asked if they needed a ride. Once the couple got into her vehicle, the woman said she got a strong smell of alcohol as if someone had been drinking. When she asked if anyone had called the police about the crash, the man said no and he didn't want police called.

The woman said she had to take them back to the accident scene and then call the police. She said the man became irate and demanded to be let out of the vehicle. After she pulled into the driveway, the woman said the couple got out of the car and began walking south on the sidewalk. That's when the woman returned to the accident scene.

Picked up by the deputy and brought back to the accident scene, the Novi Township man said he had a little whiskey with 7-Up before leaving home. He said that the other vehicle ran a red light and struck him. His blood-alcohol level was at 0.22 percent. After he

was arrested and taken to an area hospital to have blood drawn, the man began to complain of leg pain. He was checked and cleared before he was taken to jail.

Operating under the influence

A Milan man was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana following an accident Nov. 25 at 10 Mile and Napier. A South Lyon woman told police she was traveling east-bound on 10 Mile through the blinking yellow light at Napier when she saw a minivan stop on north-bound Napier, which has flashing red lights.

The woman said she was going through intersection when the minivan pulled in front of her and she couldn't avoid an accident, striking the minivan on the driver's side. No one was injured in the crash.

Deputies noted the Milan man smelled of marijuana, as did his vehicle. The man said he had last smoked marijuana about an hour before the accident. He also said he had marijuana and a pipe in his vehicle. The man told the deputy he did not have a medical marijuana card and hadn't applied for one. He admitted he was at fault in the accident.

A large mason-type jar filled with suspected marijuana, a digital scale and a large quantity of suspected highly concentrated marijuana were confiscated from a backpack in the vehicle. Deputies also found a marijuana pipe on the car floor, along with a grinder containing suspected marijuana. The marijuana was sent for testing.

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Northville residents get free entry to Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum is continuing its highly successful Michigan Neighbors program by announcing all Northville and Northville Township residents receive free admission in December.

The regular admission price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors, active service personnel, students and all others. Northville and Northville Township residents need only to show their valid driver license or state of Michigan identification to gain free entry. Yankee Air Museum is at 47884 D St., Belleville, at historic Willow Run Airport.

"The Northville and Northville Township communities have been loyal friends of Yankee Air Museum from the very start. We are extending the Michigan Neighbors initiative to them in recognition of this tremendous support," said Kevin Walsh, executive director. "Our exhibits have changed and they're better than ever. In fact, we are receiving a pristine Douglas A-4 Skyhawk on Dec. 1, and it should be on display by Dec. 3. This is an amazing airplane."

Walsh said he is delighted by the number of Northville and Northville Township students who come to the museum and he hopes the free admission program will encourage even more. He says the exhibits have never looked better and the docents are eager to greet people who are interested in aviation. There are interesting restoration projects un-

derway in the exhibit gallery through which people can learn more about aircraft, technology and museum science.

"With Christmas recess coming, it's an ideal time for parents to plan a visit to Yankee Air Museum and maybe pick up a stocking stuffer in the gift shop," Walsh said. "Our docents, many of whom are veterans, are looking forward to a great turnout and guiding the kids to flying unmanned aerial vehicles and interactive computer activities."

Walsh also said adults enjoy learning more about their local aviation history, especially related to the World War II era when many of their ancestors were involved with the Willow Run Bomber Plant. The museum's displays, movies, and artifacts about the mass production of B-24 Liberator Bombers are a tribute to Ford Motor Company innovation, as well as women in the industrial workforce, Walsh said.

"In the months ahead, we'll be recognizing other Michigan Neighbors in the area, but for now, we want the people of Northville and Northville Township to take a 30 minute ride, and discover a cool Museum with national historical significance," he added.

Northville and Northville Township Free Admission Month begins at 10 a.m. Dec. 1 and runs through Dec. 30. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Admission to the Yankee Air Museum is free in December for Northville and Northville Township residents.

Holiday closings include Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Northville and Northville Township Free Admission Month includes only regular admittance

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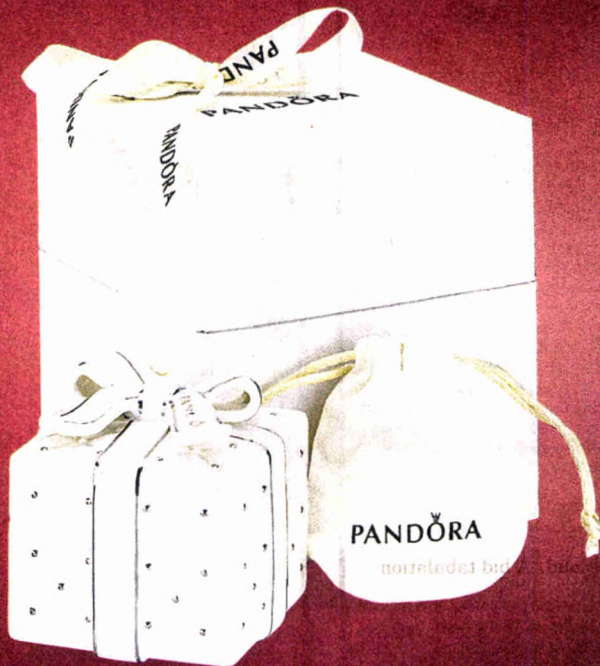
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Work together to preserve American Dream

Ewa Omahen
Guest Columnist

With the end of 2016 quickly approaching, I cannot help it but reminisce about the "walls" in our lives. I recently came across our former

President Ronald Reagan's speech in 1987 addressed to Mikhail Gorbachev with the now epic words, "tear down this wall." It was a reference to the Berlin Wall that divided East and West Germany and the superpowers during the

Cold War.

I witnessed the erosion of Communism as a teenager growing up in Poland in the late 70's and early 80's. Like so many of my fellow countrymen, I grew up distrustful of the media and the government, with

somewhat idealistic notions of what freedom and democracy meant. I, along with my friends, neighbors, and family, held America in the highest regard as the ultimate embodiment of the principles we all longed and fought for with such

conviction and strength. I ended up coming to America in 1981 and living the American Dream with its hardships, ups and downs, and a strong belief it was there for all to achieve — only if they believed in it and persevered.

Despite the hardships and the new challenges we face as a nation, I continue to believe in the Great American Dream. I cannot imagine living anywhere else but in this very diverse nation built by immigrants from all over the world, with each one bringing something unique to the rich fabric of this land. I am fortunate to work in a public school system, the Walled Lake Schools, that is so representative of the very diversity I hold in such high regard. I encounter students from all walks of life, in terms of their racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. In addition to the cultural mix, we have learners with various challenges and disabilities — yet another representation of the multiple threads in our society.

I, too, happen to have a child with disability — autism — requiring special programming and accommodations, yet able to access free appropriate public education in our community middle school. Thanks to the commitment and hard work of his school team and the district's dedication to all learners, he can be a member of the student body at Northville Public



Patrick Omahen

Schools' Hillside and add to the diversity of our school district. Regarding our students' multiple needs and diverse backgrounds, we as educators do our best to reach them all, to teach them well and to give them skills to attain the Great American Dream of happiness and liberty for all. I trust that our dedication and commitment to these children will never wane. I believe that in spite of the recent tensions and divides brought on by the political climate, we will find a way to work together with the common goal of preserving the Great American Dream.

With a hopeful anticipation of the upcoming year, I believe we all will continue to work jointly as One People to tear down the walls of fear, ignorance, intolerance and antagonisms in our personal, professional and civic lives. As a fellow American and an immigrant, I trust that we will go on cherishing and sustaining The Great American Dream for all, while finding ways to tear down and penetrate the walls that divide us.

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BAILEY



JoANNE COWLEY DAWSON

89, of Punta Gorda, Florida, graduated to Glory on November 16, 2016. Born July 23, 1927 in Tilbury, Ontario, Canada, JoAnne moved to Punta Gorda from Novi, Michigan in 1992 with husband Earl (d. 2007) upon his retirement. JoAnne was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd where she sang in the choir, and a member of the Deep Creek Diva Red Hats. She is survived, and will be greatly missed, by her daughters Ellen Hope (Jim) Windsor, Ontario, Faye Dawson-Flynn (Tom) Mississauga, Ontario, Gloria Gladwin (Larry) Las Vegas, NV, son William Bailey (Kim) Redford, MI; granddaughters Sydney (Andy), Samantha (Colin), Shelby (Jeff), Stacy (Adam), Natalie; grandsons Sean, Eric and Adam Bailey; great-grandchildren Sarah, Allie, Nicola, Cooper; sister Mavis Archer, Chatham, Ontario; predeceased by brother Jay Cowley (Pat), Special Aunt to Cynthia Abraham, FL; Anita Hasiuk (Borden), Cheryl Hunt (Jim) and several other nieces and nephews. Memorial Donations may be made in JoAnne's name to The Church of the Good Shepherd, 401 W. Henry St. Punta Gorda, 33950-5905.

CHENOWETH

SUE recently passed away after a battle with leukemia. Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Snell and her brother Thomas Snell. She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Richard Chenoweth, their two children, Lynda Loden (Marty) and Steven Chenoweth (Marissa). Sue and Dick have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Danyella, Marty IV, Chad, Marie, Kate, Jake, Sam, Lucas and Emma. Sue worked in the medical field for over 40 years. She was a resident of Conyers for nearly 40 years, previously residing in Miami, Florida and growing up in South Lyon, Michigan where she and Dick became high school sweethearts. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Conyers, where she was a choir member, and chairwoman and member of many committees. She enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with family and friends. A Memorial service will be held at Trinity Baptist Church on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Memorial donations may be made to the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University at <https://winshipcancer.emory.edu/support-winship/give/index.html>. A gathering of friends will also be held in South Lyon on a date to be announced. Online condolences may be made at www.wheelersfuneralhome.com. Wheeler Funeral Home and Crematory, 11405 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington (770) 786-7111.

COOK

GERALDINE P. 84, of Lake Park, died on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at Select Specialty Hospital in Tallahassee, Florida. She was born on May 10, 1932 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Harold and Alice Brodeur Pegg. Mrs. Cook had worked with General Motors as a secretary, had been in the real estate business and had worked in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida as a secretary with a boat marina. She was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Jim Callahan of Milford, Michigan, and Margaret and Tom Frailey of Lake Park; grandchildren, Margaret and Matt Blouin of Commerce Township, Michigan, Daniel Callahan of Raleigh, North Carolina, Laura Frailey of Tifton, and Michael Frailey of Marietta; a great-granddaughter, Elise Blouin of Commerce Township, Michigan; brother and sister-in-law, William "Buck" and Nancy Pegg of Nashville, Georgia; sister, June Marshall of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Dolores Pegg of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Cook. Mrs. Geraldine Cook will be cremated according to her wishes and there are no formal services scheduled for her at this time. Condolences to the family may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com.

DAUGHERTY

DEVIN of Milford, died after a tragic accident on Friday, November 18, 2016. He had just celebrated his 23rd birthday on November 14. He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Daugherty, in 2006, and is survived by his mother, Renee Daugherty; sisters, Colleen Daugherty, Tracy Daugherty, Brenna (Mark Giller) Daugherty, Gwynne Daugherty, Kelley (John) Paronish, and Shea (Julio) Daugherty; his brother, Chase Daugherty; his girlfriend, Rachel Smith; nieces and nephews, Dan, Nicole, Hanlon, Tarina, Gabrielle, Logan, Keenan, Cadence, Jameson, and Isaiah; his aunt, Sherry (Gary) Williams; his uncle, Patrick (Mary Lou) Daugherty; as well as numerous cousins, dear friends, and his dog, Kharmia. A Memorial Service was at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, November 26, at 2 p.m. Friends may gather at the funeral home on Friday, November 25, from 2-9 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to Michigan Pit Bull Rescue. For further information, please phone, 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

EVANS

PAULINE ANN age 80 of Spring Hill, TN passed away November 26, 2016. Born in Leicestershire, England to the late George and Kathleen Pringle Clarke before migrating to the Northville/Novi, MI area and later moving to Spring Hill, TN. She was loved by all and kind to everyone she met. She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Kathleen Pringle Clarke. She leaves behind her husband of 58 years, Tony Evans; daughter, Maxine (Ed) Jones; grandchildren, Jordan Kiernan, Zach (Brittany) Kiernan, Kelsey Kiernan and Hayley Jones; great grandchildren, Carson, Brooklyn, Makenzie and Hayden. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. SPRING HILL MEMORIAL PARK, FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES 931-486-0059 www.springhill-memorial.com

GOSHORN



ANDREA KAY Age 63,

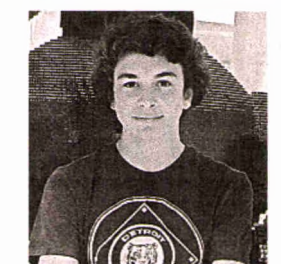
a longtime resident of Farmington Hills, formerly of Northville, passed away November 26, 2016. She was born January 16, 1953; daughter of Andrew and Gennell (nee Rood) Torok. She graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1972. Andrea was united in marriage to Kevin R. Goshorn on June 3, 1978; they spent 38 loving years devoted to one another. Andrea worked as a Hair Stylist for over 40 years; she was currently working at Fox Run. She was a member of Farmington Elks Lodge #1986 where she served as a former First Lady. She was also a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville. Andrea was a wonderful cook; her dishes were always made from scratch and in large amounts. The Hungarian Stuffing she made was a family favorite. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts and collecting candles and lanterns, which were organized based on color and size. She also enjoyed listening to music and dancing. Andrea had an impeccable eye for design; she loved decorating her home and changing the entire decor, down to the smallest detail, for each season. She was incredibly good hearted, generous, and always went out of her way to help in any way she could. Andrea cherished her family; she loved spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. Andrea is survived by her loving husband, Kevin R. Goshorn; her children, Chad (Lydia) Goshorn, Casi (Marty) Croll, and Colby Goshorn; her grandchildren, Zachary, Ethan, Reece, and Lucas; and her dear friend, Phyllis Mirling. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Gayle Torok. Memorial Visitation will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service and Lodge of Sorrows beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Elks National Foundation, 2750 North Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 or American Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Office Centre, Ste. 111, Southfield, MI 48034. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

GRUNHEID



WERNER "BARNEY" 87, passed away in Waconia, Minnesota, on the 16th of November, 2016. He was surrounded by family. Barney was born in Detroit, MI. After graduating from Fordson High School and then University of Detroit dental school, he provided the beginnings of his dental services as a Lieutenant in the Navy. He then supported his family with a successful family dental practice in Northville, MI. He very much valued God and family. Barney loved being outdoors. He enjoyed skiing, tennis, and biking with various friends through the years. His infectious smile and laughter will forever be held in the hearts of the many lives he touched. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Anna. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Beverly; son, Thomas (Jean Dusek) Grunheid; daughters, Pamela (Rick) Klein, and Lisa (Doug) Haran; grandchildren, Tom Haran, Mark Haran, and Kevin Haran; and other extended family and friends. A memorial will be held in Brighton, MI at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church on Friday, December 2. Gathering is at 10:30 a.m. with the Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a celebration of his life at the church. In lieu of flowers, please contact the family regarding memorial donations. Email any inquiries to b56g@aol.com.

PAINTER



COLE HARTLEY of Highland,

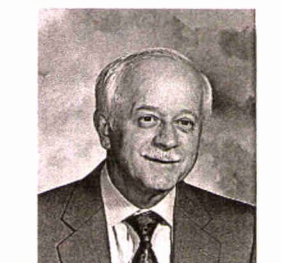
passed away in the care of his loving family after a sudden health crisis on November 26, 2016 at the age of 15. In addition to his mother, Julie Painter and father, Darren Painter, Cole is survived by his siblings, Audrey and Curtis; grandparents, Gary and Susie Painter; aunts and uncles, Eric (Shelley) Gustafson, Margo (Dan) Hellem, Karen Mattson, Erika (Rick) Witte and Megan (Scott) Cowsill; as well as many cousins, along with extended family and friends. Preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Laurie Gustafson and uncle, Gordy Mattson, Jr. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 3 p.m. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, November 30, from 2:30-8 p.m. Friends and family are invited to a celebration in Cole's honor after the service at the 59 West Banquet facility in Highland. Memorial contributions may be made to: Milford Athletics in Loving Memory of Cole Painter: Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Rd., Highland, MI 48357. For further information please phone, Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

PROM



DOLORES A. Of Brighton, passed away on November 24, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Robert E. Prom (d. 2010). Dolores is survived by her children, Barry Prom, Linda (Russell) Garcia, and Brian (Carol) Prom; grandchildren, Melissa, Robert, Adam, Brian, Samantha and Josh; brothers, Thomas (Olga) Workman, and Bill (Sandy) Workman; brother-in-law, Kevin Ling; and many extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 2201 Old US 23 Highway, Brighton, on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Fr. David Howell to officiate. Memorial Gathering at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main, Brighton, on Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4-7 p.m. Scripture service 7 p.m. For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons, Brighton, at 810-229-2905 or visit, LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

WUESTNICK



EARL JR., Age 91, of Linden, died November 20, 2016. Funeral services were held Friday, November 25, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Earl was born July 6, 1925 in Copper City, MI, the son of Earl and Cecilia (Gregroich) Wuestnick. He retired from Redford Union Schools. Mr. Wuestnick enjoyed hunting, spending time outdoors and with his grandchildren. Surviving are: wife, Irja; son, Earl III; grandchildren, Earl IV and Alayna. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dolores. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Medical ID theft latest in a long line of concerns

Technology was meant to make our lives easier. In many ways it has, but it also has made life more complex. In the old days, to protect our sensitive information from ending up in the wrong hands, they told us to make sure that when we charge something we tear up our carbons. Unfortunately, just like carbon is long gone, so is the simplicity of protecting our sensitive information. I bring this up because there is a new type of identity theft that has been rapidly growing as of late — medical identity theft.

Medical identity theft is on the rise, with more than two million cases reported; that number is growing every year. Medical identity theft is where someone obtains your medical insurance information and uses it to see a doctor, obtain prescription medications or even obtain medical devices. Medical identity theft cannot only cause you problems with your finances, but it can cause you health issues as the crooks' own medical treatment, history and diagnosis can be mixed up with your electronic health records, potentially complicating your health care for years to come.

Medical identity crooks not only have been known to file false insurance claims, but also to fraudulently acquire government benefits such as Medicare or Medicaid. In addition, the crooks sell your medical information on the black market, where it is used to create new medical identities from your information.

Unfortunately, medical identity theft is even more difficult to detect and deal with than financial identity theft. The laws that protect consumers are not specifically designed to deal with medical identity theft and that can cause some issues.

Just like with financial identity theft, where you always have to be on guard, the same thing applies to medical identity theft. Some of the same rules that apply to



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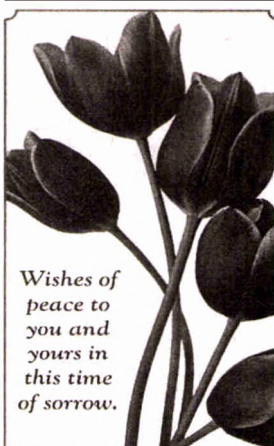
financial identity theft apply to medical identity theft, in that you have to be extremely cautious as to who you allow to access your medical information and protect your passwords and sensitive information at all times. In addition, there are a couple of things that you can do. First, under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, you are legally entitled to a copy of your medical and billings records. It's a good idea to occasionally obtain these records and review them. In addition, when you receive those explanations of benefit letters, it is important to review them just like you would review a financial statement. Furthermore, it is important to review all letters and other forms of correspondence you may receive from your health insurer or health care provider. You need to review these documents for accuracy and, if there is a problem, you need to notify someone immediately.

One last note, just like you shouldn't post in your Facebook or social media that you're going on vacation, you also don't want to post on social media anything about any up and coming medical procedure. We don't want to give the crooks any inroads.

Technology may have made our lives simpler in certain areas, but it's also made it more complex. We cannot put our heads in the sand; we have to accept that in today's world, we have to be more vigilant. It's now not only protecting financial records, but also medical records.

Good luck!
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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The Northville Art House presents the exhibition "Conversations in Clay," featuring 50 ceramic works of art, both sculptural and functional, created by 11 artists from the Clay Gallery. Drawing from pottery and handcraft traditions, each artist puts a contemporary spin to figurines, vessels or other

decorative and utilitarian objects. These fine examples of original clay work convey "the importance of art in everyone's life" and make beautiful holiday gifts.

The ceramic artists include Shirley White-Black, Royce Disbrow, Craig Hinshaw, Shirley Knudsvig, Yiu-Keung Lee, Brigit Macomber,

Susanne Stephenson, Kris Stewart, Joe Szutz, Debbie Thompson and Donna Williams.

The public is invited to a reception for Conversations in Clay, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

A trunk show by Artwear DETROIT will also be featured in the lower-level gallery/classroom during the reception. Complimentary food and drink will be served.

Conversations in Clay will continue through Dec. 17, during the new fall hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Wildcats continue strong start, slip past Mustangs

Novi remains undefeated with 2-1 win over Northville

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Novi is trying to rewrite the book on its 2016-17 boys hockey season and the first chapter appears to be an enjoyable read thus far for the Wildcats and their fans.

After going 8-15-2 a year ago, Novi has already flipped the script, improving to 3-0 overall with a 2-1 win Nov. 22 over rival Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville (1-2) had won six of the last seven meetings between the two rivals dating back to the 2013-14 season, but this time it was the Wildcats' turn as Zach Perpich scored what proved to

be the game-winner on a penalty shot at 5:22 of the second period.

After making a move, Perpich went over the shoulder with a backhand to beat Northville goalie Brett Miller.

"The last time I probably had a penalty shot was in bantams. I scored that time, but that's the only other one," said Perpich, a lanky senior forward. "I noticed the goalie was out, so I knew I had to make a deke there. Obviously, if he had been back in the net, I probably would have taken a shot."

The Wildcats got another strong outing from senior goalie Manny Legace Jr., who turned away 29 of Northville's 30 shots.

Legace has given up only one goal in three games.

"Manny made the saves," Novi coach



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Novi's Cam Czapski (bottom) goes down for the puck in front of Northville's Jack Sargent.

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CC quarterback Dillon Dejong (middle) hands off to Cameron Ryan (right).

CHECKMATE: CASS TECH DENIES SHAMROCKS

Injuries decimate Catholic Central, which falls 49-20 to Technicians

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Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 football state championship game at Ford Field was billed as the ultimate chess match.

It was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's smash-mouth, ball control offensive approach coupled with bruising defense that allowed just over 10 points per game against the speedy, high-powered and big play attack of Detroit Cass Tech.

But when the game ended, all the pieces on the board were gobbled by the Technicians, who completed a perfect 14-0 season by pulling away in the second half for a convincing 49-20 win.

It was the Technicians' third state title in school history and all have come at the expense of the Shamrocks, who lost to Cass Tech in 2012 (36-21) and in 2011 (49-13).

"We got it put to us pretty good," said CC coach Tom Mach, whose team finished 13-1. "We didn't expect that, but I thought our kids played gutsy and when the other team wins, they play better football."

It seemed whatever move the Shamrocks made defensively, Cass Tech had an answer as senior quarterback Rodney Hall tied a state finals record with five touchdown passes.

"He's a real big quarterback, great player, very dangerous after he makes a move and he takes off running," said Mach, who was making his 17th state finals appearance. "He's an accurate passer. He causes you a lot of trouble besides all the other trouble he causes you."

CC hung for a half, trailing by only seven, 21-14. "There's no guarantees," Mach said. "That's the whole point. Sometimes, you have to adapt and I thought we had done a pretty good job by halftime. It was 21-14 and I thought we were on our way there. A couple plays here and a couple of plays there ... it's their speed. There's just some things you just can't do about that."

The Shamrocks came out for the second half with a surprise onside kick, but Cass Tech's Willie Reid recovered at the Shamrocks' 42.

And on the first play of the second half, Hall hit Donovan Parker on a slant for a 42-yard TD to put the Technicians up 28-14 just 14 seconds into the third quarter.

"We planned that during the week if we needed to use it," Mach said of the onside kick. "We didn't know if we'd be in position to use it, but we thought it was a good opportunity right then. I think we needed a little push right



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CC's Jack Morris celebrates after returning an interception 35 yards for a TD.

there. Actually, our guy had it and their young man took it away from them. It was close."

The Technicians added two more TDs before the quarter ended. The left-handed Hall hit Donovan Peoples-Jones on a 49-yard TD pass, followed by a 2-yard run by Parker after the Shamrocks coughed the ball up at their own 18. (The fumble was recovered by Dyontae Johnson).

After stopping CC on a fourth-and-three, the Technicians invoked a running clock after going 51 yards on seven plays with Hall hitting Peoples-Jones on a roll-out for a 13-yard TD pass with 10:08 remaining in the game to make it 49-14.

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GIRLS HOOPS PREVIEW

N'ville girls poised again to make run

Mackay leads scrappy Novi squad heading into season

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Can the best girls basketball season in Northville school history be eclipsed?

That's the question that begs to be answered as the Mustangs return four starters off last year's 21-4 squad that won the school's first Class A regional title and reached the quarterfinals before falling last March to eventual state champion Warren Cousino, 41-29.

Northville, which was scheduled to open its season Tuesday at Dearborn, features a deep and talented squad, led by area Player of the Year Jessica Moorman, who averaged a team-best 11.8

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points to go with 4.1 rebounds and 2.7 steals per game.

The Hope College commit also has help up front from first team All-Area forward Brook Adams, a 6-0 senior who averaged 8.0 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game.

Junior guards Kendall Dillon (6.8 points, 2.9 assists) and Roan Haines (6.6 points, 4.7 rebounds) also are back after earning second team All-Area honors.

"Having success one season doesn't automatically mean it will transfer to this one," Northville ninth-year coach Todd Gudith said. "Many of the teams we went up against last season were young, with very few seniors around the league. We were young, too, but still had more players with varsity experience. We also won't be able to sneak up on anyone. The word is out that we have a good team and everybody is going to bring their 'A' game against us. We have a confident bunch who believe in their abilities, but the girls know that talent is only going to take us so far. They have to do all the little things well to keep us on top."

Northville also features a deep bench.

"The real battle will be for playing time, because we have a lot of options," Gudith said. "Our role players from last year have shown a lot of improvement. Our two most improved players from a year ago are junior guard Ella Duckworth and

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Senior Jessica Moorman leads the way again after the Mustangs went 21-4 and reached the Class A state quarterfinals.

COLLEGE GOLF



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Catholic Central's Ben Smith is taking his talents to Georgia Tech next fall.

Catholic Central's Smith eyes new chapter at Georgia Tech

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Ben Smith can't wait to get to Georgia Tech next fall — because of the weather, more than anything else.

The Detroit Catholic Central High senior golfer from Novi, who recently signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent with the Yellow Jackets, also considered offers from Michigan and Michigan State.

But the warmer climate eventually won out.

"I think I chose Georgia Tech because being able to go down south and play year-round is a huge factor in golf," Smith said, "and not having to take that break in the winter or practice indoors, I can be outside on the grass the whole year is a huge asset."

Georgia Tech's men's golf has a storied history, not only in the ACC, but also nationally. The Yellow Jackets have qualified for the NCAA tournament 23 of the past 26 years.

"They always do really well," Smith said. "Last year was probably their worst year. They didn't make NAAs for the first time in, like, 14 years, but normally they're really a good school. This year, they've got two really good freshmen that are starting in the top five right now, so they're doing really well."

Among Georgia Tech's alumni who were ranked in the top 125 in this year's FedEx Cup standings were Stewart Cink, Ollie Schniederjans, Cameron Tringale, Matt Kuchar and Roberto Castro.

Georgia Tech offers all the amenities for its men's golf team.

"They're making a new facility right now and it will be finished by the time I get there for my freshman year," Smith said. "They've got a really big outdoor facility

there in the city, too."

Georgia Tech also offers a strong academic program. Smith, who carries a 3.75 grade-point average, plans to study either finance or go into engineering.

"Engineering will be really difficult there, but along the way, when businesses see that you have an engineering degree from Georgia Tech, that's always good to have," Smith said.

Will Dickson (Providence, R.I.) and Noah Norton (Chico, Calif.) will also be joining Smith in the Yellow Jackets' 2017-18 recruiting class.

"Ben was paired with Will Dickson in his first AJGA event," Georgia Tech coach Bruce Heppler said. "Ben got the better of Will that day and won the tournament. A couple of days later, Will's dad called and said we should do some research on Ben, because he seemed like a Georgia Tech type of person. That AJGA victory got him an invitation to play the Polo event last Thanksgiving at PGA National. We saw him play for a couple of days and were impressed with his fundamentals, from putting to chipping to driving. He looked fantastic."

Smith certainly has the all credentials to play and thrive in a big-time collegiate program.

He has helped CC captured two straight MHSAA Division 1 state titles and has made the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association Super Team two consecutive years.

During his junior season, Smith averaged 72.18 per 18 holes while posting seven rounds under par, including two in the postseason, when he shot 67 at the district tourney at Chemung Hills, followed by a junior course record 70 at the regional at Dunham Hills.

At the Division 1 finals, he shot 78-70—148 to finish fifth overall.

His junior accomplishments are even more impressive. Smith is ranked 158th overall, 99th in the class of 2017 and No. 2 in Michigan, according to the Junior Golf Scoreboard.

Smith qualified for 2016 U.S. Amateur by finishing second in his sectional after winning the sectional qualifier at MSU. He also earned five top 10 finishes in 12 events in 2016 and was ranked at one time among the top 50 juniors in the country by the American Junior Golf Association.

Smith also captured the 2016 Michigan Junior Amateur, the 2015 AJGA Philadelphia Runner Junior at Saucon Valley and the 2013 Michigan Optimist International.

During the winter months, Smith stays sharp by visiting his swing instructor David VanLoozen of Edgewood Country Club. They meet on weekends at the Oasis Golf Center's indoor dome.

"We hit balls for about an hour and I also stick to a workout regimen with some TPI (Titleist Performance Institute) guys to stay in shape for the season," said Smith, who got his start in golf at age 5 with the help of his dad David.

But Smith yearns for the day when he can play year-round in Atlanta.

"During the off-season, when you're just swinging at the dome or like that, it's only 75-100 yards long," he said. "It's tough to work on things like distance control, ball control. We mainly focus on how my swing is, so my swing will be ready right out of the gate to be able to go out and practice with a good swing and kind of work on distance."

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senior post player Brianna Drummond. With the depth we have, we can also count on junior guard Jasmin Prince, senior posts Lauren Lambert and Sam Cantie, as well as junior Sarah Toth. The team chemistry is outstanding and that was a big part of our success last season."

The Mustangs will be favored to win the KLAAs Central Division, but Wayne Memorial is the defending KLAAs Association and Kensington Conference champ.

"As for the KLAAs, I think Novi will bring the biggest challenge for us within the division," Gudith said. "They bring almost everyone back and are one of the better defensive teams we see. Salem could be the sleeper with (new coach) Dan Young taking over. (South Lyon) East will have to replace the bulk of their offense with the graduation of Peyton Jones, but they still have pieces in place to make things difficult for us. Stevenson is also a senior-heavy team that will be improved this season. South Lyon is getting better and now they have some experienced kids back to help keep them in games."

Mackay leads Novi

The Wildcats (16-5), small and scrappy once again, more than likely make things interesting in the KLAAs Central after splitting their pair of meetings last season with Northville.

Novi 14th-year coach Bill Kelp will lean on junior point guard Ellie Mackay after she averaged 17.3 points, 2.0 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game as a 10th-grader en route to first team All-Area honors.

Mackay, who is dangerous in the open court, has drawn interest for GLIAC schools Michigan Tech and Ferris State.

"Knock on wood, her shot looks very good in scrimmages," Kelp said of Mackay. "She's got a quicker release and she has a legitimate jump-stop jump shot. She can step back a little bit sometimes as well."

The first team All-Area pick will be joined in the back court by senior Cara Ninkov-

ich, while 5-9 junior forward Julia Lalain and 5-8 junior Mikayla Lynch also return as starters.

Finding an inside presence is Kelp's biggest challenge as the Wildcats prepare for their season opener Tuesday, Dec. 6, at home against Auburn Hills Avondale.

"Last year we had (Allie) Lipson, who was a true center," Kelp said. "She averaged 10 points and eight boards. That's what we've got to replace. The other kids are getting better, but can we replace 10 points and eight boards, especially the boards? So we've got to fight for it."

Finding a pair of capable scorers to complement Mackay is also a goal.

"Cara Ninkovich was our third leading scorer last year," Kelp said. "Mikayla Lynch has actually been shooting very well. She started when Cara was hurt last year for eight games. The girl we got back from Germany (Bailey Baumbick) has a hurt foot and really hasn't practiced yet for us. She had a great summer. She's a forward who can run the court. Our two younger kids, (Lauren) Calhoun and (Julie) Stadtherr, the two soccer players, have the potential to be pretty good players."

Warriors eye three-peat

Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-13) returns four starters off last year's Class D district championship squad.

The biggest challenge facing fourth-year coach Tiffany Butler is replacing leading scorer Hannah Rayburn, a first team All-Area selection who averaged 16 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.0 assists per game. Rayburn also shot 45 percent from the 3-point line and 72 percent from the foul line.

But the other four starters return: fourth-year 5-3 senior guard Danielle Fusco, 5-8 sophomore guard Chanelle Lochrie, 5-11 junior forward Reagan Mumford and 6-2 senior center Daria Boboc.

Meanwhile, 6-0 sophomore Rachel Bause will also help as the Warriors aim for their third straight district championship while hoping to contend in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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Novi junior guard Ellie Mackay (middle) averaged 17.5 points last season en route to first team All-Area honors.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM CAPSULES

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Todd Gudith, ninth season.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 21-4.

Titles won last year: Class A district, regional, KLAAs Central Division.

Notable losses to graduation: Lindsey Rathburg.

Leading returnees: Jessica Moorman, 5-11 Sr. F (first team All-Area); Brook Adams, 6-1 Sr. F (first team All-Area); Kendall Dillon, 5-8 Jr. G (second team All-Area); Roan Haines, 5-7 Jr. G (second team All-Area); Jasmin Prince, 5-8 Jr. G; Sarah Toth, 5-9 Jr. F; Lauren Lambert, 5-10 Sr. F; Sam Cantie, 5-9 Sr. F; Brianna Drummond, 5-10 Sr. F; Ella Duckworth, 5-7, Jr. G.

Promising newcomers: Ellie Thallman, 5-8 Fr. G; Tara Beason, 5-6 Fr. G; Bryce Quick, 6-0 Sr. C.

Gudith's outlook: "We have 10 returning varsity players from a team that was the most successful in school history a season ago, so the expectations to match that success are high. Add in newcomers Ellie Thallman and Tara Beason, plus the return of senior post player Bryce Quick who played two years on the varsity before taking her junior year off to focus on volleyball, and we have more depth than a year ago."

NOVI

Head coach: Bill Kelp, 14th season.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 16-5.

Notable losses to graduation: Allie Lipson (second team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Ellie Mackay, 5-7 Jr. G.

(first team All-Area); Cara Ninkovich, 5-8 Sr. G; Jessie Bandyk, 5-3 Soph. G; Julia Lalain, 5-9 Jr. F; Mikayla Lynch, 5-8 Jr. G; Ireland Whalen, 5-7 Jr. G; Ally Pringle, 5-8 Jr. F.

Promising newcomers: Bailey Baumbick, 5-9 Sr. F; Ermalee Loves, 5-10 Soph. F; Anna Biberstine, 5-10 Soph. F; Lexi Whalen, 5-6 Soph. G; Julia Stadtherr, 5-8 Soph. G; Lauren Calhoun, 5-8 Soph. G.

Kelp's outlook: "We're young, quick and athletic at the guards. We always like to push, no matter what, but I think we might have to press a little bit more to use our athleticism and quickness and lack of size. I think that will be one of the main differences you'll see."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Tiffany Butler, fourth season.

League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's record: 10-13.

Titles won last year: Class D district.

Notable losses to graduation: Hannah Rayburn (first team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Chanelle Lochrie, 5-8 Soph. G; Reagan Mumford, 5-11 Sr. F; Danielle Fusco, 5-3 Sr. G; Daria Boboc, 6-2 Sr. C.

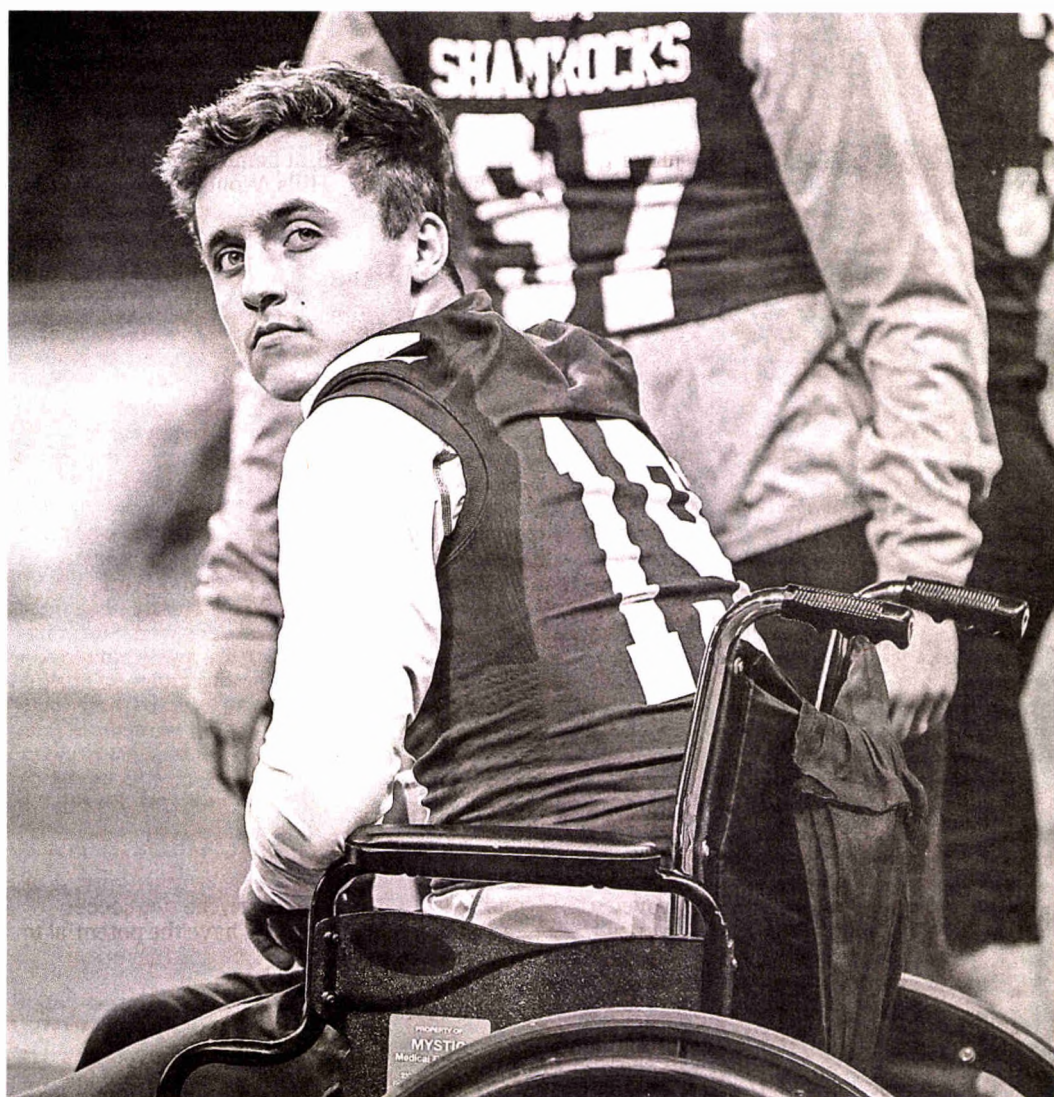
Promising newcomers: Rachel Bause, 6-0 Soph. C.

Butler's outlook: "With four returning starters, we have a very experienced team this year. Two of those starters have been playing varsity since their freshman year. Sophomore Chanelle Lochrie will be taking over the point guard position. She has been playing varsity since her eighth-grade year. We are looking forward to a very successful and productive season."



Northville senior Brook Adams returns at center for the Class A quarterfinalists.

PREP FOOTBALL



CC quarterback Austin Brown had to watch the finals at Ford Field after suffering a broken leg during the state semifinal.

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Shamrocks' season chock full of memorable moments

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Although Novi Detroit Catholic Central didn't win the ultimate prize in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 football state final at Ford Field, the season was far from a loss.

The Shamrocks, making their 17th state finals appearance under coach Tom Mach, found themselves deadlocked at 14-14 early in the second quarter following Jack Morris' 35-yard interception return.

At that point, an 11th state title for Mach and the Shamrocks seemed clearly in sight.

But speedy and talented Detroit Cass Tech went on to score 42 straight points to gobble up its third state championship under coach Thomas Wilcher with a 49-20 win.

The final game often overshadows the rest of the season, but in this case, it should not.

The Shamrocks reeled off 13 straight victories, starting with an impressive shutout win over Sterling Heights Stevenson at the Battle of the Big House.

Playing an ambitious schedule, CC also scored impressive wins during the regular season over Toledo Whitmer, Ohio power Cleveland St. Ignatius (in overtime), Birmingham Brother Rice (also in overtime) and three-time defending Division 3 champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's twice (including the Catholic League A-B Division finals).

The Shamrocks' playoff run was impressive as well, with triumphs over Howell (49-17), Novi (35-21), Grandville (28-14) and defending state champion Romeo (17-0).

Senior defensive end Jackson Ross, a two-way standout at end for the Shamrocks,

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JACKSON ROSS
senior defensive end

reflected afterward outside the press conference area following the loss to Cass Tech.

"We got 60 great kids in there in the locker room right now," said Ross, a member of the CC wrestling team who is also contemplating a couple of Division I college football offers. "I'm just proud of every one of them. We were really a family this year. This is my favorite team I've ever been on. I'm just really proud of them and I know they're going to get the job done next year. They've got a really good team returning and I think they're going to get it done."

It didn't help that CC was missing dual-threat starting quarterback Austin Brown, who broke his leg during the state semifinal victory over Romeo. The sophomore underwent surgery Nov. 23, but was on the sideline Saturday to support his teammates.

"(Brown) is doing good," Mach said. "He should have a complete, positive recovery. When they did the operation, they said it wasn't as serious as they originally thought. It went really well and it looks good."

After putting in sophomore Marco Genrich during the first half of the Romeo game following Brown's injury, Mach decided during the

week to turn to senior Dillon Dejong to start the state final.

It was a tough assignment for Dejong, who doubled this season as the team's long and short snapper. Dejong is a wrestler as well.

"Dillon had those qualities already," Mach said. "He throws the ball well, he runs the ball well. He's got good leadership qualities. In four days, he did a fantastic job running an offense that he didn't have much preparation for until that point."

Injuries may have caught up with Shamrocks late in the season.

Chris Jakubik, a senior who started at both wide receiver and defensive back, as well as being the starting punter, was not a full strength against Cass Tech.

"That's the problem when you get to the finals," Mach said. "He's got a bad shoulder that he was nursing and his knee popped out last game. Then he was really soft and he couldn't kick. The punter (Joe Jasser) did a great job. It was only the second time he punted in his life. So there's a lot of different things that take place when the guys are getting hurt and so forth, along the way. And they're playing hurt, so you're not playing up to par sometimes."

But the Shamrocks made no excuses. Mach is ready to turn the page and look forward to the 2017 season, which will be his 42nd at CC.

And with a 373-97 overall record, 26 playoff appearances and 10 state titles in 41 seasons, who can blame him?

"We're perennially there," Mach said. "Our coaches do a great job. The kids work really, really hard. I think the future is always good at Catholic Central."

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The Shamrocks then got their lone TD of the second half with only 47 seconds remaining on a 1-yard run by Matt Young. (Jacob Nichols' PAT was no good.)

Well before the late TD by CC, the outcome had become a moot point, but it didn't start out that way, at least during the first two quarters.

After CC went three-and-out on its first possession, Cass Tech wasted little time in scoring, going 45 yards in just four plays as Hall hit Teone Allen in the flat and the junior slot-back turned the corner and tight-roped down the sideline for a 33-yard TD with 8:38 left in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks got their offense rolling on their second possession with a 73-yard, 15-play drive that consumed 8:19. It was capped by Isaac Darkangelo's 1-yard TD run with 0:12 left. CC got a big first down on fourth-and-short thanks to a 5-yard run to the 1 by Darkangelo.

And with just five seconds to go in the first quarter, CC took its only lead of the game when defensive end Jack Morris snuffed out a Hall screen pass and raced 35 untouched for a TD interception return. Jacob Nichols added at PAT to make it 14-7.

But Cass Tech, getting good field position on the ensuing kickoff, drove 59 yards on eight plays as Hall hit Allen over the middle at the goal line for a 20-yard TD to tie the score at 14-14 with 9:17 to go in the first half.

After forcing CC to quick punt on fourth-and-three, Cass Tech took just three plays to score, as Donovan Johnson raced 60 yards for a TD with 4:39 left to make it 21-14.

"We came with a game plan," CC senior defensive end Jackson Ross said. "We really wanted to use our physicality kind of against them, but props to them. They did a really good job. They've got a lot of athletes. They got them the ball. They kind of faked us out a lot, (we) couldn't really tackle them and that's what really killed us. We couldn't really wrap them up. We couldn't get enough guys to the ball and they capitalized. Props to them."

CC played without starting quarterback Austin Brown, who was injured during the first half of CC's 17-0 state semifinal win Nov. 19 over Romeo. Brown, a sophomore, underwent surgery on Tuesday.

Mach, who used sophomore Marco Genrich to finish out the Romeo game, decided to

turn to senior Dillon Dejong to start the state championship game.

"Obviously, if you lose your quarterback, it's going to be different things that you're going to try and do," Mach said. "He had a great year for us and did a great job all the way up to that point. Our quarterback that went in (Dejong) did a tremendous job, a gutsy job. He had to play quarterback in three days of practice and, all the sudden, he's playing in front of 30,000 people. I thought he did a fabulous job."

Cass Tech finished with 383 yards total offense as Peoples-Jones, the highly touted senior recruit, finished with six catches for 118 yards, while Hall was 10-of-18 passing for 220 with the one pick-six.

"Probably one of the best we've seen in our time," Mach said of Peoples-Jones. "And, of course, they have a couple of them. It's hard to stop them all."

"You don't understand how fast some of those guys are until you play them. You see them on film, it's one thing. You see them live and they take off, you're guys are missing tackles that you usually make. It's one of those things."

CC, using a full-house backfield, finished with 175 yards rushing, but had only 193 total yards.

Cass Tech coach Thomas Wilcher was pleased with the way his defense performed.

"I knew we had a good offense," said Wilcher, who just completed his 19th season. "I knew the offense was going to be clicking, but the most important thing is that I didn't want us to break down defensive-wise and that was the most important thing."

"The defense did a great job and I'm so happy the kids settled down and they did what they were supposed to do today. We made a couple of mistakes on defense, but one or two mistakes didn't kill us like before. I'm just very happy they went out and played Cass Tech football. We left here playing true Cass Tech football."

Meanwhile, the finish was bittersweet for the Shamrocks, who were denied their 11th state championship.

"We got to this point, we were undefeated until this point," said senior running back Nicholas Capatina, who finished with a team-best 85 yards rushing on 12 carries. "That's good and everything, but we didn't finish. And I think, that's good for the younger guys because they don't want to feel this next year. Hopefully, they'll get the job done."

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Catholic Central's Isaac Darkangelo goes in for a TD against Cass Tech.

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GOLF

Renovations complete on Meadowbrook Country Club course

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Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club has announced that the golf course renovation work by Andy Staples Design has been completed.

The grow-in has been underway on all the greens, tees, fairways and roughs and, based on weather conditions over the next six months, the club is planning for a grand reopening in mid-May.

One of the area's historic private golf clubs, Meadowbrook Country Club embarked on a major renovation of its historic 1916 course to mark the milestone occasion of its 100th anniversary. Originally designed by

Scottish classic architect Willie Park Jr., with a later contribution by the renowned Donald Ross, Meadowbrook will soon unveil a refreshing new look thanks to Arizona-based Andy Staples Design.

"I am astounded at the quality of the grow-in and how well the place has established," said Staples, who is based in Scottsdale, Ariz. "There are 12-14 holes ready for play already and the last holes are not far behind. With a friendly winter and a warm spring, we'll be open on time. I'm also blown away with the views across the property and how each hole now allows for strategic views from one hole to the next, taking advantage of the dramatic topography."

Among the membership, the greens are the most talked about aspects of this redesign. The intention was to make them difficult, but interesting. The architect's plan was to keep consistent speeds known as "Meadowbrook speed," rather than posting stimp-meter readings or discussing green speeds in terms of numbers.

"Our Pure Distinction greens will be some of the best in the metro area," club general manager Joe Marini said. "The club's decision to move ahead with this project is paying off and is positioning us as one of the leaders in how a renovation should be done. Our design team did a spectacular job."

Meadowbrook Country Club enjoys a rich history and the club has hosted a number of prestigious national and state tournaments, including the 1955 PGA Championship won by Doug Ford. The former PGA Tour Motor City Open also was contested for four years at Meadowbrook, with Ben Hogan winning the inaugural tournament in 1948. Chick Harbert, the club's most famous head professional, won the 1954 PGA Championship title and played on two Ryder Cup teams, including the 1955 squad as captain.

"With the addition of more bent grass on the fairways, approaches and green surrounds, the course will provide more options of play and

be a course golfers will need to think their way around," Staples said. "There is no doubt in my mind that Meadowbrook will be one of the most unique clubs in the area. I'm honored to have been a part of it."

As the Detroit area now undergoes a renaissance, the club also is poised for a new direction entering its second century. With the reputation as a family-friendly club that values tradition and camaraderie, Meadowbrook's comprehensive golf course renovation has it positioned to rank as one of the region's top private club membership experiences.

For more information, go to www.meadowbrookcountryclub.com.

BOYS HOCKEY

Early Brother Rice outburst freezes CC

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Despite being on the eve of Thanksgiving, Birmingham Brother Rice's hockey team started its holiday dinner a little early.

The Warriors brought their 'A' game to the table, carving up rival and three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 5-1, before a packed house Nov. 23 at USA Hockey Arena's Olympic Rink.

Three first-period goals by Rice (2-1) proved to be the proof in the pudding as host CC (1-3) dropped its third straight.

"It was awesome. The crowd got into it early and it was really fun to see," said Jack Clement, a third-year senior defenseman for the Warriors. "We just came out with a lot of energy. We have a lot of seniors on this team. They've been showing great leadership all year. We just came out and battled. We really battled from the get-go and it was really cool."

Just 1:12 into the opening period, Rice's Nick Dudley scored unassisted to make it 1-0. At the 8:38 mark of the first, Mitch Schultz scored from Michael McInerney and Ryan Ginier to give Rice a two-goal cushion.

"I'd have to go back and look at the film to see the goals against, but from my memory the goals that were scored ... one starts with a bad turnover in our own zone," CC second-year coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "You just can't have it against a team like this and we have possession of the puck. Another one starts with an offensive zone face-off, which we talked about. So that one bothers the coach because we talked about it. We knew what they were going to do and we didn't execute what we needed to do. And, sure enough, back of the net and it's 2-0."

The Warriors' third goal of the period came at 13:31 on a power play as Clement beat CC starting goaltender Sean Finstrom, with assists going to Will Duncan and Dudley.

"They have a good power play; they moved it around," Kaleniecki said. "We kind of knew what they were looking to do. They found a way and got one through. So on that one, you kind of tip your hat to them and how well they played, too."

Meanwhile, the 3-0 start by the Warriors proved to be better than expected.



Catholic Central's Mitch Morris (left) tries to turn the corner on Rice defenseman Will McLellan.

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"The boys came out hard," Rice first-year coach Kenny Chaput said. "We had emphasized after (a 1-0 loss to Livonia Stevenson) that we had to get things to the net and they did a really good job of getting pucks to the net. It helps to get the lead and not play from behind. And it helped with confidence and everything getting those early goals."

Kaleniecki decided to shake things up entering the second period by making a goalie change as Joe Pernecky replaced Finstrom.

And the Shamrocks showed some life offensively, cutting the deficit to 3-1 when Nicco Zervos banged home a rebound after John Zielinski's shot caromed off the back boards.

After successfully killing off a penalty, Rice answered by converting on a two-on-none break as McInerney scored unassisted at the 10:17 mark to make it 4-1.

"We had a lot of momentum going early in that second period and we felt like the tide was turning," Kaleniecki said. "We felt like we were going in the right direction. I felt good, potentially, where we could go from that with the power play. We had a couple opportunities to get some good looks and we mishandled the puck, then make a poor pass. You name it, we did it. And then, sure enough, we turn it over and

they get the two-on-none. That stuff will kill you. It took out a lot of steam out at that point when we were building some momentum, but they were a better hockey team by far tonight."

Leading 4-1 after two periods, Rice put it away just 20 seconds into the third as McInerney notched its second goal of the game off an assist from Alec DeLuca.

"We got in the dirty areas today," Clement said. "That's why we put up five (goals) today. It was good."

Chaput liked the way his team performed throughout the 54 minutes in the defensive zone. Goalie Ryan Hoffman turned aside 17 of CC's 18 shots.

"Coming into the year, we thought we're a little young on defense, a little inexperienced, but they've played really, really well," Chaput said. "They didn't panic when under pressure and our goaltending was very, very solid, too. Ryan did a great job back there keeping control of things."

Chaput, who served last season as an assistant under Lou Schmidt, has now taken the reins at Rice full time and it appears the Warriors haven't missed a beat.

"It's been awesome; they made it really easy," Clement said of the transition. "(Chaput) really hasn't changed

much. Coach (Lou) Schmidt was a great coach and coach Chaput is following that great tradition."

After winning its season opener Nov. 17 against Port Huron Northern, 6-0, CC was swept in a two-game weekend series by national prep power Culver (Ind.) Military Academy, 5-1 and 6-0.

The Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division loss to Rice stings even more. The Shamrocks have now been outscored 16-2 over their last three games.

"It's a game we want to remember, I would say that," Kaleniecki said. "It's a game we want to learn from, because there's a lot of things in this game that we need to learn from if we're going to be a good hockey team. We've got a long way to go, so it's a game we don't forget. If anything, it's a game we've got to mark down and remember, look at and see the areas we need to improve on and there are a lot of them."

CC also went 0-of-5 on the power play.

"Special teams as a whole has to be a ton better to have any chance," Kaleniecki said. "We need special teams to be in a positive moment, a positive for our team and tonight, obviously, we weren't."

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WILDCATS

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Mark Vellucci said. "He's just cool, calm and collected back there. It's nice. The guys feed off that and they know that he's going to make every save that he should and they're there to clear rebounds. I don't think (Northville) had many second chances tonight, which was a key."

Northville got its lone goal at the 15:48 mark of the opening period, when Shane Bryans beat Legace from close range off an assist from Nick Bonafiglio.

But the Wildcats answered just 24 seconds later, when sophomore Evan Chippa scored off an assist from senior Anthony Luongo.

Perpich was then awarded the penalty shot early in the second period, when he was hauled down from behind on a break to the net by the Mustangs' Brendan Lovette.

"I mean that's tough one, right? You lose 2-1 and they get a penalty shot goal," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "It's a bigger problem. Whether it's a penalty shot or a penalty, that would have been six penalties we took to one and that wasn't an indication of bad refereeing. It was an indication of us not being disciplined."

Northville lost despite outshooting the Wildcats, 30-22.

"I thought when we were even strength, I thought we did a good job of pushing the play," Robert said. "I thought we had a lot of control. I'd like to see us get to the net a little bit better, but I thought we did a relatively good job even up. We just couldn't score."

Northville, after successfully killing off a two-minute kneeling penalty in the third period, pulled goaltender Brett Miller with just under a minute remaining for the extra attacker.

The Mustangs got off one decent shot that Legace saved and also had a face-off in inside Novi's blue line, but couldn't score the equalizer.

"We were blocking shots, we were diving for pucks, we wanted to win that game so bad and we did it with grit," Vellucci said. "I don't know how many times we've had one-goal games against these guys. It's been seven games for me and it seems it's always a one-goal game."

The Wildcats did a good job on the defensive end in front of Legace.

"Rebound control is huge," the senior goalie said. "The defense does a great job of cleaning up the ones I do let out."

Vellucci not only singled out Legace, but also a trio of senior forwards.

"Derek DuBois had a great game, No. 2, it was all heart," he said. "Brandon Kour, Ryan Wexler — those guys really stood out for us tonight for us."

Northville, meanwhile, hopes to tighten up things on both ends of the ice.

"One giveaway led to the penalty shot and a couple of times 'Millsey' bailed us out," Robert said of senior goalie Brett Miller. "We want our 'D' to push the play and jump into the play, so we kind of give them the green light because we know there's going to be some turnovers probably. But we're confident with (Miller) in net that 99 out of a 100 times, he's going to bail us out."

Novi is already well ahead of last year's uncharacteristic 1-5 start.

"We started out well, 3-0, but we really owe it all to our goalie," Perpich said. "He's been standing on his head lately. We're a team. We all go and play our hearts out and get the job done. We might not have the most skill, but we have the most heart."

And Legace likes what he sees so far from his teammates.

"It was one of the best times I've ever seen them play," he said. "My first two games, we started off strong with the two wins. Whenever we play Northville, our big rival, it's always something else. We always stand on our heads that game. Our heart is probably the biggest thing with this team."

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USA HOCKEY

NTDP teams enjoy tasty week of holiday action

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Home cooking for the Thanksgiving holiday worked out well for the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 hockey team.

The results were as tasty as turkey, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings as the U18 squad won all three games of a holiday week home stand at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth by a combined score of 17-9.

"I think it's fun to get more games in a week; it's new," said U18 goalie Dylan St. Cyr of Northville, the No. 1 star in Sunday afternoon's 3-1 win over the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Usually, we only get the two games on a weekend. It's definitely more taxing on the body, but we handled it well."

With St. Cyr showing big-time compete level and post-to-post movement despite his 5-8 frame, he turned aside 24 Pointers shots to help the U.S. win all three games during the home stand.

The U.S. opened the stretch with an 8-5 win Nov. 23 over Muskegon (United States Hockey League) and followed up with Saturday's 6-3 victory over the University of St. Thomas.

Net presence

"I think the victories are nice," head coach John Wroblewski said. "I'm more a believer in the process, how we get to those victories."

"I thought, unfortunately, their play declined a little bit over the three games. I thought we were really good against Muskegon, I thought we were pretty good (Saturday). Today, I thought we were just average and Dylan St. Cyr was exceptional today."

St. Cyr shrugged off the



U.S. NTDP Under-18 goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) sprawls to deny a chance by UW-Stevens Point forward Lawrence Cornellier.

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praise, stressing that he just worked on staying focused — especially early in each period.

"I think my job as a goalie is just to give the team a chance to win," said St. Cyr, who is a verbal commit to play at Michigan next year. "Getting the first couple saves in the first definitely helped my confidence and in the second, as well."

"I always like to see that first puck in the beginning of a period to get my confidence up. I think I did that well today."

But through 40 minutes Sunday, the U.S. was not playing like the high-flying squad that scored 14 goals the previous two games.

The U.S. did go up 1-0 midway through the first on an unassisted goal by Brighton's Logan Cockerill. He collected the puck in the neutral zone, zoomed into the opposing end and ripped a shot from between the circles over the blocker of Pointers goalie Max Milosek for his ninth of the year.

The Pointers drew even at 18:15, when Willem Hong-Lam-

bert buried a shot at the right post past St. Cyr, just as a U.S. penalty expired.

St. Cyr then kept the contest tied throughout a busy second period, when he made 12 stops. He got over to deny a bid by Austin Kelly from the right circle and, late in the period, rejected a chance by Tanner Karty from the slot, also getting in front of the rebound.

On target

It took the U.S. only 31 seconds of the third period to go up to stay, however.

Center Evan Barratt slid a cross-crease feed to linemate Scott Reedy, who snapped a shot into the Pointers net from near the right post. Also assisting was defenseman Quinn Hughes.

"We got off to a little bit of a slow start, but we found ourselves in the third and my linemates made a great play," said Reedy, who now has eight goals on the season (including USHL and college games). "Fortunately, I got up in the fort and they found me back side and I put it five-hole."

St. Cyr made sure that lead held up, although an unassisted empty-netter at 19:20 by forward Brady Tkachuk (his 10th of the year) provided some insurance.

According to St. Cyr and Reedy, being able to reel off wins — especially with the potential of holiday distractions — is a good sign for the team moving forward.

"It shows how mentally strong we are. Having Thanksgiving break (and) being able to get three wins is pretty good, against some good teams," St. Cyr said. "Being able to stick together and play as good as we did was great."

"I look on the bright side and say pretty thankful that we were home, at least, we weren't traveling," Reedy said. "But we found a way to stay focused and not be too sidetracked by Thanksgiving and the holidays. I think it was good for us to have that challenge."

Reedy, a 6-1 right wing from Prior Lake, Minn., noted that the team's scoring binge against Muskegon helped set the tone for the rest of the week.

"It's definitely a confidence-booster to put eight goals in any night," Reedy said. "So I think we built off that and I think that helped drive us in the next games."

U18 6, ST. THOMAS 3: After falling behind 2-1 in the second period Saturday, U.S. defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) tied the score at 3:26, from Sean Dhooghe and Jacob Tortora.

The U.S. scored three more unanswered goals to take a 6-2 lead en route to the victory.

Also scoring were Dhooghe, Evan Barratt, Grant Mismash, Graham Slaggert and Scott Reedy (one goal, two assists).

U.S. goaltender Adam Scheel made 23 saves.

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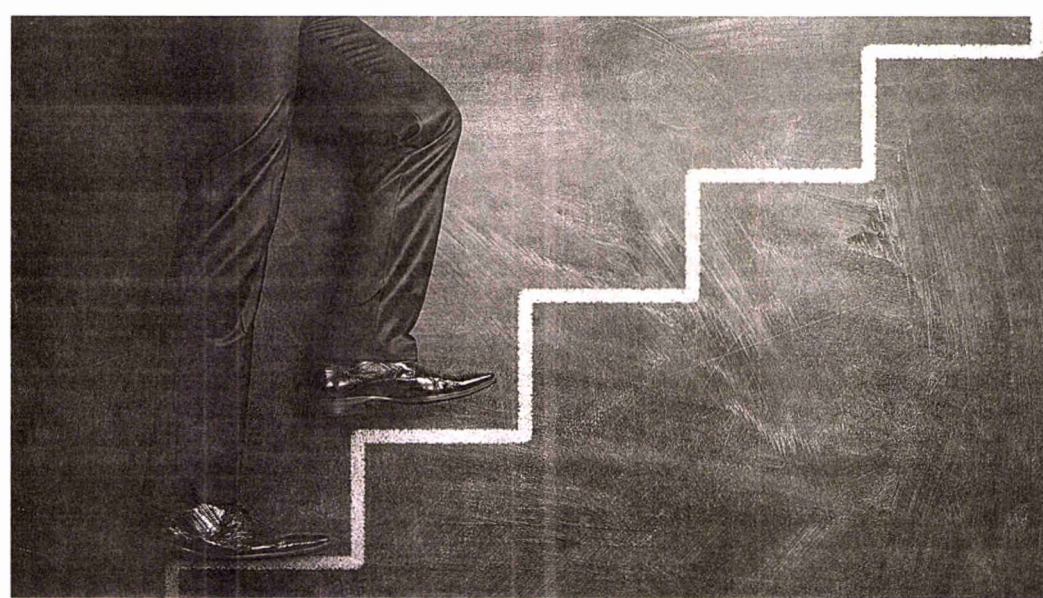
During the Great Recession, many laid-off workers were forced to take positions in low-skill jobs to make ends meet. While the recovery has enabled many Americans to get back to work, others still feel as if they are underemployed.

Perhaps you have a part-time job but want or need a full-time position. Or maybe you have a job, but it does not pay you enough. You might feel stuck in a position where your skills are being underutilized. Whatever your circumstances are, take the following advice to get back on track toward reaching your professional goals.

Own your situation.

People who are underemployed tend to blame external factors, such as their boss or the economy. However, that type of thinking "leads to a sense of helplessness, desperation and depression — none of which are good motivators," says Angelique Pivoine, owner of Good Thinking Agency, a career consultancy.

Instead, focus on what you can control and have the power to change. For example, if you're underemployed in a 9-to-5 job, Pivoine suggests proposing a new project,



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offering assistance to someone else's project or starting a side business.

Put your goals on paper.

"One thing that people who feel underemployed can do to start moving in the right direction is make a vision board, or at least write down all their career goals and aspirations," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at the career services company Mentat. "Once (the goals) are down on paper, it's important to start taking the steps they need to achieve them. If they are stuck in a job where they will never accomplish what they want to, it's

time to take drastic action and start searching for opportunities that will help them achieve what will fulfill them."

Learn a new skill.

"I think the main focus (if you feel underemployed) should be on developing existing or new skills around the type of work you want to do more of," says John Turner, founder of Users-Think, which helps businesses and individuals improve their websites. Gaining a new skill makes you "more valuable to potential companies looking to hire," he says, and with the vast number of free and inexpensive educational resources

available online, it does not have to be expensive.

Join a professional association.

This offers several benefits that can push you ahead in your career, says Mark Anthony Dyson, a career consultant who hosts a podcast called The Voice of Job Seekers. Not only will you get to know others in your field, you will also stay up-to-date on relevant news. "You will learn the latest trends of the industry, you'll meet the people who are creating new ideas and get career tips from them, and you'll be noticed for trying (or being courageous)," Dyson says.

Volunteer. "If you're not happy with your current career path, a well-thought-out volunteer role can give you an opportunity to test the waters for a new role or industry," says Leila Hock, founder of the career advising company Alignment Coaching. Volunteering, she says, "allows you to meet new people and be exposed to new opportunities. If you've chosen a volunteer opportunity that is meaningful to you, then chances are you'll do a great job, and those volunteering with you will notice that and keep you top of mind if they or their team need support."

Build your network.

Most career experts agree that building your professional network is one of the best ways to help you get out of a career slump. Your new acquaintances might be able to offer advice and act as mentors, and they could know of opportunities that you wouldn't have heard of otherwise. They may even be willing to put in a good word for you or act as professional references when you're ready to apply.

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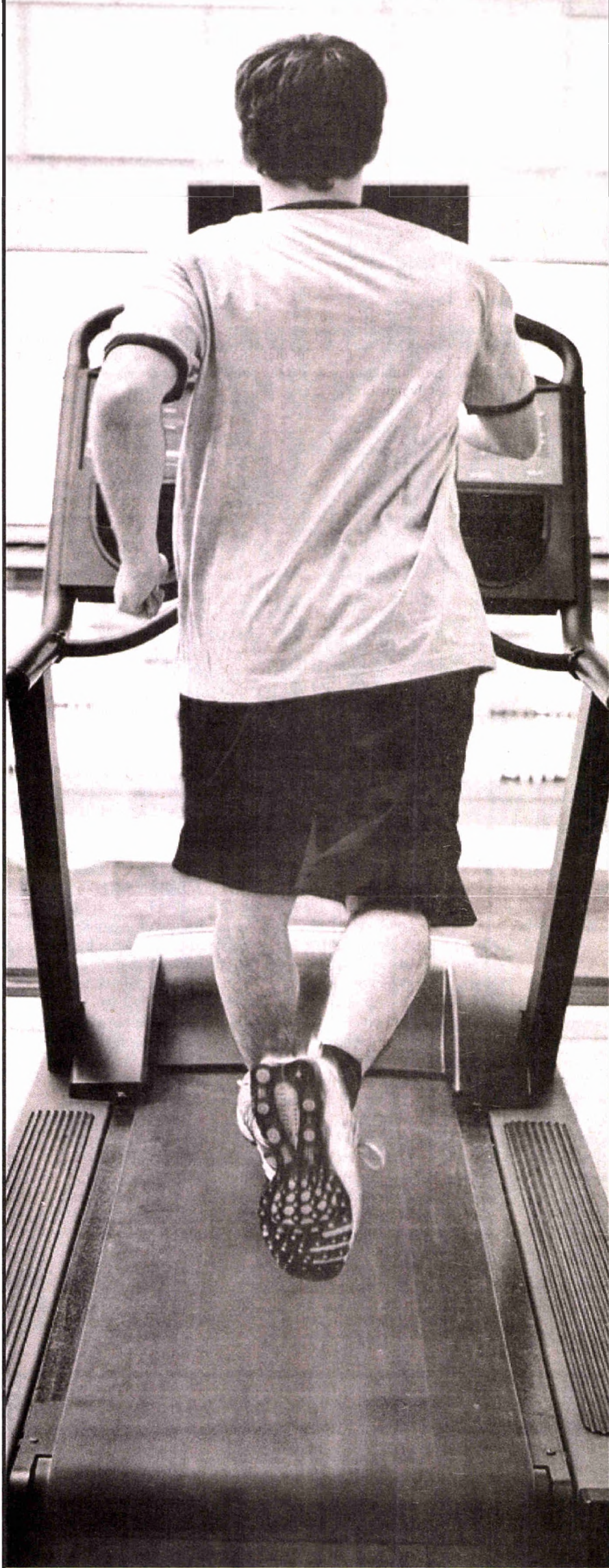
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- 1 Roman god with a bow
 - 5 Knotting craft
 - 12 Move like a kangaroo
 - 15 Overquick
 - 19 Be a wanderer
 - 20 Moral
 - 21 Actress
 - 22 Comical Kett
 - 23 Jack London novel
 - 26 Dumbfound
 - 27 Flynn of films
 - 28 Prone (to)
 - 29 Big name in credit cards
 - 30 Cake coater
 - 31 Writer Verne
 - 33 Easy targets to attack
 - 36 Lacking a musical key
 - 38 Writer
 - 40 Mystery novelist — Stanley Gardner
 - 41 Relative of soul
 - 46 Infuse with oxygen
 - 50 Sphagnum, e.g.
 - 51 Cookie with a "Thins" line
 - 52 One-masted sailboats
 - 54 Chic, '60s-style
 - 55 Really, really quick
 - 59 Drive off
 - 63 Pretty low grades
 - 64 "That is — ask"
 - 65 "Picnic" playwright
 - 66 With
 - 67 13-Down, giant in internet service
 - 69 Sports org. with the eight teams featured in this puzzle
 - 71 Trip to a rain forest, maybe
 - 73 Vicious
 - 74 Eban of Israel
 - 77 Foreboding
 - 80 Shimon of Israel
 - 81 2011 Jim Carrey comedy
 - 86 Head sweller
 - 87 Tie up again, as shoes
 - 88 Don't skip, as an event
 - 89 Oat's cry
 - 93 Waters off Eritrea
 - 95 2007-13 pickup truck model
 - 99 Clearasil treats it
 - 101 Designer
 - 102 Old TV tube
 - 103 Be engulfed in fire
 - 109 Ate
 - 110 Writer Bret Easton —
 - 111 Know — fact
 - 112 Actor's help
 - 114 The blabs
 - 117 Rake feature
 - 118 Hawaiians and Tongans
 - 122 Tennis' Lendl
 - 123 TV producer
 - 124 In a very angry way
 - 125 Filmdom's —
 - 126 Bird setting
 - 127 Sinuous fish
 - 128 Villy
 - 129 Gambol
 - 5 Ex-Giant Ott
 - 6 Gazetteer shellmate
 - 7 Hew
 - 8 Falling-out
 - 9 Masquerade
 - 10 — jongg
 - 11 Chosen few
 - 12 Papa Doc's place
 - 13 See
 - 66-Across
 - 14 Inflate falsely
 - 15 Hero, often
 - 16 Top-floor storage site
 - 17 Reeked
 - 18 With
 - 56-Down, surfs like a pro
 - 24 God, in Islam
 - 25 Clever type
 - 30 Most lazy
 - 32 "St. — Fire" (1985 film)
 - 33 Hero in a deli
 - 34 Fluish, say
 - 35 Shown with explicit detail
 - 36 It has biceps
 - 37 However, informally
 - 38 Golf's Sam
 - 39 — of one's own medicine
 - 42 Dog cry
 - 43 Naval vessel abbr.
 - 44 Fitzgerald of song
 - 45 Loam, e.g.
 - 47 Key of "Für Elise"
 - 48 Mouth organ
 - 49 Lawn care tools
 - 53 Eye creepily
 - 55 — Baba
 - 56 See
 - 18-Down
 - 57 "... woman who lived in —"
 - 58 Evening, casually
 - 59 Rear-ending car, e.g.
 - 60 Arise
 - 61 Natural legume case
 - 62 Cube maker
 - 67 Peninsular northeast of Boston
 - 68 Brother in Genesis
 - 70 Pre-O trio
 - 72 Mil. missions
 - 75 Bric-a —
 - 76 Yiddish writer
 - 78 Actress
 - 79 Italian for "new"
 - 82 Summary
 - 83 16th letter
 - 84 "Don't make — habit"
 - 85 Nick of "Warrior"
 - 89 Potato chip topping
 - 90 Singer Helen or actor Jerry
 - 91 Univ. award
 - 92 Envision
 - 94 Wise
 - 96 22nd letter
 - 97 "Indubitably"
 - 98 "Grease" actress Eve
 - 100 Erase
 - 103 Gain entry
 - 104 Drain color
 - 105 Forelimb bones
 - 106 Close-by
 - 107 "Exodus" protagonist
 - 108 Don's group
 - 109 Cuts down, as a tree
 - 112 Refer to
 - 113 Tech support seeker
 - 115 Bear, celestially
 - 116 "By Jove!"
 - 118 Adolescent leader?
 - 119 Taxing org.
 - 120 Beret, e.g.
 - 121 Senate vote

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

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

COUNTRY STAR WORD SEARCH

WORDS	WORDS
M A B T L R P L S W O M A C K E I T H S	ALABAMA
A L J D E M A N D R E L L T H Y S R E E C	ALDEAN
T Y A R D K R J D M C B R I D E R Y L J	ATKINS
T A L N O W T U U K A I U A J E A H P	BLACK
H T A Y O M O B J L T V H M K H M V W B	BROOKS
E K B K W D N Y E D T G L C C B B M L O T	BRYAN
W I A S R W I E E R U C U L E U H O R U	CHESNUTT
S N M D A T A X O L R R A R L I N V C N	CROW
M S A R E N T G I E S C T L L O J E X D	DIXIE CHICKS
X V P Y Y P E U E E K E E L T L R L E E	DUNN
J C R N R R A R N M C B R L T N E E R R	HAYES
T O N Y S I Y I E S E H E P O Y L S I W	HILL
E W N L R O E C S T E H I S L W K S T O	HOUGH
L O N E S T A R N L S H L C I H C R N O	JACKSON
B W B R S M T A H M E I C L K W I G E D	JONES
R B R K K U Y G O W W Y L M Y S P O C N	JUDDS
Y B O X P D U O D J W I N O S L E N M N	KEITH
A D O T A O R U L V A U G H N V A M S Y	LADY ANTEBELLUM
N D K L H E N O K M M E S S I N A D Y L	LAMBERT
P W S J O N I E S J C K C N O S K C A J	LONESTAR
	LYNN
	LYNNRD
	SKYNRD
	MANDRELL
	MATTHEWS
	MCRIDE
	MCCRERY
	MCCREERY
	MESSINA
	MOORE
	NELSON
	PAISLEY
	PARTON
	PICKLER
	PRESELY
	ROGERS
	RUCKER
	SHELTON
	TRITT
	UNDERWOOD
	VAUGHN
	WILLIAMS
	WILSON
	WOMACK
	YEARWOOD

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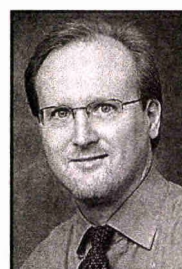
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MEAN	ABBA	OMEN	PERES
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EGO	RELACE	GOTO	OOPS
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GOUP	INFLAMES	FEDON	
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TINE	PACIFIC	ISLANDERS	
IVAN	RCA	IRATELY	ILSA
NEST	EEL	ASPERSE	PLAY

Word Search Answers

ALABAMA	ALDEAN	ATKINS	BLACK	BROOKS	BRYAN	CHESNUTT	CROW	DIXIE CHICKS	DUNN	HAYES	HILL	HOUGH	JACKSON	JONES	JUDDS	KEITH	LADY ANTEBELLUM	LAMBERT	LONESTAR	LYNN	LYNNRD	SKYNRD	MANDRELL	MATTHEWS	MCRIDE	MCCRERY	MCCREERY	MESSINA	MOORE	NELSON	PAISLEY	PARTON	PICKLER	PRESELY	ROGERS	RUCKER	SHELTON	TRITT	UNDERWOOD	VAUGHN	WILLIAMS	WILSON	WOMACK	YEARWOOD
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Car Report

KIA RIDES DIVERSE LINEUP, QUALITY BLITZKRIEG TO UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN SALES AND BRAND EQUITY



By Dale Buss

Kia has come out from the shadows of its larger sibling and has established itself as a leader in the mainstream of the US auto market in areas ranging from product quality to advertising appeal.

Even as overall auto sales were booming in the United States last year, Kia established one of the best growth marks with its best annual sales ever, nearly 626,000 vehicles, good for nearly an 8-percent gain from the previous year. That was merely 135,000 units short of US sales for its longer-established sibling, Hyundai, in 2015.

In 2016, Kia has picked up

where it left off, with sales rising for the year to date through August even as some big general-market rivals, including General Motors and Ford, began showing year-to-year declines.

"Despite signs that industry-wide sales may have peaked in 2015, Kia is up nearly four percent through August on the strength of double-digit year-over-year increases for Rio, Forte, Sportage and Sedona," said Michael Sprague, chief operating officer for Kia Motors America.

Indeed, the diversity of Kia's lineup has been one key for its continued gain in market share, as its small cars have withstood the segment-wide downdraft that has afflicted most other segment nameplates in 2016 and as Kia's Sportage and Sorento SUVs have posted stronger sales as well. Even the Kia Sedona minivan is enjoying a mini-boom.

"So much of this business is about

product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague recently told me.

Another huge factor in Kia's ability to resist the growing headwinds in the US, and continue its growth story, is its stunning rise to the top of the industry in product quality. Not long ago looked down upon along with Hyundai as exemplars of relatively poor quality, Kia in 2016 managed to rank highest in initial



Soul is an important vehicle in the Kia lineup.

quality, and people were writing the brand off," Sprague said. "The company has made a very determined effort since then to fix quality." It helps that "for the millennial generation, we're a completely new brand."

It also helps that, as Sprague put it, "we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right." Among other messages emphasizing Kia quality and utility is one about fun.

That was exemplified, for instance, by Kia's decision to advertise a mid-size sedan, Optima, in the most recent Super Bowl even though many Americans now are headed straight for the crossovers and SUVs on the showroom floor. The ad starred Christopher Walken demonstrating the sophistication and refinement of the 2016 version of a car - after a humorous episode in a

man's "Walken" closet.

And later this year, Kia brought back its animatronic hamsters to promote Soul, its fast-growing crossover that the brand introduced in 2009. Its record exemplifies Kia's booming growth: Back then, the brand sold only 35,000 Souls; in 2015, Soul sales in the US were 146,000 units.

Most recently, Kia launched a new campaign starring former pro-football stars Bo Jackson and Brian Bosworth for the Sorento SUV in a Tecmo Bowl-themed campaign. The former nemeses help Kia "play on technology in terms of blending the old video game graphics with the new advancements in the Sorento, illustrat[ing] just how far Kia has come and how advanced this SUV truly is," said Colin Jeffery, chief creative officer for agency David&Goliath.



Brian Bosworth and Bo Jackson star in Kia's new football-themed campaign.

quality of any brand in the important J.D. Power annual awards.

Kia's performance marked the first time in 27 years that a non-premium brand topped Power's rankings. The brand's achievement put it atop not only other envious general-market brands, such as Hyundai, which finished No. 3, and No. 4 Toyota, but also ahead of premium marques that typically lead the field in the J.D. Power evaluation, including No. 2 Porsche and No. 5 BMW.

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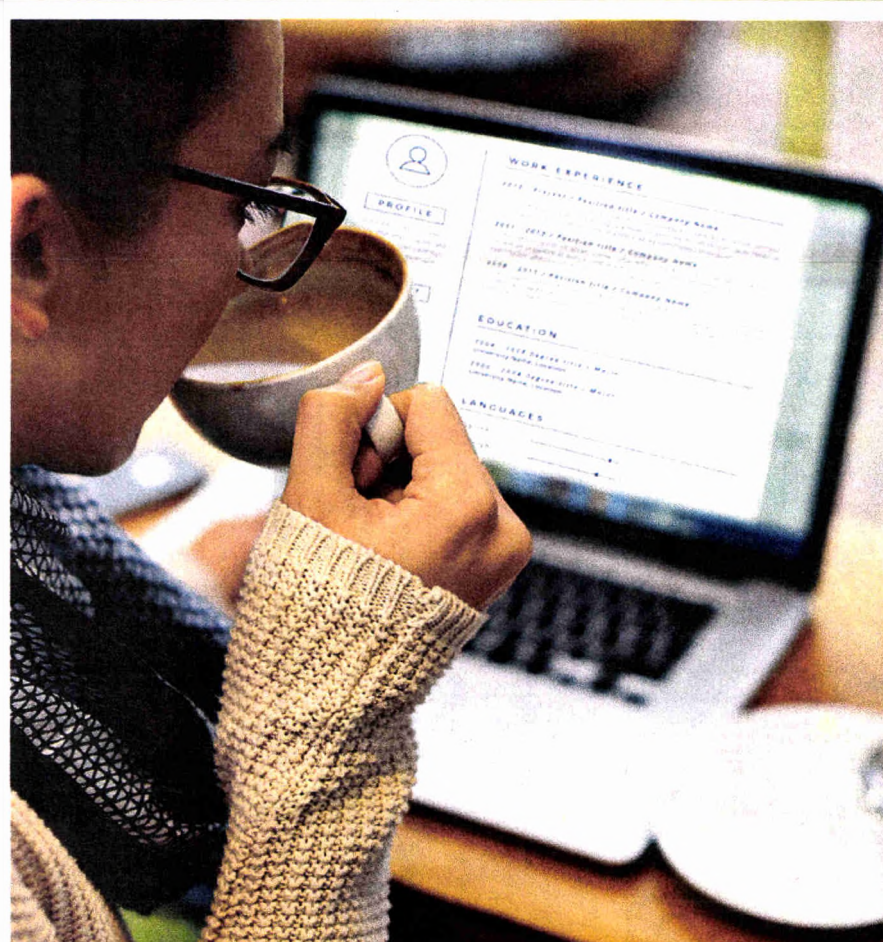
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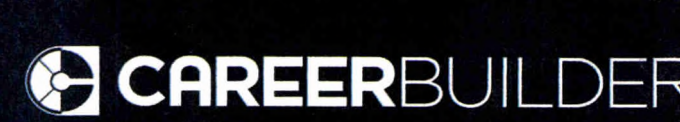
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- * Three bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, with lake access
- * Stunning kitchen with granite countertops, tile backsplash and stainless steel appliances
- * New paint, custom trim and carpet throughout
- * Gorgeous 400 square foot cedar deck

MLS 216109602 248.684.1065 \$229,900



Corner Lot Colonial!

- * Four bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, charming Colonial
- * Stone fireplace, custom cabinets
- * Professionally finished basement with full bath
- * Deck overlooking play area and lake privileges on Lake Chemung

MLS 216104747 248.684.1065 \$289,900



Charming Colonial!

- * Four bedrooms, two and half bathroom, Colonial
- * Master suite with crown molding
- * First floor laundry, two car garage
- * Inviting built in pool with slide

MLS 216054450 248.684.1065 \$275,000



Absolutely Perfect, Move In Ready Condo!

- * Two bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, end unit condo
- * Lake view, lake privileges, with a private entry
- * Wonderful layout with open kitchen, with new built in shelving in living room
- * Updated master bathroom with marble flooring

MLS 216109696 248.684.1065 \$174,900



Builder's Own Custom Colonial!

- * Five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms, on 1.12 Acres
- * Gourmet kitchen with Granite counters, Cherry cabinets and huge pantry
- * Main floor master suite with jetted tub and walk in closets
- * Finished basement with full kitchen, bar and media room

MLS 216084025 248.684.1065 \$459,000



Great Location!

- * Four bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, Cape Cod
- * Original cove ceiling and hardwood floors throughout
- * Tremendous curb appeal
- * Great room with installed bow windows

MLS 216101543 248.684.1065 \$295,000



Exquisite Custom Built Brick Home!

- * Four bedrooms, four and half bathrooms on 2.4 acres
- * Wrap around cedar deck overlooking Proud Lake
- * Fully finished walk out basement
- * Two story barn with three horse stalls

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Beautiful Custom Colonial!

- * Three bedrooms, over three bathrooms, on 4.25 acres
- * Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, custom windows
- * Finished walkout basement with family room, bathroom and workshop
- * Located on a gorgeous private wooded lot

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