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Fur Ball to raise money

Paul Gross, WDIV-TV (Channel 4) meteorologist, will emcee the second annual Fur Ball fundraiser 6-11 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Suburban Collection Showplace Hyatt Place Platinum Ballroom in the Diamond Center 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. One hundred percent of proceeds from the event will be benefit the Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Tickets, \$100 per person, may be purchased by calling Michelle at 248-615-9060.

All about herb tea

Discover how fresh herbs add great flavor to all recipes. Louise Podges grown her herbs for more than 40 years and will share her knowledge 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Mill Race Village, 215 Grisworld, Northville. Tickets are limited and cost \$35 (\$18 tax-deductible) or \$30 for Northville Historical Society members. Call 248-348-1845 for tickets.

Crawford will make Senate bid

County commissioner wants Kowall's seat

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, announced he'll run for the state Senate seat being vacated next year by the term-limited Mike Kowall.

Crawford currently represents Novi in the county's 9th District. He has filed to run for Kowall's seat. Kowall is term-limited after eight years of service. The open senatorial seat will be filled by voters at the general election Nov. 6.

"I welcome the challenge to return to Lansing and serve the



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Hugh Crawford, with wife Kathy, announced he'll seek the state Senate seat being vacated by Mike Kowall.

great residents of southwest Oakland County," Crawford said. "I firmly believe that citi-

zenship is not a spectator sport. For me, that means I have an obligation for public service and a focus on getting things done."

Crawford served as the 38th District's state Representative for six years in Lansing (2008-14), serving as chairman of the Regulatory Reform Committee.

"My passion for public service is well-documented," Crawford said. "My track record in getting things done for my constituents, with a fiscally conservative and responsible attitude, speaks for itself."

Crawford began his political career as a Novi City Council member after retiring as a Xerox technician. He has held elected public office at the city,

county and state levels. Crawford also is an honorably discharged member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I am proud to say that I have lived and worked in Michigan all of my life," Crawford said. "It's been an honor to serve Michigan residents and I look forward to returning to Lansing as a state senator."

The open Senate seat serves Michigan's 15th District, which includes Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Commerce Township, Walled Lake, Milford, Orchard Lake, Wixom, White Lake Township, West Bloomfield Township and the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville.



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There were many supporters of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott in the front rows of the hall. They were often overshadowed by opponents of Trott and President Trump, who sat mostly in the back.

TROTT TAKES HEAT AT NOISY TOWN HALL

Matt Jachman
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David Trott was red-carded repeatedly — and sometimes drowned out by shouting — as he gamely faced a combative crowd during a raucous Saturday town hall in Novi.

The second-term Republican congressman from Birmingham arranged the meeting after weeks of pressure from constituents, who had said they wanted to know where their representa-

tive stood on President Donald Trump's agenda. Trott represents Michigan's 11th District, which includes many communities in Oakland County and western Wayne County.

At least 450 people packed a ballroom at the Suburban Collection Showplace for the town hall, but several hundred more were left outside, during a heavy morning snowfall, erupting into chants of "Trot him



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
U.S. Rep. Dave Trott answers questions March 18 at the Novi Suburban Collection Showplace. Trott found many supporters of his statements and quite a few opponents as he discussed his views on health care, Donald Trump, immigration and the economy.

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Cat rescued from hunter's trap loses limb

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Bucky Barnes is recovering from amputation surgery after being rescued from a trap.

Bucky the cat is alert and recovering from surgery after being snared by a leghold trap.

"It takes a period of time for them to recover from the physical and emotional trauma. It's been quite an ordeal," said Peter Barnes, practice administrator

at Veterinary Care Specialists in Milford, which is caring for the young, male cat. "The trap had been on for a bit of time. The leg was severely infected."

"It was probably the kind of trap you'd use for a coyote. These are dangerous traps. They are indiscriminate and pressure-sensitive. They generally are secured down with

something, but this one wasn't. The cat was dragging the chain."

Barnes said a staff member at Henry Ford Medical Facility last week saw Bucky struggling with the trap near a wooded area behind the facility on Milford Road. She called the Mil-

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Parents help drive school success

Last week, I visited Village Oaks Elementary School. As is my custom on my monthly school visits, I met with the principal and then I visited classrooms. Last Friday, one of the classrooms that I visited was Mr. Belanger's gym class. I purposefully visited Mr. Belanger's class because it was roller skating day.

During the time I visited, kindergarten students were roller skating through the gym. Parents were there to assist - making sure skates were on and laces were tied. There was a mat in the middle of the gym for those who still needed to have a safe place to land. The more adventurous kindergarten students were in



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

various stages of skating around the gym.

It was a glorious sight to behold!

The Novi Community School District is, as the formal name suggests, a community school district. While one can read too much into words at times, I think the words in our official school district name mean something.

Novi is meant to be a community school district - a school district that represents and supports and enhances our community.

Community can have a

variety of definitions. Two of the definitions that have interest to me state that a community is a unified body of individuals and that it is a group of people with common interests.

In Novi, we have a variety of groups of people who are unified to support our common interest - the students of the Novi school district. All of our efforts are directed at creating an organization that provides our students with opportunities and experiences and education that

will prepare them for the rest of their lives.

Our school district, in particular, is blessed to have parents who want to partner and support our schools. We have parent groups at each school that raise money, support programs and provide a variety of volunteers to support our students.

Parent volunteers support the annual all-night party, held for the graduating class of Novi High School after the graduation ceremony. We have a variety of booster groups that support our

marching band, our orchestra and our athletes.

We have parents who volunteer to support our Funfests and carnivals at the elementary schools. Parents come to our schools to read to our students, volunteer in classrooms and help with classroom projects.

Parent groups also provide resources for our students. As one example, the skates used by the students at Village Oaks were purchased by the Village Oaks parent group. This generous gift makes the roller skating

unit work just a little bit easier each year.

Our school district would not work without our parent volunteers. They provide the hands needed to do the work and find ways to raise the money needed to support the work.

Our school district works because we are a community committed to our students.

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

CAT

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ford Police Department and Officer Christopher Lipari responded. He delivered the injured, frightened cat to the veterinary hospital.

"We immediately worked on sedating the cat and it took two or

three people to open the trap and extricate the leg. Initially we bandaged it and started a course of

antibiotics to start getting the cat stabilized for surgery," Barnes said.

Jacqueline Mair, veterinary surgeon, removed the damaged left front limb and the staff dubbed their patient Bucky after a Marvel Avengers character who also lost his left front arm.

Barnes, who co-owns the veterinary hospital with Julie Haas, a veterinarian and director of medicine, has experience with three-legged cats. He rescued a cat with a "mangled leg" from a construction site in De-



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Veterinary technician Whitney McGinnis checks in on the injured cat, Bucky, at Milford's Veterinary Care Specialists. Bucky Barnes (named after a Marvel comic and film character that has one arm) was rescued from an animal trap, but his left arm was too wounded to save.

troit. Its limb also was removed, but it survived and lived with Barnes and his wife for several years.

Bucky, who has black, short fur and is estimated to be about one year old, likely is homeless and feral, but Barnes can't be sure until the cat has spent more time with his caregivers.

"We've scanned for a microchip and there is no evidence of an owner. At this point in time, it's not

100-percent trusting of anyone yet. It will be some time before its true behavior and personality come out. Even a domestic cat would be reacting in a self-defense, self-preservation mode.

"Every cat is an individual and responds differently."

Barnes praised Milford police for rescuing the cat and bringing it to Veterinary Care Specialists. Officers have done that in the past and

dropped off everything from injured swans to stray dogs. The hospital is open around the clock.

Bucky will spend some time living at the hospital, although the goal is to give him as normal a life as possible.

"Ideally, the next move is to a permanent home," Barnes said.

For more about Veterinary Care Specialists, go to vcsmilford.com.

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- Irving Ginsberg,
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Novi Senior Center St. Patrick's Day



Novi Senior Center hosted a St. Patrick's Day luncheon March 15 with light fare, door prizes and musical entertainment. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Judy Hornacek (left) and Florence Baptist applaud the efforts of Balancing Earth, a musical group, during the Novi Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day luncheon March 15. Hornacek was decked out in the green as she's Irish. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High students win national arts awards

Four Novi High School students have earned national recognition in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers.

Senior Hannah "Oliver" Davis earned a gold medal for her ceramic and glass creation. Juniors Joanne Kwon and Deeya Chaturvedi and senior Shrinani Patel took home silver medals for their drawings. Kwon received silver medals for two separate illustrations.

The Novi students were recently identified by panels of creative professionals in New York City as among the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted, with only the top 1 percent gaining national-level recognition for exemplify the awards' core values: originality, technical skill and the emergence of personal voice or vision, according to a press release.

Davis' award-winning artwork, "a Fenrir Teapot," will be sent to New York, where it will be showcased for the next two years alongside more than 1,000 engaging visual and literary works from students nationwide.

The creative teens that will be featured in this exhibition follow in the footsteps of past Scholastic Awards recipients Andy Warhol, Dan Fogelberg, Steven King, Truman Capote, John Lithgow, Frances Farmer, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates,

Ken Burns and many other notable artists and writers.

Forensic excellence

The Novi High School forensics team started its busiest month of its competitive season with a bang last Saturday.

Novi hosted the Michigan Speech Coaches' Spring Fling Festival with approximately 650 competitors from more than 40 high schools from around the state.

Freshman Ashley Fan won a state championship for her novice extemporaneous performance. Freshman Dhairya Shah also reached the finals for novice impromptu. He finished in fourth place.

Five other Wildcats reached the semifinals in three different categories: Raisa Zahir and Kareen Faisal (broadcasting); Kashika Chhabra and Neha Subrahmanyam (novice sales); and Jyotsna Joshi (prose).

As a team, Novi took third place in its division, the first team trophy for the Wildcats under coach Liz Szkrybalo.

According to Szkrybalo, who's in her fifth year as forensics coach, 30 students make up the Novi squad with about 15 core members who compete regularly and will battle for regional and state supremacy in the next four to six weeks.

This year's Region 6A competition is March 25 at Birmingham Groves High School. The top six or seven finishers in each event at regionals will qualify for the state meet, which will be held April 29-30 at Eastern Michigan University.

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Hillside's Reader Raiders take first in Battle of the Books

The Northville District Library hosted its 11th annual Battle of the Books reading competition Wednesday, March 15, at Northville High School. More than 150 Northville middle school students competed on 30 teams to answer questions about seven books they read as a team for this fun reading competition.

The Reader Raiders, a team of sixth- and seventh-graders from Hillside Middle School, won first place, scoring 260 points out of a possible 280. Team members include Siddharth Tirumala Kanduri, Ved Muthusamy, Aditya Pundhir, Aarav Shah, Aaria Shah and Chris Timlin. The team was managed by Viji Velayutham and Muthu Sivanantham.

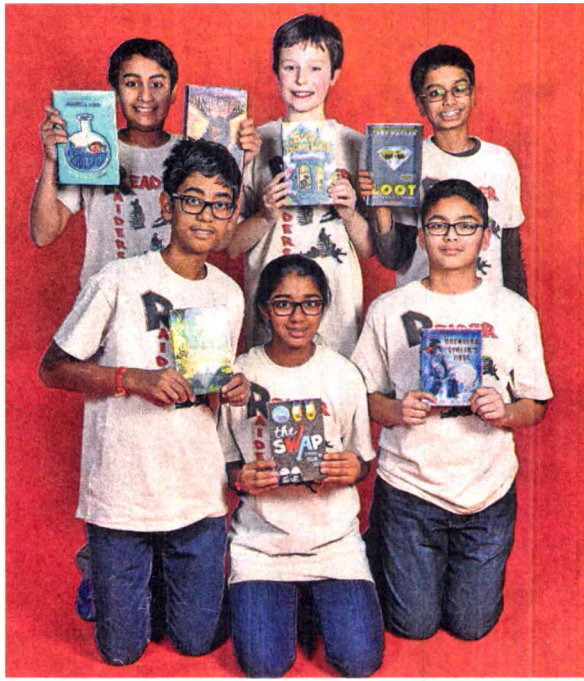
Second place was

awarded to The Bookworms, from Meads Mill, including Nathan Hayes, Pranav Jayaprakash, Jude Louria, Isaac Lee and Nathan Leonard. Third place was awarded to the Meeps, from Hillside, including Zachary Hoshaw, Vansh Kapoor, Adhi Kunju, Sohan Madishetty, Alexander Milojevic and Aryan Shah. Fourth place was a tie between Da' Travelin' Tacoz from Hillside and Meads Mill, including Ava Chang, Ellie Lin, Jennie Wei and Carol Wu, and The Secret Service team from Our Lady of Victory, including Ava Camaj, Kiersten Hein, Emily Kuebler, Eve Martin, Lauren Mullan and Maggie Newell.

"It was great to see the enthusiasm of over 150 middle school students who competed in this

year's competition," said Natalie Molnar, Teen Services librarian. "Our goal is to make this a fun experience, while at the same time encouraging as many middle school students as possible to read a variety of types of books. The competition is set up so that not only avid readers, but also those more reluctant readers, can have fun participating together as a team. This event brings middle schoolers into the library to check out not only Battle books, but to utilize our online homework help databases, and to participate in teen special programs."

The library has two fun teen programs scheduled in April: Hamiltunes for Hamiltunes 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, an evening packed full of "Hamilton" sing-a-longs



First-place team, Battle of the Books 2017: Reader Raiders from Hillside Middle School

and a trivia showdown, and a teen craft DIY: Upcycled Book Safe from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22. "Teens will hollow out an old book into a disguised storage space," Molnar said. "Our Teen Summer Reading program, including prizes and special programs, begins Friday, June 16."

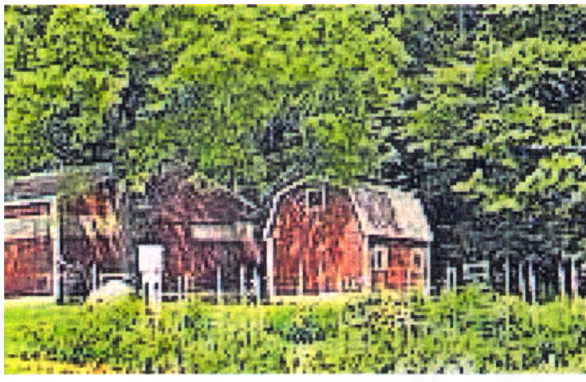
Library staff would like to thank the faculty and staff of Meads Mill, Hillside, Our Lady of Victory and Northville High School, as well as all team managers and volunteers. The Friends of the Northville District Library sponsor this program each year and help to make it a success.

Complete Battle of the Books scores and photos can be found at the library's website on the teen page at www.northvillelibrary.org.

Kids can develop green thumb at Thayer's Corner Nature Area camp

Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area is offering a gardening camp for kids and teens (ages 10 years and older) at Thayer's Corner Nature Area, 8250 Napier Road. The adventure includes planting and nurturing a garden, as well as receiving nutritional guidance and cooking classes incorporating their produce, led by a registered dietitian.

Participants will plant, nurture and harvest their produce, learning about their nutritional value and preparation strategies along the way. This will be a lifelong learning experience that



FILE PHOTO

A gardening camp for kids begins May 17 at Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

will guide them to an appreciation for nature, healthy eating habits,

wellness and friendships. The camp will begin Wednesday, May 17, with

an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. at Thayer's Corner Nature Area. The camp will end Oct. 1. There will be weekly gardening sessions, plus five nutrition/cooking sessions.

The camp is limited to 20 participants at a cost of \$150 per person. Participants can expect a total of 15-weekly sessions (weather permitting), plus five two-hour nutritional/cooking sessions. The 20 participants will be broken into teams of five, with each team tending the garden once per week from 10 a.m. to noon. All participants will plant the gar-

den from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, weather permitting.

Each five-person team will meet at the park once a week to water and weed the garden. Times will be adjusted for the end of this school year and the beginning of the fall school year to make sure participation does not interfere with school hours. Summertime hours will be scheduled on different days for each team, so the garden can be properly tended and to provide flexible schedules for the participants. Participants will take home the fruits of

their labor to share with their families.

For more information or to sign up for the gardening camp, call Marjorie Banner at 248-348-5102. Reservation deadline is April 15. No refunds will be offered.

Two-hour nutrition/cooking sessions will be held on the following days, and include:

6 p.m. Wednesday, May 24

- » Introduction to cooking and nutrition: What are we growing and why?
- » Produce of the month: asparagus
- » Basic cooking skills: introduction to kitchen tools (measuring cups/spoons, pots, pans, etc.) and knife skills

10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28

- » Produce of the month: dark, leafy greens, herbs, radishes and berries (may vary based on what has ripened)
- » Discussion of nutritional benefits
- » Pick, wash and utilize produce in various recipes

10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26

- » Produce of the month: beans, zucchini, cucumbers, kale (may vary based on what has ripened)
- » Discussion of nutritional benefits
- » Pick, wash and utilize produce in various recipes

August - date and time to be determined:

- » Produce of the month: tomatoes, cabbage, peas, carrots (may vary based on what has ripened)
- » Discussion of nutritional benefits
- » Pick, wash, and utilize tomatoes, peas, cabbage, carrots in various recipes

September - date and time to be determined:

- » Produce of the months: squash, potatoes, tomatoes, apples (may vary based on what has ripened)
- » Discussion of nutritional benefits
- » Pick, wash, and utilize squash, potatoes and tomatoes in various recipes

The gardening portion will be led by Marjorie Banner and Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

The nutrition portion of the camp will be led by Carrie Aprik. She is a registered dietitian and board-certified specialist in sports dietetics. Aprik is a Team USA dietitian for the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team and U.S. Figure Skating, as well as the sports dietitian for Oakland University athletics and Functional Athletic Sequence Training. She will be a team dietitian for U.S. athletes participating in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Korea. She frequently leads cooking classes and demonstrations for Olympic, collegiate, high school and recreational athletes.

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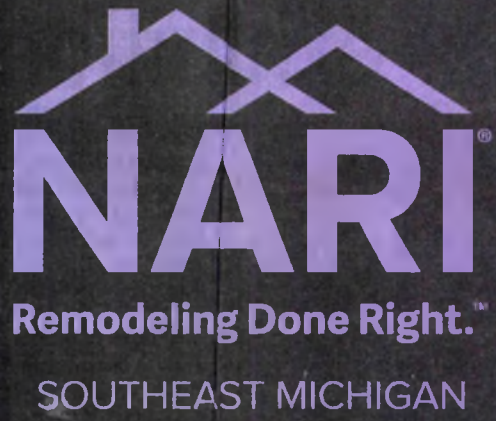
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Northville Art House: Kate Paul exhibition

The Northville Art House will present **IM-PRINT — Kate Paul: A Retrospective**, featuring more than 40 works, including paintings, etchings, sketches, sculptures and prose, by Livonia artist Kate Paul. The exhibition opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 7, with gallery talk at 7 p.m., and runs through Saturday, April 29, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street.

The Northville Art House will donate 15 percent of artwork sales from **IMPRINT** to the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

IMPRINT — Kate Paul: A Retrospective is devoted to the late Paul, whose described style of "whimsical surrealism" often reveals in her works a balance between abstraction and representation. The exhibition presents a unique opportunity to study the artist's evolution over the last decade, beginning with her early works, influenced by her background in theatrical scenery painting, and concluding with her final works, transformed by her introspection and perseverance after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2010. Northville Art House exhibits director Ryan Kaltenbach brings together more



Kate Paul's Rock of Ages.



A retrospective of the late Livonia artist Kate Paul includes a mural in the Royal Oak library.

than 50 works, featuring paintings, etchings, sketches, sculptures and prose, by this self-taught artist who left an indelible imprint on the regional arts community.

Represented among her early works, are **Rock of Ages**, a diptych painting completed in 2007, as well as imagery from **Staircase Mural**, installed at the Royal Oak Public Library in 2009. Later works include the brooding **Rust & Bone** from 2013 and the celestial **Dancing on the Milky Way**, one of her last paintings created in 2016. Also presented are Paul's largely unseen sculptural work, including **Saint Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc)**, sketches and etchings that often

served as sources for larger studio paintings and powerful written prose that reveals her deep-rooted passion to understand, create and live life to the fullest.

Submit entries

The Northville Art House invites contemporary artists to submit entries to **The Graded Wash Juried Watercolor Exhibition**, Aug. 2-26.

Artists, ages 18 and over, may submit a maximum of three original works of art in watercolor, gouache, egg tempera and casein on any surface, created within the last two years and not previously exhibited at the Northville Art House. Artists will be competing for \$650 in cash awards and entry selected by our juror, Jill Stefani Wagner. The entry fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Deadline for submissions is May 26. Accepted work will be listed on the Art House website and artists will be notified by email beginning June 12.

Exhibit information, submission guidelines and entry forms can be found at www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org. For questions, contact 248-344-0497 or email exhibits@northvillearthouse.org with **The Graded Wash** as the subject line.

The Graded Wash opens Wednesday, Aug. 2, with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, and 7 p.m. awards presentation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Journey has ended

To all of you out there who helped the Save The Depot drive, whether by donations, purchases or working with our group, I thank you. I am sad to say our journey has come to an end. We have fallen short of our goal to save the depot. We haven't enough money to continue.

It is a sad commentary to our town when a

project like ours was ignored by many who could have helped us. It was deemed not important enough, just one more old building. We had great plans to make it a place of interest for people to visit, groups to rent, school children to learn about history.

I'm disappointed that condos or apartments seem to be more favorable because of the money factor. Just another

way to teach our children about our materialistic society. If it weren't for our little 1871 depot and the railroad, Milford wouldn't even be here. So again, thank you to all of you who believed. We really tried to make this happen, but without the help from big donors, it didn't happen. Just one more thing fades into history.

Sue H. Horn
Milford

Pay to play

So Rep. David Trott finally held a public meeting for citizens of the 11th District at the Novi Showplace. Why were many concerned citizens who were there at the scheduled time left out in the snow and cold?

With all that has been done by local and state Republicans to hand tax subsidies to the Showplace, you would think we would get better than that.

If it had been a Republican fundraiser, I bet no one would have been left out. I believe that is what is called "pay to play."
Chuck Tindall
Novi

Trott doesn't get it

After more than 600 days without a face-to-face meeting with citizens, Dave Trott, Republican 11th District, scheduled a one hour meeting at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Leaving Plymouth at 7:30, driving on treacherously slippery roads, four of us arrived at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi at 8 a.m. when doors were to open. The line was long, stretching along the sidewalk and around the building.

The room reserved for this meeting was dramatically inadequate and most people remained locked outdoors in the snow and cold. We were told we could "just stand there" if we wanted to, but we would not be admitted. After 45 minutes of wet snow and no movement, we left.

We want our views and interests included in policy decisions. We were motivated to attend to have our voices heard on education, the environment and public health issues such as nutrition and weapons. Will only the donor class be represented? Does our congressman know that his call is to represent us all, even in our tortuously gerrymandered district? It does not seem that he does.

Kiki Farrow
Marjorie Lynch
Debra MacGregor
Nancy Sullivan
Plymouth

Thank you to township police

I just read the article about Officer Kristen Romac receiving the Officer of the Year award. I think it is a well deserved award. After

reading all she does and has accomplished, I don't know where she finds the time to do everything. She has been quite instrumental in excelling our police department. Quite a bit on her own time. Bravo.

Since moving here 10 years ago, I really believe we have one of the best police departments in the state. Thank you again to all the police officers of my township.

Craig Knapp
Northville Township

Trump weaknesses exposed

For the second time in the last two weeks, a federal judge has blocked Trump's Muslim ban. U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson ruled yesterday, just hours before Trump's new Muslim ban was to take effect, that this second ban also was unconstitutional.

Judge Watson ruled Trump unconstitutional restricted travel from Somalia, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Iran and the Sudan. Iraq was dropped in this second Trump Muslim ban as Trump was informed/reminded that Iraqi troops were fighting along side of American troops to defeat ISIS in Iraq. Twelve other states were poised to issue that same federal order to halt Trump's second Muslim ban attempt.

Trump claims overreach of activist federal judges and claims they have weakened America. The reverse is true and Trump weaknesses have been exposed as federal judges have twice now asserted that the U.S. is a country governed by law. ISIS has used and will continue to use Trump's unconstitutional Muslim ban as a recruiting device.

First the state of Washington and now Hawaii has shown Trump our birth certificate. It is called our U.S. Constitution.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Picking up the pieces

On March 8, millions of residents witnessed a monster windstorm the most damaging weather in Michigan's history. Power for a million people? Trees? Mailboxes? A thousand utility poles? The violent wind ripped it away.

For us - a company that disposes of household waste from across southeast Michigan - the wind ripped a lot of that away, too. Plastic bags. Papers. Small pieces of cardboard. It wasn't pretty.

We at Arbor Hills are proud of what we do. As women and men dedicated to carefully disposing of southeast Michigan's waste - and as sensible people who took what we thought were sufficient proactive measures to limit the day's damages - it was painful to see what the wind ripped away from us and cast into nearby trees, bushes and fields. We took it to heart. And we immediately got to work cleaning it up.

When the wind was still full-force, we were gathering a dozens-large team to pick up the debris. And since the strongest winds stopped, save for a snowy delay early this week, we've had a team of between 15 and 30 people picking up litter.

We've made substantial progress, collecting windblown waste in the historic cemetery, around the Thayer Nature Preserve and fields in the northeast corners of Six Mile and Napier. We've gone into subdivisions with residents and local officials. We've also cleaned our public-facing fences and lines of trees, which are designed to catch wind-blown debris but which our neighbors deserve to see clear of such matter.

We're grateful to those who have given us helpful input, shown us through their neighborhoods and recognized our workforce picking away through long days in sub-freezing temperatures. We're humbled by some who have even offered their own efforts.

Like everyone in Michigan, we're picking up after the storm. We're still going. We're still doing our best. And we promise to keep at it until the job is done. Because we care for our community and take pride in our work - and no wind can rip that away. Arbor Hills Landfill is at the southwest corner of Napier and Six Mile roads. For updates on cleanup efforts, go to www.arborhills.info.

Joe Kohn
community relations manager, Advanced Disposal

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Debbie Valencia of Northville waves a copy of the U.S. Constitution and yells out a question March 18 during U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's town hall gathering at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. Valencia had a question written down for Trott, but it wasn't chosen to be read to him.

TROTT

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out!" while waiting for a chance to get in.

Farmington resident Maria Taylor was one of the early arrivals and was able to get in. But she said hundreds of people, many of whom had driven a couple of hours or more "from all corners of our gerrymandered district" only to be shut out when organizers closed the doors 10 minutes after opening them.

"I think the town hall really served to underscore the disconnect between citizens and some of these Washington officials," Taylor said. "It opened at 8 a.m. and they closed the doors at 8:09 and wouldn't let anybody else in, even though there were literally hundreds of people waiting outside. People were standing out there in the snow, in the middle of a March blizzard, locked out of the town hall -- literally locked out of democracy."

Trott, answering submitted questions read aloud by Novi Mayor Bob Gatt, took issue with some of Trump's plans, saying, for example, he would vote against the White House's budget in its current form, but he also backed the president on several points.

Dozens in the crowd raised red cards to show their displeasure with his answers, something that happened more often than not.

"For all of you who are booing," Trott said after answering a question about health care reform, "if you don't agree with the premise that the Affordable Care Act is collapsing, you're not going to agree with anything I say."

Questions about the ACA, and the Republicans' plan to replace it — "Trumpcare" as some shouted when Trott mentioned it — were pressing for several people Saturday.

"Commit to me and my friends that our families will have better insurance," said Ed Weberman of White Lake Township, standing to ask his question despite the forum's rules. Weberman said he had tried several times to meet with Trott with no success.

"The answer is yes," Trott said. "Of course, yes."

Weberman said his son Alex was diagnosed with a lymphatic-system cancer when he was 22, had graduated from college, but had no insurance. The ACA, he said later, saved his son's life



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

At one point in the town hall, Ed Weberman stood up and yelled a question to U.S. Rep. Dave Trott. Weberman wanted Trott to know that his son Alex, 24, who he said came down with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, needed more than \$400,000 of treatment. Weberman wanted to know if Trott supported allowing young adults like his son to stay on a parent's policy and whether there should be lifetime caps on access to care. Trott said that he would meet with Weberman either in Washington or in his district office.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amber Barbieri held up a photo of her son and confronted U.S. Rep. Dave Trott in a long protest at one point. She wanted the congressman to know that the Affordable Care Act had helped her son.

by providing coverage through his parents' insurance.

Trott raised a stir when he said he supports increased military

spending and asked the crowd to name a place in the world that's better off since Barack Obama's presidency.

"Everywhere!" some-

one shouted before the crowd began chanting, "U.S.A.! U.S.A.!"

Trott said that North Korea, China and Iran pose threats that need to

be countered with a strengthened military.

There was extended booing when Trott mentioned Betsy DeVos, the U.S. education secretary, and his support for a voucher program to help parents pay for private schools.

"We've been spending a lot of money on education and the numbers don't move," he said.

Trott also:

» Said Trump's refusal to release his tax returns "certainly raises questions."

» Agreed that there had been interference by Russia in last year's presidential election. "I agree with what President Obama said, which is that there are going to be consequences," he said.

» Said "we have to keep studying climate change," but that he sees room for cuts in the Environmental Protection Agency budget and that "President Obama was so extreme with his (environmental) regulation stand."

» Said he's "not as bothered as some" by Trump's repeated weekend trips to Florida because "he appears to be a workaholic." Trump is sometimes using Twitter at 3 a.m., Trott added, so "he's up doing something."

» Trott did, however, add he was troubled by the expense of Trump's Florida visits, which are

estimated at \$3 million per weekend.

» Said he wishes Trump would "Google more than tweet" and use more care when tweeting about foreign policy matters. "I don't think it's productive," he said.

» Said "we have to secure our southern border" with Mexico, but that Trump's proposed wall along the border is "a bit of a gimmick." Trott said a wall would take decades to complete because of the legal process involved in seizing land for it.

Taylor felt as though Trott held the meeting "just to appease" people and didn't really say a lot she'd hoped to hear.

"There were a few things, like protecting the Great Lakes," Taylor said. "He also said he believes that universal health care is a human right, which is interesting because he's set to vote against the Affordable Care Act, which would cause tens of thousands of people to lose health insurance in his district alone."

After the town hall, Weberman said he was disappointed at the length of the hour-long meeting. "We worked to hard to get it and he gave us an hour of his time," he said.

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World Autism Day shines a light April 2

Ewa Omahen
Guest Columnist

On April 2, we will celebrate World Autism Awareness Day. Our son has just turned 15. With every birthday, we come a step further in understanding his neurodiversity and in our acceptance and appreciation of who he is and how far he has come.

When we embarked on this journey, following the autism diagnosis around Patrick's third birthday, things were so different. There was no Autism Awareness Day, no iPads with communi-



Good pals Mario Silvestri and Patrick Omahen.

cation apps and no programming in our home district for students as involved as Patrick is. Today, he attends a program for students with autism in our neighborhood middle school, Hillside, where he not only receives outstanding services, but gets the benefit of community inclusion with his typical peers. As a family, we have the support of wonderful organizations, like the Autism Alliance of Michigan and the Arc, and can access outside services, thanks to autism insurance in our state.

It is reassuring to

know how far we have come, not only as a family, but as a community and society at large, when it comes to awareness, acceptance and services for those impacted by autism spectrum disorder. Yet, many issues remain. One of the more pressing ones is dispelling many stereotypes and misunderstandings that are still all too common.

A common misconception is that people with autism tend to lack empathy and may shy away from interpersonal relationships. One of the basic human needs is the need to belong, to be

accepted and to be embraced by others. The relationships with family are a given for children living with autism. However, the scenario is often very different when it comes to relationships with their peers.

Thanks to the insightful intervention of the Northville Public Schools' bus personnel, Patrick has met a very special friend, Mario, who attends the high school. The boys met at an outing to Friendship Circle two years ago. They ride the same bus, but at different times.

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Be wary: Main Street Elementary changes are in the wind

Where are the neighborhood fliers? Where is the community-wide heads up? Where is Historic District Commission consternation? Major changes are in the offing for Northville's Old Village/Main Street Elementary School, yet the only inkling this historic district resident had was from an involved, concerned neighbor.

Why is it that the powers that be, in this case Northville Public Schools and the builder/developer it is trying to court, appear to choose a path that will offer the least resistance to their plans by making a concerted effort to disseminate as little information as possible? Why does it seem a red carpet is being laid out to an entity that will forever change part of the character of this town, with the prospect of increased property tax revenues suspiciously factoring into that deal-making?

For readers who don't know, Northville Public Schools is proposing a three-fold change to the



Ken Kilpatrick
GUEST COLUMNIST

Main Street buildings that currently house its board offices and Early Childhood Preschool Program.

First, NPS wants to renovate the circa 1917 Old Village School, a compelling historic edifice worthy of preservation, but for an as yet undetermined sum. That grand old building would be repurposed as the NPS relocated board offices, as well as house the preschool classes that presently occupy the elementary school.

Second, NPS wants to do away with the elementary school entirely. Personally, even though that building is considered historic (erected in 1936, with a rear addition added some five years later), I would not quibble with the desire to demolish it, as its vintage is far younger than the Old Village School and utterly fails to evoke

"Victorian."

Third, NPS intends to sell the land on which the elementary school sits.

And this is where the builder/developer comes in. Like any such profit-motivated construction firm, the goal is to purchase said property for the cheapest price possible, then cram as many oversized homes onto it as it can accommodate. On a Wednesday, March 8, tour of the Old Village/Main Street Elementary School complex conducted by NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, it was revealed that the purchase price for the elementary school property — prime Historic District land that extends to the school's parking lot to the west and parking lot to the south, as far back as Cady — would be sold to said firm for a paltry \$1.62 million. That would make the per-lot price for each of the seven houses slated to be erected there only \$230,000. This when a lot on Cady recently went for \$320,000 and another presently listed as lot/land (with struc-

ture targeted for razing) at 309/311 N. Center having an asking price of \$379,500.

The problem is, if the players in this transaction get real with their figures and NPS comes away from this sale with a more realistic value for such coveted property, the developer is going to have to build some pretty spectacular houses to make a respectable return on his investment. Houses of the type that will provide this kind of return are sure to clash with extant homes.

With prudent Historic District Commission guidelines and feedback from district homeowners, the new housing would have to hew to surrounding architecture and scale. I, for one, do not wish to walk downtown from my home and pass an out-of-sync, nouveau clique-borough that is conspicuously anachronistic to its surroundings. If the houses in this proposed development mimicked the look of the latter-day Victorian at 230 Fairbrook, a residence whose architect

was obviously interested in blending in to the point that no one would question the home's age, then I would have less to say in opposition.

But beyond considerations of the appearance of authenticity, there is the problem of congestion. Parking lots that must be annexed to make way for these houses will leave remaining parking at a premium. How will this play out — in addition to the coming and going of residents of the new tract — with the traffic on Main and Cady? How will such an increase in congestion affect the students who are transported to and from the preschool? Indeed, the above cited neighbor made several pleas to NPS to provide a bus stop at Old Village School, but was rebuffed with the explanation that "there is too much congestion at Old Village and Main Street Schools." Really? And plans NPS and the developer have hatched for the site will improve the situation?

And what about questioning the very pre-

sumption that it is acceptable to throw houses onto property that has been designated non-residential for as long as any of us can remember? Perhaps that very premise should be challenged. Ramifications and consequences have been given little consideration or discourse. There seems to be an impetus to move things along.

I say we slow down and give this long-ranging issue the time and deliberation it merits before handing the developer his anxiously awaited title. A meeting of the Northville Historic Commission at 7 p.m. April 19, at which NPS will make its pitch for the Old Village School renovation, Main Street Elementary School demolition and subsequent housing development, is the opportunity for all residents impacted by these schemed changes to make their voices heard.

Ken Kilpatrick is a resident of Northville and sometimes offers his observations about local happenings in the Northville Record.

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Forty-six students from the high school ensemble and middle school chorus of Franklin Road Christian school will perform "Beauty and the Beast Junior" March 23-24.

Franklin Road is an extension of Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi and the play will be performed in the new 2,100-seat worship center. The church is at 40800 W. 13 Mile. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. All matinee tickets are \$1. Times are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Friday.

NHS All Night Party

"Words of Wisdom" for seniors are available for just \$5 each. Go to www.northvillesnp.com to place orders. And while you're there, be sure to also grab a Senior All Night Party ticket (\$50) for your senior. Held at NHS the evening following graduation (June 4), the Senior All Night Party provides a safe, chaperoned way for new graduates to celebrate this milestone with

their classmates. The themed party provides food, entertainment and activities with the main hallway, cafeteria and gyms transformed to reflect the year's theme. As always, the Northville community will be invited to walk through just prior to graduation on June 4.

'Alice' at the Marquis

Journey through Wonderland with Alice as she follows the white rabbit and other curious friends as the Marquis Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland." Come see this fun, interactive musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all performances are \$9. 2017-18. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110; go to www.northvillemarquis.com; email marquistheatre@sbcbglobe.com or go to Facebook page at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI](https://www.facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI).

Show times and dates: 2:30 p.m. Saturday March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and May 6; 2:30 p.m. Sunday March 26, April 2, 9, 23 and 30 and May 7; 2:30 p.m. April 4 and 6-7.

Evenings in the garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in Novi. The speaker March 30 is Dr. Norm Lownds.

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find more information and to register, go to <http://tollgate.msu.edu/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

The classes are for novice and seasoned gardeners, homeowners, landscapers and outdoor enthusiasts. This educational series is an opportunity to get out of the house, meet others who are suffering from cabin fever and start planning for spring gardening

Annual exhibition

The Northville Art House presents the 11th annual member exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculp-

ture, jewelry, clay and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of more than 60 member artists of the Northville Art House, as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

The exhibition runs through Saturday, March 25, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Become a member today to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events, as well as other exciting benefits. Applications are available online at www.northvillearthouse.org, by calling 248-344-0497 or at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Memberships start at \$30.

Forbidden Art

Forbidden Art, a collection of images of artwork created by concentration camp prisoners while imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II will be on display at the Wixom Public Library through April 6. The exhibition is made up of 20 large color photos of drawings and sculptures made by inmates of the Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Ravensbrück concentration camps. Each photograph is accompanied by a historical commentary and narrative account as to why the piece was created.

The exhibit opens with an almost-black-tie reception at the Wixom Community Center on the evening of Sunday, March 19. The reception will open with author, historian, and distinguished lecturer Teresa Wontor-Cichy of the Auschwitz Birkenau State Museum of Poland who will deliver her powerful emotional interpretation of the art and artists featured in this exhibit. Following the introduction, guests will mingle while enjoying music of renowned violinist Sonia Lee, wine and a wide variety of elegant appetizers provided by local sponsors. Guests will also be treated to a private group 45-minute viewing of the exhibit. Tickets for the reception are \$20 prior to March 1 and \$25 thereafter and can be purchased on-line at the City of Wixom website.

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, April 7, with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville. Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to <http://www.enjoynorthville.com>.

Raise funds for veterans

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Livonia, Michigan-based non-profit organization dedicated to helping our military heroes and their families, will receive funds from this year's SOS at the EXPO, which is sponsored by Sound of the Soul Classic Car Audio of Sterling Heights. The fundraising event kicked off in December 2016 and continues through the event's culmination at the 2017 Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo, presented by Soaring Eagle Hotel and Casino, March 25-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For further information regarding donations, go to http://www.fwsf.org/upcoming_events.html.

EMS Classic Car, The Automotive Easel and the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo are also supporters of SOS at the Expo. This year's SOS at the Expo lineup includes: Kimberly Matte, international model, actress and spokesperson for Sound of the Soul, who will host the fundraising event; Ron Carley, renowned Abraham Lincoln impersonator and personality; Ed Syrocki of EMS Classic Car Care, who is one of Michigan's leading experts in classic and antique car care; and Sarah Storme (a.k.a. Miss High Performance) from Dragons Performance, who will sign autographs and pose for photographs.

Anyone who makes a minimum donation of \$10 to the FWSF at the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo will be entered into a drawing to win a classic car audio system donated by Sound of the Soul. For more information on the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, go to <http://fwsf.org>. For more information on Sound of the Soul Classic Car Audio, go to <http://soundofthesoul.net>.

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Capt. Andrew Christopher Becker, USAF, devoted husband, son, brother, uncle, and Airman died March 14, when his U-28 aircraft crashed during a 318th Special Operations Squadron (SOS) training sortie near Clovis, New Mexico. He was 33 years old. Becker attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology. Upon graduation, he was commissioned an Air Force officer through the ROTC program. He completed pilot training in 2009. Assigned to the 34th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, FL., Becker quickly established himself as a skilled pilot and reliable squadron mate, participating in six overseas deployments with the 34th SOS in support of counterterrorism operations. A rising star in the special operations aviation community, Becker was hand-selected in 2013 to help reactivate the 318th SOS at Cannon AFB. While there, he participated in three additional overseas deployments and was slated to begin training the next generation of Air Force navigators at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. He will be posthumously promoted to major. Loyal and optimistic beyond measure, Becker was an enthusiastic supporter of his wife and friends, and brightened every room he entered. A consummate handyman and analytical thinker, there was no home improvement project or work assignment too daunting for Becker to tackle, and he loved being able to share his knowledge with others. Becker's passion for flying extended beyond the confines of Earth's thin atmosphere; he was pursuing a Master's Degree in Space Studies at American Military University, and had begun writing a thesis titled "Defining the Limits of Outer Space." Becker also was an animal lover who donated time and efforts to animal welfare causes and charities, and he opened his heart and home to many four-legged creatures over the years. Becker, known to his friends and family as Andy, will be fondly remembered for his generosity, kindness, and especially for his room-filling laughter—a jolly, booming, contagious laughter that brought joy to all who heard it. He is survived by his wife Shelly Klosterman Becker; parents Gary and Stacey Becker; sister Betsie Becker and her daughter, Cate; brother G.R. "Skip" Becker, Jr., his wife Mandy, and their sons Zephan and Mack; and his beloved rescue dog, Cheyenne. Funeral services, open to family and friends, will be held March 25 at 3 p.m., at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, MI., near Becker's hometown, Novi.

POLICICCHIO



JANE CATHERINE 95, of Lower Burrell, PA, peacefully passed away at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL surrounded by her loving family. Jane was born June 12, 1921, in Vandergrift, PA, to the late James and Saveria Salvino, and had lived in Lower Burrell since 1953. Throughout her life, Jane enjoyed volunteering in several community organizations and was an active member of her church, including various church choirs and the Catholic Daughters of America for 65 years. Jane was very involved with her community, volunteering at her local polling place for more than 30 years. Jane spent her early life focused on her studies as a member of the National Honor Society and in her local library where she read nearly every book in circulation. She married the love of her life, John, upon his return from WWII. In retirement, Jane and John would spend weeks at a time in Michigan and Illinois watching their grandchildren grow up. Jane instilled family values and traditions into many generations and cherished the holidays where her family laughed, shared stories, and played cards together. She enjoyed a close relationship with her children and children-through-marriage, especially Michon Policicchio, who married her beloved son Paul. Following the passing of her husband, Jane made a new home living with Sara and Gil in Naperville, IL. She was very proud to see her children and grandchildren enjoy happiness in all of their endeavors and formed a special bond with her great-granddaughters, Gemma and Julia. She was a wonderful listener with a warm soul and a selfless heart whose beautiful voice and cheerful laugh will be missed by those who knew her. Jane was preceded in death by her late husband John Policicchio and her dear son Paul Policicchio. Survivors include children, Sara Jane (Gill) Phillip, of Naperville, IL and Michon Policicchio of Novi, MI; grandchildren, John, Joseph and Jeffrey Policicchio, Mark (Hannah) Phillip and Nicole Phillip, Jane Marie (AJ) Portelli; great-granddaughters, Gemma and Julia Portelli; sister, Betty Barisone, of Leechburg, PA; sister-in-law Jean Policicchio, of Bridgeville, PA; brother-in-law C. Armond Policicchio, of Vandergrift, PA; sister-in-law, Mary (Henry) Gee, of Novato, CA; many nieces and nephews, including Cindy Gatto (Ken) Donaldson; and close friends Jane Bronson and Nancy O'Malley of Naperville, IL. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Angie Gatto and brothers Domenico Ciardulli and Joseph Salvino. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 24th at the RUSIEWICZ OF LOWER BURRELL FUNERAL HOME, 3124 Leechburg Road at Alder Street, Lower Burrell, where a parting prayer will be said at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25th, followed by a Catholic funeral Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church. Burial will follow in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, PA. Memorial Service will be at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville, IL, on Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception hosted by her family. Arrangements entrusted to Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. For more information, please call 630-355-0213.

SULE

SHARON ANN of Milford, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2017. She was 80 years old. Sharon is survived by her loving daughters, Pamela (Dominic) DiCicco, Paula Sule and Kelly (Patrick) Nemeth; her dear grandchildren, Lia (Brandon), Breanna, Tyler, Alyssa, Bryan, Cecily and Ashley; great-grandchildren, Madison and Grayson. Also survived by many extended family and dear friends. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Norman and her son, Brian. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main Street, Brighton on Wednesday, March 22 at 12 PM. Father David Howell officiated. Burial Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. For further information please call 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Van HOOSEAR



JoANNE Of Johannesburg, Michigan; passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 11, 2017. Born in Detroit on May 2, 1941 to James Joseph McAleer and Virginia Gertrude (Knaupe) McAleer. She attended Southfield High School and graduated from Michigan State University. A long-time resident of Northville, Michigan, JoAnne was a caring and thoughtful homemaker who always had an open door to friends and family in need. She is survived by her husband, Ellis; brother, Derek (Sandy) McAleer; son, Todd (Mailin) Van Hoosear; daughter, Rebecca (Robert) Blascyk; and grandchildren, Ann, David, Boniface, Urban, Lillian, and Genevieve. A private memorial service was held. Donations in her memory can be sent to the COPD Foundation.

May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

GORDINIER



JULIE March 14, 2017. Reunited with his wife of 65 years, Sylvia, who preceded him in passing on March 15, 2008. Survived by sister, Barbara (George Brancato). Beloved father to son Terry (Terri), daughters Sandy (David Davies), Cindy (Shaun Mattes), Gary (deceased/Sue), and Larry (deceased). Grandpa's passing leaves behind his adoring grandchildren, Matt, Ken, Eric, Scott, Danielle, Cory, Collin, and many extended family members. Julie's love of family contributed to his longevity, as his life was one of consistent sacrifice in putting the needs of others before his own.

May the memory of your loved one... bring you peace.

Northville schools to host engagement sessions

Northville Public Schools will host two community engagement sessions for school families, staff and community members to help bring into focus a plan for upgrading educational facilities to support learner-centered school communities that meet the vision and goals of the school district.

While the sinking fund millage – first approved by voters in 2011 and renewed in 2015 – has been essential in addressing the district's most critical facility repairs, the district's aging buildings, shifting student enrollment and the desire to modernize facilities to address the needs of today's and tomorrow's learners have made facility planning a top priority for the district, officials said.

With this in mind, the Northville Board of Education and district leaders recently formed a Facility Review/Bond Study Committee composed of district stakeholders, including students, teachers, school parents, community members, district and school administrators and Board of Education members.

The study committee's charge – acting as a good steward of the community's resources – is to

review, analyze and provide input into a plan for upgrading Northville Public Schools' educational facilities to support learner-centered school communities that meet the vision and goals of the school district.

Community feedback will assist the study committee's work in shaping the direction for what the school district may need from a bond proposal based on the Facility Condition Assessment completed on the district's behalf by TMP Architecture in February 2015 and updated in 2017.

Following are the major facility needs and learning environment improvements that would require resources beyond what the district's sinking fund and/or general fund can support:

- » The significant and costly facility concerns impacting Hillside Middle School
- » The increasing enrollment at Northville High School, along with some elementary schools, that is straining capacity

- » Facility needs across the district's other school buildings
- » Creating flexible, 21st century learning environments for students and teachers across all levels to sup-

port programs. The community engagement sessions will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, and Thursday, May 10. Both sessions are at Meads Middle School, 16700 Franklin, in Northville.

"The input from the community engagement sessions will expand the analysis by the study committee and help bring focus and detail to the needs of our students, staff and community," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "The school environment, where teaching and learning take place, is a critical ingredient in providing a quality education. Your participation in these sessions provides an opportunity to help create a vision for the district's facilities and programs for the future."

The sessions will be interactive, informative and structured to allow everyone to contribute. Session 2 will build on Session 1, so participants are encouraged to attend both sessions, if possible. For more information about the community engagement sessions or questions regarding the Facility Review/Bond Study Committee, email NPS@NorthvilleSchools.org.

AUTISM

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Mario kept asking about Patrick, so the bus monitor suggested that he write him a note. The note was delivered that day by the bus personnel to Patrick.

Here we are today, two years later, and following multiple exchanges of letters — via the school bus — be-

tween two special friends. Mario writes to Patrick about his interests, school, family, weather, dog and plans. I respond on Patrick's behalf — he does not write — and with his help in the form of stickers and drawings.

The boys have met and took an instant liking to each other. They enjoy hanging out and jumping on the trampoline or shooting basketball. The excitement and joy on

their faces, whenever they are together, are priceless. Mario is the most considerate, caring and genuine young man one could meet. We feel so lucky that our son can have such an awesome friend. The boys are very different, yet so much alike in so many ways. Their joy in the simple things and their ability to live in the moment are truly contagious and so inspiring to us as their parents.

Friendships and relationships come in all varieties. The special friendship between Mario and Patrick was initiated by the caring transportation personnel. They recognized and nurtured the need for these boys to be connected, to communicate and to have a friend. We all need to have meaningful relationships with others. For some of us, it may take extra steps, unique ways and caring people

to facilitate it. The end result is a beautiful friendship between two amazing boys who could teach us all a thing or two about what it takes to be a true friend.

May April 2 be a celebration of the precious gifts — like Mario's and Patrick's friendship — these children bring to our world and a recognition of the special people in their lives. Many thanks to the educators, bus personnel, profes-

sionals, peer pals, family members and friends who help our children build meaningful relationships and feel connected.

Ewa Omahen is the mother of a 15-year-old son with autism, who attends Northville Public Schools, and works as a psychologist for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district. She can be reached at ewa.omahen10@gmail.com.

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Hillside one-act play tackles middle school life

Brad Kadrich
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The Hillside Middle School Drama Club boot camp in September 2015 drew more than 50 kids interested in seeing what the club was all about.

After a highly successful play in March 2016, that number boomed to more than 80 kids in last fall's camp, run as a partnership between Hillside's club and members of the drama club at Northville High School. More than 50 of those kids stuck it out and are part of this year's play, "Middle Decades," which takes to the Hillside auditorium stage next week.

Given the burgeoning success of the program, director Jason Brooks may have to start looking for bigger digs if "Middle Decades" proves to be as popular. It's a one-act play written, as has become custom, by Brooks himself. It follows a single classroom teacher through several decades, starting in the 1980s and culminating in the 2010s, with an epilogue that takes place in 2030.

The vignettes through the play tackle both typical teenage drama such as cliques and specific issues such as dealing with technology. The play covers how the students handle such things over the years and shows how the teacher changes, too.

"Each vignette focuses on a decade-specific topic, but also on things that affect all teenagers, something every middle schooler goes through," Brooks said. "You see kids deal with these issues and you also see the teacher grow, too."

The play was inspired, Brooks said, by the reactions of his actors after last year's play, when they realized they had to tear down a bunch of sets. They complained, he said, about how often



Actress Grace LoGrasso (center) is confronted by characters questioning her style of dress during a dress rehearsal.



Grace LoGrasso (left) and Clair Aylor act in Hillside Middle School teacher Jason Brooks' "Middle Decades."

they had to change sets during the play and about how much they had to take apart when the show wrapped.

All that complaining inspired Brooks to write "Middle Decades."

"I knew the show had to relate to middle

schoolers and, last year during our brainstorming session with the graduating eighth-graders, they were complaining about having to change so many sets," Brooks said. "So the origin of the story was really these surly teenagers not wanting to



Hillside students Pete Tepatti (left) and Troy Gostow run through a dress rehearsal of "Middle Decades."

change a set."

This year's set is much simpler: A single classroom.

The show involves 53 students between cast and crew. That's after more than 80 students took part in September's boot camp, put on by

members of the Northville High School Drama Club. The partnership benefits both schools; the middle schoolers get the benefit of learning about all aspects of the drama world — stage, crew, set design, lights, sound, etc. — and the high school



Hillside student Grant Neuwirth helps run the lights during a dress rehearsal.

club gets a feeder program.

"This is a training ground for the high school club," Brooks said. "There's altruism involved, because the high school kids spend a lot of time working with the middle school kids, but there's also a benefit in that next year the high school has incoming kids for their program."

But that's next year's benefit. At this point, Brooks is happy to see his middle schoolers taking his words and bringing them to life on stage. It makes the writing process — the inevitable writer's block and the actual writing — worth it.

"The most satisfying aspect for me is that the kids make it better," Brooks said. "These kids are having fun and gaining this experience. Once they inhabit a character, it's better and definitely more satisfying than anything I would have imagined."

The club puts on the show for grade-level audiences Monday through Wednesday, March 27-29, and presents a show open to the public at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Hillside Middle School auditorium (775 N. Center St. in Northville). Admission is free, but donations would be gratefully accepted.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Embezzlement costs store nearly \$9K

A 22-year-old woman is suspected of an embezzlement scheme that cost the JC Penney store at Twelve Oaks Mall nearly \$9,000.

The former Penney employee gave some customers deep, fraudulent discounts on merchandise and activated three gift cards, with a total value of \$340, without placing money in the till, a Penney's asset protection manager reported March 14, according to a Novi Police Department report.

The discounts had been given on both in-store and online purchases, said the manager, who had been contacted by an investigator for Penney. The fraudulent transactions, linked to the suspect's employee number, had been flagged because the markdowns were unusual, the police report said. The transactions all took place between Jan. 28 and Feb. 21, the report said.

Police said there is video evidence of the fraud, including video showing the woman taking gift cards without putting money in the register.

Contacted by phone, the woman agreed to be interviewed by an officer,

but failed to show up for the interview, police said. Police continue to investigate.

Soccer field vandalism

A "lawn job" at the ITC Community Sports Park on Eight Mile in Novi wrecked the main soccer field there earlier this month.

The vandalism — tire tracks all over the soccer field — was discovered by a Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department employee March 8, a police report said. The damage had occurred some time after 4 p.m. March 6, the report said.

The employee estimated the cost of repairing the field at between \$5,000 and \$10,000, police said. The city took photos of the damage to show police.

Drunken driver

A 23-year-old man was arrested early St. Patrick's Day on a charge of driving under the influence.

A Novi officer spotted the man's car, a Buick LeSabre, traveling eastbound on Pontiac Trail at more than 60 mph in a 45-mph zone shortly after 2 a.m. Friday, a police report said.

Pulled over by the officer a short

distance away, the driver said he'd had a couple of drinks at a bar in Wixom, police said. His eyes were bloodshot and he smelled of alcohol and he performed poorly on field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, the report said.

Later, at the police station, two Breathalyzer tests each measured the man's blood-alcohol level at 0.11, percent police said. That's over the limit of 0.08 at which a driver is considered drunk.

The LeSabre was impounded and police took the suspect's two passengers to the apartment of one of them.

Ungrateful guest

A man who was staying temporarily with a Novi couple, and apparently upset that he had been told to either stop drinking or leave their apartment, attacked one of his hosts the night of March 12.

The male victim told police he was lying in bed when the guest walked into his and his wife's bedroom, went to his side of the bed and began punching him in the face.

The victim said he was punched six or seven times while trying to block the

blows with his feet. The attacker then left the apartment, the victim said.

The victim had a bloodied nose that was cleaned up by medics at the scene, but told them he didn't think his nose was broken and declined further treatment, police said.

The attacker was the brother of the wife's ex-husband, a police report said. Police checked around local businesses, but did not locate him.

The victim said the man had been staying with he and his wife since March 9 because his power was out. On March 12, he said, the man was drinking throughout the day and got upset when the husband told him he should stop drinking or leave.

Bike theft

An unsecured bicycle was stolen from the patio of a home on Summer House Court the night of March 12.

The Roadmaster-brand bike was blue with red stripes and had 26-inch wheels. It was taken some time between 9 p.m. March 12 and 7:30 a.m. the next day, a police report said.

— By Matt Jachman

LENTEN CALENDAR

'Turn to Jesus'

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have special midweek Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. each Wednesday through April 5. This year's theme is "Turn to Jesus!" There will be free treats after the services. For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

St. Mary's Fish Fry

St. Mary, Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7444 hosts a Friday fish fry for the next four weeks at the church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford. The fry runs 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 for seniors; \$7 for teens; \$4 for kids; children 5 and younger are free.

Knights of Columbus fry

Knight of Columbus hosts a Friday Fish Fry throughout the Lenten season through April 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 30 S. Lafayette

St., South Lyon. The Fish fry runs 4-7 p.m. Adult are \$10; seniors: \$8; Kids 12 and under \$6 each. Carry outs are available 4-6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586.

Holy Week services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, announces its schedule for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 13. Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday service will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 16. A free Easter breakfast will be held 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD "My Son, My Savior." For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Easter services

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road, Livonia, will offer the following Easter services: SONrise Service at 6:51 a.m., an outside service; Prayer Service, 8:30-9:30 a.m.;

Easter Breakfast, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting its Lenten fish fries. The weekly fish fries are 4-7 p.m. and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14.

Dinners are \$7 or \$10. Choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or mac and cheese. Each meal comes with french fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge, desserts and pop are available.

Resurrection Parish

If you knew you were going to die today, what would you do? How would that reality change you? Would you be more forgiving? More merciful? Attend a Lenten presentation at 7:30 p.m. March 16 by author Chris Stepien as he shares the inspiration for his latest book, "Dying to Be Happy Discovering the Truth About Life."

Orthodox Christian services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its annual series of Vespers services.

The remaining services in the series will be held:

» March 26, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin St., Detroit.

» April 2, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Members of the public are invited to attend the services.

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry 5-8 p.m. each Friday through April 29.

Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return.

Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public.

St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish fries each Friday during Lent with drive-through service available.

The dinners are available 4-7 p.m. each Friday. St. Robert's is at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Midweek Lenten services with a soup supper will be offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran at 6 p.m. each Wednesday, followed by service at 7:30 p.m., through April 5. Contact the church at 248-553-3380.

'Calling them Home'

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all

parents, grandparents, siblings and others interested in helping loved ones find their way home to the church.

The four-week series, which will meet each Monday through March 27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist and award-winning Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults.

There is no charge or reservation required for this series. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.



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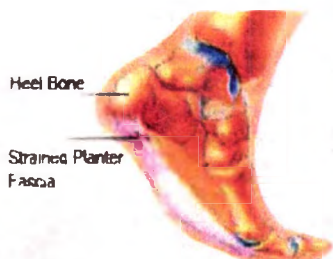
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Submit your work for Short on Words competition

The sixth edition of Short on Words is looking for aspiring authors.

Preservation Dental will again sponsor the Short on Words competition, in conjunction with Northville's annual Arts & Acts Festival. The call for entries has been issued. Michigan authors have until April 21 to enter a poem or short story - 1,500 words or less, using one of the subject photos selected for this year's competition. There are two categories: ages 17 and under and ages 18 and older.

The cash awards for each age category are: first prize: \$100; second prize: \$50; third prize: \$25. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Criteria and complete information packets are available at Preservation Dental, Office of Dr. William S. Demray, 371 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167; online at



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preservationdental.com; and at the Northville Art House.



Painted lady

Times have changed. But everyone still likes a good story. Children like

to be read to - whether it's at bedtime with a real storybook filled with

pictures or if it's grandma reading to their classroom via Skype. Book

clubs are filled with members from 20-something to 90-something. They are all reading paperbacks, hard covers and e-books on tablets. In any case, the story (or the poem) is being told.

"I know the real story of each picture," Demray said, "But the stories of what 'could be' are incredible. It's amazing to me how the creative mind sees a simple baseball cap on a fence post and writes a heartbreaking story of a tragic bus accident. It is a privilege to use my love of photography to give lovers of words a canvas to create their art."

Northville's Arts & Acts Festival is June 16-18. Winners of the Short on Words competition will be announced at an author reception at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall in downtown Northville.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Foreign Film @ the Library: "A Man Called Ove"

Time/Date: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27

Details: Attend one of two screenings of this award-winning film. Ove, a grumpy but lovable man, hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky exterior. His clashes with noisy neighbors lead to unexpected friendship.

Commercial Aviation Pioneers with Russell Doré

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28

Details: The Wright brothers, Bill Boeing, and others helped America develop the ability to transport passengers through the air rather than by ship or train. Hear their stories and little known facts. Register online or in person, or call 248-349-3020.

Spirit of Detroit: Detroit's Urban Development

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29

Details: Art historian and professor Deborah Lubera Kowski gives a virtual tour of Detroit's past, present and future urban development, from

Augustus Woodward's civic plans to future plans like the Dequindre Cut and Packard Plant. Register.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, March 30 through May 4

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children ages 3 and younger. No registration.

Make Sure You Don't Run Out of Money in Retirement with Rick Bloom

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 3

Details: Financial expert Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management provides strategies for your investment portfolio to provide enough growth to fund your retirement years. Register.

Spring Storytimes

Time/Date: Varied times
Details: Go to northvillelibrary.org for details about registering for the spring sessions of TOT Storytime for 2s and 3s with Caregiver, and Storytime for 4s, 5s and Ks.

Joanne Maliszewski

hometownlife.com

Despite "No Trespassing" signs posted at the vacant Northville Psychiatric Hospital - destined for demolition - township police continue to be confronted with trespassers at the dilapidated facility.

At just before 9 p.m. March 12, police were dispatched to the property for possible trespassers. An officer searched the property and saw three men, who were asked to walk toward him. The men, instead, ran toward nearby woods, police

said. The officer informed other police units, with another officer stationing his patrol car in a parking area at the end of the woods.

Ten minutes later, the men appeared and were detained. The men told police they ran because they knew they weren't supposed to be on the property, police said.

Two 17-year-olds, one from Novi and one from West Bloomfield, along with a 27-year-old man from Novi, were cited for trespassing and released.

In a second incident after 10 p.m. March 16, three Waterford men

ages 17-19 were cited for trespassing after police reportedly caught them on the property. An officer was patrolling in the area when he saw a suspicious Chevrolet Silverado parked on the north side of Seven Mile. The officer said he could see flashlights moving away from the hospital.

The officer contacted the registered owner of the Silverado, who was the mother of one of the young men. She told the officer her son had the vehicle for the evening. The mother said her son's cellphone was off.

The officer saw the men returning to the

vehicle, which left eastbound on Seven Mile. The officer also noticed an expired vehicle registration sticker. He stopped the Silverado and spoke with the men, whom he felt were being deceitful, according to a police report. The driver told the officer that they were on the first and second floors of the hospital, police said.

The men were cited for trespassing and cautioned by the officer that the hospital contained environmental hazards.

Compiled from Northville Township police reports.

More trespassing at vacant psychiatric hospital

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold St., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Victorian Clothing Sale: 1-7 p.m. April 20-21 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 22. Tickets available at the gate.

Herbal Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. April 8. Tickets available.

Lecture Series: Final Run - Storms of the Centruy: 7 p.m.,

April 26. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

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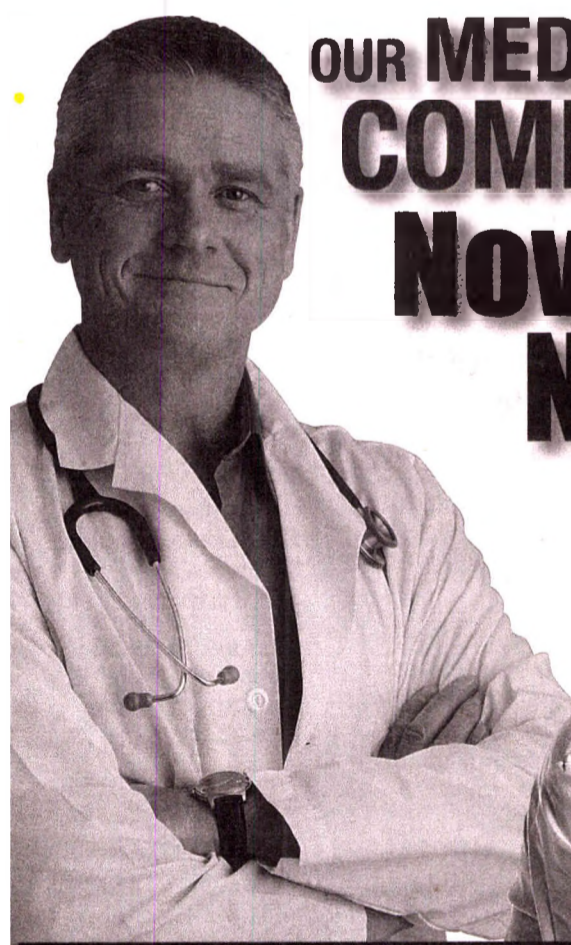
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Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.
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BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Forty years later, the Oakland County child killings remain unsolved.

Unsolved homicides still haunt community

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Growing up in southeast Michigan, Darlene McKenzie and Timmy King didn't have much in common — except for the fact they were murdered more than 40 years ago and their killers were never caught.

McKenzie's body was found June 10, 1975, in the area of Interstate 696, east of Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills. An autopsy revealed she died of strangulation, but it wasn't until December 2016 that investigators could positively identify the 15-year-old Detroit resident through new DNA samples.

King's body was discovered March 22, 1977, dumped in a ditch off Gill Road in Livonia. The 11-year-old Birmingham boy is considered the fourth and final victim of the Oakland County Child Killer.

The two cold cases are in the spotlight for different reasons: This month marks the 40th anniversary of the final Oakland County Child Killer homicide, while Crime Stoppers of Michigan is trying to spark new interest into the McKenzie case by offering a \$2,500 reward.

Farmington Hills Police Detective Chad Double said solving a cold case homicide is never an easy task.

"They take a lot longer, because we're not getting in information like we would with a more recent case," Double said. "And the reports might get passed on to different detectives, because of promotions and retirements, but that just means a new set of eyes. We definitely try and reach out to the families and let them know we're not giving up."

'Drop ... run and scream'

It was the evening of March 16, 1977, when King grabbed his skateboard and left his house to buy some candy at the local pharmacy on Maple Road.

A serial killer was on the loose, putting all of Oakland County on panic alert. Three children had already been kidnapped and murdered over a period of 11 months.

In each of the cases, the victims were held captive for a period of days before they were killed and their bodies dumped by the side of a road.

The first two children, Mark Stebbins of Ferndale and Jill Rob-



FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Farmington Hills police provided this photo of Darlene McKenzie, who was murdered in 1975.



KING FAMILY PHOTO

This photo of Timmy King was taken at his school the day he was abducted.

inson of Royal Oak, were killed 10 months apart in 1976. The third victim, 10-year-old Kristine Mihelich, was abducted Jan. 2, 1977, after she was last seen at a 7-Eleven in Berkley. A mail carrier discovered her body 19 days later on a dead-end street in Franklin Village.

Barry King and his wife Marion were eating at Peabody's Restaurant the night their youngest child was abducted.

"After the Mihelich murder, all my kids remember me telling Tim, 'If anyone tries to pick you up, drop everything and run and scream,'" King said. "But even today, if someone stopped and talked to you, you probably wouldn't run and scream — especially if you were 11."

He then shakes his head, almost as if he was trying to erase the memories.

"Part of the tragedy to me, is once Tim got into the car, he knew

what would happen," he said. "That's the worst part of it all."

Tim's older brother Christopher had a baby-sitting job that evening in the neighborhood. His other brother and sister also ended up making plans, leaving Timmy alone.

King said his son was a responsible sixth-grader who did well in school and had recently taken on his own newspaper route. It wouldn't have been unusual to leave him alone at home for a short time.

"I've wrestled with that night in my mind over 100 times," he said. "We didn't do anything that evening that I wouldn't do again."

New leads

Farmington Hills investigators are more hopeful of solving the 42-year-old McKenzie homicide, now that police know the victim's identity.

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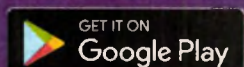
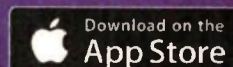
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Don't panic at tax deadline; ask for extension

It's that time of year again, when people are rushing to organize their tax info and to have their returns completed by the April 18 deadline. This year, because April 15 falls on a weekend, the returns are due April 18. That being said, there are some issues that are important to keep in mind. The first deals with those who are not going to have their returns completed by the deadline. The second is for those who complete their returns — it may be time to prune some of those tax records.

For those who cannot complete their returns on time, there is no reason to panic. One of the mistakes many people make



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

is that they rush to complete their returns by the April deadline and then they make mistakes. It is those mistakes that lead to IRS scrutiny; I guarantee you, no one wants that. If you cannot complete your returns on time, the best course of action is to file for an extension. The IRS form you would use to file for your extension is form 4868. An extension is automatic for six months, but what trips people up is that they need to keep in mind that it is an ex-

tension of time to file your returns, not to pay your taxes. You have to go through a process to guesstimate your tax liability to determine whether you need to make a payment with your extension. Keep in mind that if you file for a federal extension, it will automatically apply to the state of Michigan, but you may have to make an estimated payment.

Many people believe that if you file for an extension, you increase your audit risk; that is not the case. Filing for an extension will not increase your audit risk. Filing sloppy returns or incomplete returns will definitely increase your audit risk, not filing for

an extension. If you can't properly complete and file your return by the April 18 deadline, do yourself a favor and file for an extension.

The other issue is for those who have completed your returns — it may be a good idea to prune your tax files. Without question, you should save at least the last three years returns and the backup data. The IRS can audit you up to three years after you've filed your returns. That being said, in most cases I tell people to retain their tax information for seven years. In rare cases where the IRS suspects fraud or where you underreported your income by 25 percent or more,

the IRS can extend the time for an audit. That is why I tell people to retain their information for at least seven years. For anything past seven years, you are probably safe to destroy that information. One caveat to this deals with Social Security.

Before you destroy records from 10 and 20 years ago, it's a good idea to check your Social Security earnings to make sure you received the proper credit for the years which you worked. If you have gotten the proper credit for your work years, then there is virtually no reason to save your old returns and documentation.

It is important to keep

in mind that your tax information contains lots of sensitive information, such as your Social Security number; you have to properly dispose of this material. My advice is that anything with tax information should be shredded in order to protect yourself.

One last note: To make filing your 2017 tax return as easy as possible, it is also a great time of year to set up a record system for your 2017 tax returns.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

UNSOLVED

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"Before, we had no clue who she was or where she came from," Double said. "So this definitely sheds more light on the case ... we'll talk with her friends and see who she was hanging out with."

Authorities know McKenzie left her house in Detroit following a family argument. They also suspect the murder may have occurred in Detroit and McKenzie's body was left by the freeway in Farmington Hills.

McKenzie's daughter, Carlita Ransom, 43, was an infant when her mom disappeared. She's now speaking up about the case, hoping it might lead to a reliable tip.

"She's the one who approached Detroit police about reopening the case," Double said. "She wants to find closure."

Farmington Hills police solved several cold cases in recent years, including a premeditated murder from 1993 and a botched supermarket robbery from 1979. A few years back,

the department established a cold case team to help solve other past homicides.

Galvanizing moment

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard was a rookie police officer in Southfield Township when the serial killings took place. His former supervisor, Jerry Tobias, was one of the lead investigators in the OCCK case.

"It was probably one of the most galvanizing moments in my life," Bouchard said of the four homicides. "I was very new to police work. I was a person who was raised in a loving family and I was stunned by anyone who could hurt a child, let alone do this."

He was on routine patrol the night Timmy King was abducted. Through a countywide search warrant, Bouchard and other officers were allowed to randomly pull over vehicles to search for the young boy.

"I was searching in the area of 13 Mile and Lahser," Bouchard said. "The drivers were totally supportive — they knew what was going on.



Barry King, 86, at his home in Birmingham. He doubts he'll ever know who killed his son in 1977.

JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

We thought it was possible the child might be moved."

Bouchard also volun-

teered to work the phone lines and help process the thousands of tips pouring in to law enforcement. He can't help but look back on the unsolved murders with a sense of frustration.

"I'm still incredibly sad the families haven't had closure and justice was never obtained," he said. "I think it will haunt anyone who had a connection to that case. I know when Jerry Tobias died, that was heavy on his heart."

Bouchard said the case prompted him to pursue a career in law enforcement and to eventually enter the state Legislature in the 1990s, where he drafted the state's first sex offender registry act to help protect young victims of crime. He has served as Oakland Coun-

ty sheriff since 1999.

40 years of pain

King, who just turned 86, still lives in the same house in Birmingham. The family moved there 42 years ago.

He was born in New Zealand, where his father met his mother while opening a factory for General Motors in the country's capital of Wellington. They moved back to the U.S. when he was nine months old.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the early years of the Vietnam War and his house is filled with photographs of military vessels. Cabinets are also filled with family photos and there are portraits of Timmy around the house.

At the top of his list of possible suspects is Chris Busch, a convicted

pedophile who committed suicide in 1978 at his family's home in Bloomfield Township. Busch was supposedly cleared of the crimes after taking a polygraph test in February 1977. A month later, Timmy King was kidnapped.

King said other people looked at the Busch polygraph and don't believe the results are conclusive. To this day, he's not sure why authorities have dismissed Busch as a suspect.

"I was told the only way this case would get solved is through a deathbed confession," King said. "At this point in my life, I doubt I'll ever know the answers I'm seeking."

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MARCH 16, 2017 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017

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.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:
 - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Planning Commission Reappointment - Lisa Anderson – Approved
 - Senior Citizen Advisory Council Reappointment - Richard Henningsen – Approved
 - Historic District Commission Reappointment - Fred Shadko – Approved
- Public Hearing: None
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business:
 - Dues – Alliance of Rouge Communities Membership 2017 – Approved
 - Planning – Rezoning Request – Approved
 - Planning – Temporary Sign – Building Safety Month – Approved
 - Public Safety – Ballistic Vests Purchase – Approved
 - Historic District Commission – Amendment to By-Laws – Approved
 - Firefighter's Union Contract – Approved
 - Planning – Temporary Sign – Ward Church – Approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances:
 - Amendment to §53-9 – Animal General Regulations – Introduced
 - Amendments to §97-1, §67-34, and §67-62 – Hunting & Weapons – Introduced
 - Amendments to §133 – Peddling and Soliciting – Introduced
- Check Registry:
 - In the amount of \$1,275,530.63 for the period of 2/4/17 to 3/3/17 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available March 28, 2017.

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

Late winter sledding in Novi



John Heider | Staff Photographer
 Michi Sugimoto hauls her son Haruto, 3, on a sled back to the parking lot March 14 at Novi's North Lakeshore Park. The pair were at the park that day to try out some sledding after the area had seen about four inches of snow the day before.

Congressional redistricting reform group holds meeting in Livonia

David Veselenak
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Jamie Lyons-Eddy believes several of Michigan's congressional districts come in some pretty strange shapes. Just look at the ones in metro Detroit.

"If you start at Campus Martius and you drive up Woodward to downtown Pontiac, you will switch U.S. congressional districts six times," said Lyons-Eddy, a presenter at a meeting regarding redistricting Tuesday night. "You'll pass through the 14th three times."

A statewide, non-partisan organization and ballot committee is looking to make some changes to the way the state handles redistricting or the process of redrawing legislative districts. That group, Voters Not Politicians, held a meeting March 14 at the Disabled Americans Veterans Chapter 114 in Livonia. The meeting, one of several being held across the state, gave the more than 100 people in attendance an overview on the process of redistricting commonly referred to as "gerrymandering," which is done to group certain populations together in order to achieve more power by a political party.

The organization has made it its goal to put a proposal on the 2018 ballot that would change the way the redistricting process, which will take place after the 2020 U.S. Census, is handled.

Katie Fahey, another presenter from the redistricting group, said many races in Michigan



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
 Jamie Lyons-Eddy speaks about redistricting at the Voters Not Politicians town hall.

are decided well before voters cast their ballot during the elections because of the makeup of the district.

"They should be getting re-elected because their constituents like them," she said. "And because they voted for them and because they have a real option or choice of being unelected. Because when that is real, when you have a competitive election, that's when people have to start paying attention to what people actually want."

The meeting saw more than 100 people in attendance, including Livonia Public Schools Board of Education member Dan Centers. He said the division in the state would move in the right direction if the process of redistricting were changed.

"Politically, we are more divided than anytime in recent memory," he said. "Redistricting

reform will stop Lansing from picking winners and losers and give that power to our voters. That is good for democracy."

Northville Township resident Pat Timmons said he's hopeful some sort of movement will take place when it comes to redistricting. He said the state's been gerrymandered and "leads to very bad government."

He said he came to the meeting to see how serious the movement was and thinks he'll get involved.

"Based on the attendance tonight, I'm a little more optimistic. I've been involved in petition drives before and it's been very hard on other issues," he said. "But I think this one will resonate with people and I think there's a chance."

Another meeting hosted by the group is scheduled to take place 7-9 p.m. March 28 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Ply-

mouth Township.

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Prom dresses going for \$20 this weekend at Livonia sale

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There aren't many places where 95 percent off is the norm for a sale. But for the annual 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale at Livonia's St. Paul Presbyterian Church, as much as 95 percent off is pretty standard.

"It's fun to see the kids in them and their beautiful," said Pam Phillips, a parishioner who has helped put on the sale the last several years.

The church, located at 27475 Five Mile just west of Inkster, will hold its sixth annual prom dress sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. More than 1,100 dresses, tops, shoes, jewelry, purses and other accessories are available to purchase at flat prices. Prom dresses, no matter the original sticker price, are all \$20 cash.

It's an event, Phillips said, that attracts girls and families from all over the region and out-of-state, too. She said they've had customers come from Ohio and Canada in recent years, looking to score a great deal on a dress.

Admission to the sale is free, though attendees will need a ticket to access the floor. Tickets will be given out starting at 7 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the church. Phillips said it's not uncommon to see cars begin pulling up at 6 a.m. to try to be first in line. The church will open its doors at 8 a.m. for people to wait inside before the sale begins.

"When they see us unlock the door, they come running," said the Plymouth resident and longtime St. Paul's parishioner.

It's Phillips's hope between 300 and 500 people attend Saturday.

From there, several people will be ushered into the area where the dresses are to try them on and find that special gown. There are several volunteers who can make some minor alterations, including hemming, strap adjustments and other adjustments. Several dressing areas have also been constructed for customers to try on the dresses.

They come in a wide range of colors, fashions and sizes, Phillips said. Anything from size 0 to size 28 is available.

And it's not just an event for prom, either, Phillips said. There are plenty of dresses that go well for other events such as homecoming, honeymoons and other vacations. Phillips recalled one shopper who came in that wasn't looking for a prom dress.

"She was going on a cruise. And she came in and bought dresses for her cruise," she said. "We've got dynamic dresses for cruises, for vacation, summer. Summer's coming up."

And while the dresses are the highlight of the event, the funds brought in go to help the community. All the proceeds will go toward helping feed the hungry, as well as helping some students from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church going to Alaska to build a home and the Life Remodeled project in Detroit.

"We have our food pantry where we give out hundreds of bags of food," she said. "We have given out over 8,000 pounds of fresh produce since we started our garden."

"Where our money goes, we go."

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 Shoes and accessories are also for sale.

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.716

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
 Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.716 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is **March 28, 2017**.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan on the **13th day of March, 2017**. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.716
 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 716
 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

ROBERT J. GATT MAYOR
 COURTNEY HANSON CLERK

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Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
 Courtney Hanson, City Clerk

Advertisement to Bid

Northville Public Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement at Old Village School for 2017 Renovations". This project will be completed in May of 2017, prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos acoustical ceiling tiles with acoustical ceiling tile gluepods, ceiling panel boards associated with acoustical ceiling tiles, asbestos straight pipe insulation with associated fittings, asbestos pipe fitting insulation on fiberglass lines, asbestos floor tile and asbestos floor tile mastic with associated wood sub flooring materials. Bids will be RECEIVED until 2:00 pm local time Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement - Asbestos Abatement at Old Village School for 2017 Renovations; Attn: Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Northville Public Schools; 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The OPENING of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, www.archenvgroup.com, starting Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 4:00 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Northville Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.

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Stars & Stripes Festival moving to Novi this summer

Brian McCollum
Detroit Free Press

After a decade as a Macomb County institution, the Stars & Stripes Festival is taking its rock bands, monster trucks and carnival rides to a new home in Novi.

The Fourth of July week fest will touch down June 29 through July 2 on the grounds of the Suburban Collection Showplace to make its Oakland County premiere — and give Novi its first major fireworks display.

The announcement follows a months-long hunt by Funfest Productions for a site to replace the Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre at Freedom Hill, the festival's home since 2013. Funfest officials said they were ousted from the Sterling Heights venue by new operator Palace Sports & Entertainment; a Palace spokesman said Funfest rejected a proposal to jointly produce the fest.

Stars & Stripes debuted in 2006 as a free Mt. Clemens street fest and quickly became one of Macomb County's top summer draws, pulling tens of thousands annually for a lineup of national and local music, family events, BMX stunts and more.

Now those attractions are headed 30-plus miles west to set up shop on the surface lots and other spaces outside the Novi facility, which was selected after relocation discussions with several Oakland County municipalities, Funfest head Joe Nieporte said.

"We're excited," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We've never had a big Fourth of July event, other than a local subdivision parade. This is going to be big, it's going



Fawn and Brianna Krause enjoy a ride at the Stars & Stripes Festival in 2016 at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights

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to be at the right place and we're happy to have them come here."

With the Suburban Collection Showplace, Stars & Stripes gets a sprawling site with festival experience: The revamped, privately operated Michigan State Fair has run there each Labor Day weekend since 2012.

"They already have the infrastructure in place to do a big festival," Nieporte said. "The landscape is plug-and-play."

The arrival of Stars & Stripes is another feather in the cap of the 12-year-old Suburban Collection Showplace, whose 320,000-square-foot exhibition center hosts annu-

al consumer events — including boat, golf and camping shows — along with a regular schedule of trade conventions. The indoor facility is undergoing a 182,000-square-foot expansion.

"This was one of those 'happens for a reason' types of deals," owner Blair Bowman said of Stars & Stripes. "This is the direction we want to go, and they needed a place to move. I think it'll be a great long-term fit."

On the music front, Stars & Stripes has typically leaned toward classic rock, hard rock and country music, with recent headliners including acts such as Styx, Uncle Kracker, Bret Michaels

and Randy Travis. With booking already underway and a full lineup to be announced next month, Nieporte said he doesn't expect a dramatic shift in programming for the fest's Novi edition.

One new feature this year will be a monster-truck "car crush" event. Fireworks will wrap up the four-day festival July 2.

"One of the things we like to do here is establish traditions — or re-establish a great tradition like the state fair — with community-friendly events," Bowman said. "So establishing a good Fourth of July program is a bonus."



An aerial look at the Stars & Stripes Festival in 2010, during the event's Mt. Clemens years.

FUNFEST

Pets for Vets adoptions scheduled for March 25 in Westland

LeAnne Rogers
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It's called Pets for Vets, but the second annual event at the Wayne-Ford Civic League is actually open to anyone seeking to adopt a dog or cat.

The difference is that veterans will have their adoption fees covered through donations from local businesses and community organizations. Pets for Vets is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25.

"These are companion animals. They aren't specifically trained for anything. We pull dogs and cats from shelters all over Michigan who are five days from euthanasia," said Terry Packer of Last Day Dog Rescue. "We get a few owner surrender animals, but we try to pull the ones about to be euthanized."

Last Day Dog Rescue takes dogs and cats from shelters to foster homes where they live with volunteers until they are adopted. "We don't want to take them from shelters to another shelter. We won't pull them from a shelter unless we have a foster home for them," Packer said.



Dogs get to visit with prospective new families at the Pets for Vets event. The second annual event is Saturday, March 25, at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

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Veterans can get pre-approved for a dog or cat by calling 734-469-3343. Applications will also be accepted at the event. The general public can also get pre-approved by going to lastdaydogrescue.org and completing an online application. There are no on-site

adoptions.

Last year, 22 animals were adopted, including 13 adoptions by veterans. "We already have nine applications. We're ahead of last year — that's phenomenal," Packer said.

There will be trainers from Beyond the Bark offering free training

seminars and answering questions about adopting animals.

Sponsored by the Last Day Dog Rescue, the Wayne Ford Civic League and Veterans of Westland, there will also be representatives on hand from Wayne County Veterans Services thanks

to the efforts of Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

"They will have equipment to provide veterans with ID cards. They need to bring their DD214 discharge papers," said Vic Barra, Wayne Ford Civic League president. "If a veteran doesn't have their DD214, there will be people who can help them apply to get that. There are veterans who delay getting benefits because they don't have their paperwork. People move and paperwork gets lost."

A veteran himself, Barra said that he has almost always had a dog and encouraged all veter-

ans to consider adopting an animal.

"I have been blessed to find myself in a position to serve and support two causes near and dear to me — animal rescue/ adoption and veterans needs and services," he said. "We are hoping that all veterans sign up and adopt one of these loving animals at this year's event. The adoption costs free for veterans."

Packer noted that Barra came up with the idea for the first Pets for Vets and immediately after the event was ready to get organized for the second year.

"This was a great event last year" said Tim Bennett, president of Last Day Dog Rescue. "The veterans were so grateful as many of them expressed how much having a dog in their home changed their lives."

Last Day Dog Rescue and the civic league are both 501(c)3 charity organizations. All money raised from this event, which will include raffles and drawings, will help to cover all the adoption fees for local veterans who adopt an animal. Any remaining dollars will go toward Last Day Dog Rescue and Veterans of Westland. Since 2007, Last Day Dog Rescue has adopted more than 7,000 dogs and cats.

For veteran inquiries, contact Barra at 734-637-5579. To sponsor a dog or cat for a local veteran, call 734-765-8671.

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **April 11, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0009 (Kingsway Construction) 101 Lashbrook, north of Thirteen Mile and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-376-008. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Sections 3.1.2 to allow reduce setbacks for front, rear, sideyards and reduce lot coverage for additions to existing residence. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0005 (Gary Ehlers) 1705 East Lake Drive, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road Parcel # 50-22-02-357-015. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow for the installation of a sun room/storage room in the side and rear yard. Minimum required side yard setback is ten feet, applicant is requesting 4 feet. Aggregate Total requirement is 25 feet, applicant is requesting 12 feet. Minimum required rear yard setback is 35 feet, applicant is requesting 17 feet. Total lot coverage allowed by city ordinance is 25%, applicant is requesting 43%. This property is zoned One Family Residential (R-4).

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Floridian, 91, sees no point in retiring as long as volunteering is available

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

NAPLES, Fla. - When Myra Janco Daniels was young, her father asked her what she wanted to be.

Her answer: "In charge."

For much of her life, Daniels has been precisely that, as a successful advertising executive, the driving force behind the creation of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida, now Artis-Naples, and most recently as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army's new Fran Cohen Youth Center in East Naples.

At 91, Daniels has no intention of giving up her habit of taking the lead in charitable endeavors. The completion of the youth center, which will serve children who would otherwise come home from school to an empty house, is just weeks away. Now she has a few other projects, which she prefers to keep under wraps for now, on her to-do list.

"I wake up each day with something on my plate," said Daniels, who moved to Southwest Florida's Marco Island in 1979 after working in Indiana and Chicago.

She later moved to Pelican Bay, near the performing arts hall that was the culmination of her vision for a permanent home for the Naples/Marco Island Philharmonic.

She has since moved twice, each time giving up some of the art from her collection. "I'd rather see a kid go to college than buy another piece of art," she said.

Staying active is a core belief. "I don't think people should retire. You have to use your mind to live," she said.

Having obtained everything she wants, Daniels now works on a volunteer basis. "There's nothing I want for myself. I just want to be useful." It's a lesson she learned from her grandparents, immigrants from Romania.

"They taught me when you give, you



DOROTHY EDWARDS/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

Myra Daniels, 91, is the founder of the Naples Philharmonic (now Artis-Naples) in Naples, Fla. "I wake up each day with something on my plate," she says.

get back so much more."

Giving back is part of being an American, Daniels believes. "I've been blessed. Most of all I've tried to be a good citizen."

She has advice for people looking to emulate her success. "Analyze yourself like you would a product or a plan. What are your strengths?"

And she has no plans to slow down. And to be in charge for the duration.

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Q&A: MYRA DANIELS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means the opportunity to help build our country, the opportunity to help others. It means the opportunity to work the way I want to work. It's a freedom. The freedom of America is very important to me. My grandparents immigrated from Romania. They came and they succeeded in America in every way. They learned the language. They worked. They gave as much as they got.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Knowing how many children are on the streets in Naples after school. There are 10,000. They're latchkey kids. Their parents work. Knowing how much trouble they can get into. We have to support them. I think we'll take some of them off the street. We won't have all of them, but we'll have several handfuls. Some of these kids never get encouragement. You have to encourage kids. We're going to encourage them in the arts. We're going to encourage them in the classroom.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me is we have never had so much confusion coming out of Washington. I have hope, incidentally. I think we need to stand behind those we have elected until we see where they are going. We have to pull together as a country. We are the best country in the world, in my experience, but we have some flaws we need to fix.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I can add something to the community. I hope I can make it a better community, a happier community, a brighter community. When you look at these kids, you have the chance to mold minds. I have a lot of help, by the way. There are a lot of dedicated volunteers working on this.

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 133 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of proposed amendments to Ordinance Chapter 133 (Peddling and Soliciting) at a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The proposed amendment includes changes to sections 133-1, 133-2, 133-3, 133-4, 133-6, 133-7, 133-8, 133-11, 133-12, and 133-14. The introduction of the amendments were approved at the Board of Trustees regular meeting held on March 16, 2017.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-31-200-021, for 20.31 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2017, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-31-200-021, for 20.31 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these hearings

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office - City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 27, 2017.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Cortney Hanson at 248.347.0456 for special services.

CORTNEY HANSON
CITY CLERK

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
April 19, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests:

- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 41, Zoning Board of Appeals (Wireless Communications) for commercial property located at 41620 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#s 77-044-99-0002-007 & 77-044-99-0002-711).
- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 22, Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures (Setbacks) for residential property located at 16607 Winchester, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#77-053-04-0128-000).
- Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, (Ground Sign & Wall Sign) for commercial property located at 20401 Haggerty Road, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#s 77-001-99-0001-726 and 77-001-99-0001-728)
- Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, (Ground Signs) for Hickory Creek entrance sign located on Six Mile Road, west of Beck Road.

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

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PREP FOOTBALL

Anderson takes on CC coaching reins

Longtime assistant named as Mach's replacement

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Dan Anderson just recently celebrated his 48th birthday. Thursday morning, he got the ultimate present.

After a month-long search, Novi Detroit Catholic Central High announced Thursday that 10-year defensive coordinator

will succeed Tom Mach as its varsity football head coach. Anderson was introduced as the Shamrocks new coach prior to the start of classes at the Robert Santello Gymnasium before current players, administrators and staff.

Anderson succeeds the 69-year-old Mach, who retired in early February after 41 seasons. Mach ranked third among all Michigan High School Athletic Association coaches in wins with 370, in-

cluding 10 state championships.

Mach's win total ranks behind only Birmingham Brother Rice's Al Fracassa and Farmington Hills Harrison's John Herrington. In Mach's final season, CC went 13-1 and reached the Division 1 state finals before losing to Detroit Cass Tech.

"I'm overjoyed, excited, can't wait to get started," An-



Defensive coordinator Dan Anderson succeeds Tom Mach as Catholic Central's varsity football coach.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

NOVI LOSES REGIONAL FINAL ON DISPUTED TWO-OT FINISH

West Bloomfield wins it on McAdoo last-second layup

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It was an improbable finish that cried for instant replay, but a disputed call in West Bloomfield's 67-66 double-overtime victory March 15 would not be reversed, leaving Novi players, coaches and fans in a state of shock.

In a Class A boys basketball regional final at Walled Lake Northern that featured more twists and turns than an afternoon TV soap opera, Kevin McAdoo's layup at the buzzer, ruled in time by official Rodriguez Lackey, sent the Lakers (16-8) into the state quarterfinal at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall against Troy (21-4).

Trendon Hankerson's two free throws with 12.9 seconds remaining gave Novi a 66-62 advantage in the second OT, but the 6-foot-1 McAdoo, who scored a game-high 34 points, answered with a triple from the wing just seconds later to pull West Bloomfield to within one.

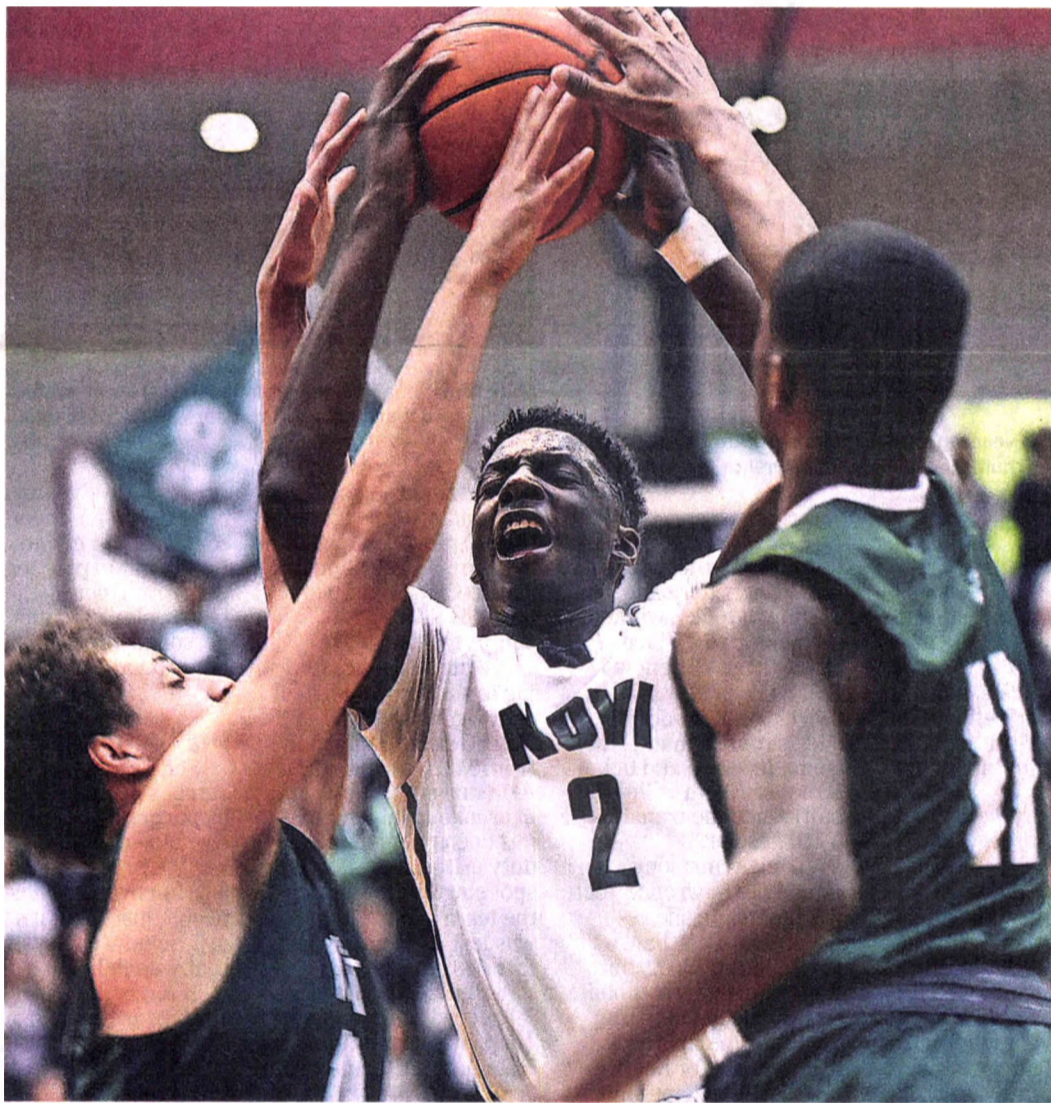
Inbounding the ball with only 3.9 seconds to play, the Wildcats got the pass in and promptly coughed it up, leading to the frantic final seconds.

"We got a steal and my partner Garrett (Winn) gave me the ball, I laid it up and that was game," said McAdoo, who scored all of West Bloomfield's 11 points during the final three minutes. "There wasn't much going through my head. Once I caught it, I took one dribble, went to the left and laid it in with my right hand."

As West Bloomfield students and fans stormed the floor, Novi coach Brandon Sinawi was in disbelief charging after Lackey, who was escorted off the floor by an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy.

Sinawi was peeved he never got an explanation on the game-winning shot by McAdoo.

"When they don't explain a call like in a situation like that, that's where they are not



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Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. (middle) goes up between a pair of West Bloomfield defenders.



West Bloomfield's Kevin McAdoo (left) goes up for the game-winning shot as the clock reads 0:00.

sure," Sinawi said. "And (Lackey) was so adamant about the call and the other two officials couldn't hear it, there's no way they were going to overturn it. There was without a doubt the horn went because that was the only thing I was listening for and I was looking at the ball. And when it went, I thought we won until he comes over and starts putting his hand down."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Dream Team spot goes to Mustangs defenseman Jack Sargent

Northville's Jack Sargent was surprised to learn Sunday that he was part of Michigan's high school boys hockey royalty.

The junior defenseman was named to Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association six-member Dream Team, which was announced at the Farmington Hills Manor.

Sargent joined the elite group, which also included Brighton senior forward Jake Crespi, who earned the Michigan Mr. Hockey Award, along with Hartland junior forward Josh Albring, Grosse Pointe South senior forward Adam Pitters, Birmingham Brother Rice senior defenseman Jack Clement and Brighton senior goalie Logan Neaton.

"I walked in and my coach (Clint Robert) held up a newspaper and, obviously, I was surprised," Sargent said. "We really hadn't heard anything because it just got released that morning. It was really cool, though. I'm honored."

Sargent was one of the major reasons Northville (22-7-1) earned its first trip to the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals since 2004, to go along with its first regional title in 13 years.

"We did a lot better than we were expected to do," Sargent said. "Getting to the final four was huge for us. And I feel that gives us a lot of expectation for

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Northville junior defenseman Jack Sargent (left) earned boys hockey Dream Team honors.

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PREP ATHLETICS

Grand Blanc voted out of the KLAA

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily

The drive to and from Grand Blanc is an issue that area teams and fans won't have to deal with much longer.

Grand Blanc has been voted out of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, effective in the 2018-19 school year.

The decision to remove the Bobcats was done by a 13-1 vote, Grand Blanc athletic director Jerrod Dohm said recently. Grand Blanc was the only school to vote in its own favor, he said.

"We wanted to stay in the KLAA," Dohm said. "We are extremely disappointed in their decision to remove us from the conference. Obviously, it puts us in a very difficult position. At this point, the way we're looking at it, we have to look forward. Our hope is we can land somewhere where we can hopefully rekindle some of the old rivalries we had back from the Big Nine days."

When 10 current KLAA members decided to leave the league starting in 2017-18, Grand Blanc was even more isolated from the rest of the league as its northernmost school. Hartland, which is 25 miles from Grand Blanc, is the Bobcats' closest rival. Howell is 36 miles away and Brighton is 37 miles away.

The Bobcats will play KLAA football games next fall against Livonia Franklin (59 miles), Plymouth (58), Wayne Memorial (56), Northville (53), Westland John Glenn (52) and Livonia Churchill (48).

Departing KLAA members in Milford and Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western, along with Waterford Mott and Kettering, were between 24 and 37 miles from Grand Blanc.

Nicole Carter, the principal at Novi High School and president of the KLAA, said the distance to Grand Blanc was the determining factor.

"The schools departing the KLAA last spring caused a geographical concern," said Carter, who recently took over for Churchill's Keith McDonald as the association's president. "That's number one. Number two, would be the cost for schools would increase by transporting students to and from Grand Blanc. Thirdly, would be the educational reason. Student-athletes should not (spend) two to three hours on busses when they have school the next day."

Grand Blanc joined the KLAA in its second school year, 2009-10, to round out a fourth six-team division when a proposed second high school in Howell never materialized. The Bobcats had been members of the Big Nine Conference since its inception in 1960-61. The Big Nine had as many as 10 members, but defections dwindled its ranks to five when Grand Blanc made the switch.

Dohm said Grand

Blanc has applied to join the Saginaw Valley High School Association and will make a formal presentation to the league on April 26. The Valley includes former Big Nine rivals Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison and Flint Powers Catholic.

"That's one of the things I'm excited about, if we can get into the Valley, is having those rivalries with Davison and Lapeer," Dohm said. "We've been playing Carman and Powers, because the atmosphere in our gym has been super in the three years I've been here, mainly because of geography. We want to see crowds like what we see when we play Carman. The students get more involved and the community gets more involved, because they obviously know each other."

Grand Blanc has been particularly strong in the marquee sports of football and boys basketball. Grand Blanc went 28-12 in KLAA West football with four championships

in eight years. The Bobcats were 59-21 with five titles in KLAA West boys basketball.

Dohm said Grand Blanc had been working to persuade other Flint-area schools to join the KLAA and form a northern division, along with Brighton, Hartland and Howell. Lapeer has reportedly expressed interest in joining the KLAA, but is even farther away from the other league members than Grand Blanc.

The KLAA has solicited applications for membership. Belleville athletic director Joe Brodie confirmed that his school has submitted an application, but hasn't received a letter of acceptance.

Carter said she could not discuss which schools have applied. Ann Arbor Huron, Pioneer and Skyline, along with Saline, have also reportedly been interested in the KLAA.

In football, Grand Blanc will be in the KLAA Gold next fall with Franklin, Churchill, Northville,

Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn. Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Novi and Salem will be in the KLAA Black. Those divisions were based on program strength, with an attempt made to make both divisions equally competitive.

In other sports, a geographic model was used. Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Grand Blanc, Northville, Novi and Stevenson are in one division. The other consists of Canton, Churchill, Franklin, Plymouth, Salem, Wayne and John Glenn.

The catalyst for changes in the KLAA came when 10 of the 24 members decided to leave.

Lakeland, Milford, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake North, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott left to form the new Lakes Valley Conference. Pinckney will join the Southeastern Conference.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Lakeland grads finally find themselves on same team

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Because they were five years apart, backyard pals Mary Armstrong and Sydney Schultz never imagined they'd play on the same team.

But the two Lakeland High graduates are together under unlikely circumstances as teammates on Lawrence Tech University's softball squad.

"We would always hang out," said Schultz, a freshman pitcher and outfielder for the Blue Devils. "I was always Mary's little sidekick. She was always the oldest hanging out with us. I remember she'd do the big girl stuff and I'd always go out with her. She was never your typical teenager that shuts little kids out and doesn't want to play with you. She always played with us until she left for college. That was awesome."

The 5-foot-10 Armstrong excelled four years at Lawrence Tech in volleyball, becoming the school's all-time career leader in kills (1,481) while earning AVCA all-region and first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors as a senior.

Armstrong, studying mechanical engineering under a five-year program, decided to explore the option of playing softball again after using up her volleyball eligibility. She approached Lawrence Tech coach Anna Ball and received a scholarship.



Although five years apart, neighbors Mary Armstrong (left) and Sydney Schultz are members of Lawrence Tech's softball team.

Softball calls

The last time she had picked up a bat was in the 2012 MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals, when the Lakeland senior went 1-for-2 in a 5-4 loss to Mattawan in Battle Creek.

"Honestly, I was pretty excited to play, but I feel I had a lot of work to do with my mechanics and stuff, getting everything together," Armstrong said. "I always remembered I loved the game and actually kind of forgot how much fun it is until I got into practices, playing games ... it was just a good opportunity."

Armstrong has appeared in 10 of Lawrence Tech's 23 games this season, hitting .308 (4-for-13) in limited duty.

But it took a while to adjust to live pitching again.

"It was kind of a hard adjustment at first, just

because my throwing was everywhere and my batting, it took a while to get back into it," Armstrong said. "But now I feel like a pretty solid player. And I'm definitely a lot stronger than I was. Being in shape and being stronger (from volleyball) made the transition a little easier."

After Armstrong joined the Lawrence Tech softball team, she requested to wear her favorite jersey No. 7, but Ball informed her it had already been taken by Schultz. So Armstrong had to settle for her sister Anna's favorite number (10).

Backyard pals

Numbers aside, it seemed like old times again when the four Schultz siblings and the three Armstrong siblings used to form their own personal playground.

"We did a lot of kick-



Mary Armstrong (middle) attended the Lakeland softball camp in 2007 with the Schultz sisters, Chase (left) and Sydney.

ball," Armstrong said. "Me and my older sister (Anna) played catch all the time. Sydney and her sister (Chase) jumped in there. We'd all go to camps together."

Sydney Schultz, studying architectural engineering, was recruited by Ball after receiving a tip from Mary's father, Rod Armstrong. Schultz came in as an outfielder, but has been pressed into duty as the Blue Devils' spot starter after one of the team's four pitchers was lost to an injury last fall.

Schultz has posted a 3-1 record as Lawrence Tech, in its inaugural collegiate softball season, is off to a 9-14 start following a spring break trip to Tucson, Ariz.

Needless to say, the pair have spent some quality time together on the road and on the bench.

"It's a lot of fun to have her in the dugout," Armstrong said of Schultz. "She's very fun,

spirited ... we've never been on a team together, so it was, 'Oh my gosh, we finally get to play together for real, not just practice or playing catch.' I personally love having her around. She's into it all the time, very funny."

Dry humor

Schultz's wit often catches her teammates by surprise, including Armstrong.

"I'm pretty easy going and I'm pretty honest and people just think it's funny," Schultz said, "and I really don't know why."

If anybody knows Schultz, it's Armstrong. The two first met as 4- and 9-year-olds.

Not only did they attend Lakeland coach Joe Alsop's summer softball camps, but they were also members of the Michigan Outlaws club softball program, but never teammates.

Armstrong and her older sister Anna, who played at Alma College, were members of Lake-

land's 2010 Division 1 state runner-up team. Meanwhile, Schultz's younger sister Chase is a senior at Lakeland this spring who is committed to play softball next year at Northwood University. And it all began when the seeds were planted in their Commerce Township neighborhood.

Roommates

Schultz remembers vividly making her first visit to the Lawrence Tech campus in Southfield as a sophomore in high school. She stayed with Armstrong, the volleyball player at the time, for an over-nighter as part of the Sibling Kids program.

"My mom is, like, 'Did you like the campus? Do you want to go there?'" Schultz said. "And I'm, like, 'No, mom. It is terrible. I do not want to go there.' It's just kind of funny to see now how the pieces came back together now that we're here."

And the thought of crossing paths again and being teammates for one year is something you can't put a price tag on.

"I never thought I'd be playing with her, because I would be a freshman in high school and she had already graduated," Schultz said. "It's kind of cool to have seen her in our backyard playing catch with me thinking, 'Wow,' she threw the ball so hard and now I'm playing at the same level together. We'll play catch together now and it's so weird."

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Boycott won't ice World Championship tourney

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With about two weeks left before the United States faces Canada in the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship, nobody knows which athletes will don the red, white and blue at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Unless there is a thaw in icy negotiations between USA Hockey and players on the U.S. Women's National Team — including defenseman and Farmington native Megan Keller — the squad that plays in the March 31 contest and in at least two subsequent games will be composed of the next best 23 players.

"We will field a competitive and fun team to watch," Dave Fischer, senior director of com-

munications for USA Hockey in Colorado Springs (Col.) said March 15 during a telephone call. "The great news for USA Hockey is that we have a very deep player pool with a lot of talented players that can populate the ice to play on our women's national team."

But Fischer said the goal remains for "the players that we have previously announced be a part of that team and we'll see where it goes."

Fischer said plans are still in place to begin a training camp at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City beginning March 22 before shifting March 29 to USA Hockey Arena.

It remains to be seen whether players such as Keller will take part or whether participants will be those selected from a "broad player pool" to

essentially replace boycotting players.

Option B

"It's certainly not optimal, that's for sure," Fischer said. "But life is filled with many challenges and we will, again, make efforts to get to a good place with the players that we named to the women's national team and have them participate."

"But if that is not the case, for whatever reason, then we will make sure we have a team in the world championship."

According to a statement released by a law firm representing the players, USA Hockey only pays players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

But Jim Smith, president of USA Hockey, said in a press release that USA Hockey's role is to train and select teams for international competition and "not to employ athletes and we will not do so. USA Hockey will continue to provide world-leading support for our athletes."

Meanwhile, players on the U.S. women's national team for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games will be supported during a six-month training camp to the tune of "additional support stipends and incentives for medals that could result in each player receiving nearly \$85,000 in cash over the Olympic training and performance period," the press release continued.

Still supportive

"There are differences of opinion in terms

of what is an equitable way forward," Fischer said. "Those are what we're in the process of trying to resolve. We don't employ players, we don't pay players. Our role as a national governing body is to provide training and resources and select teams for international competition."

"We make efforts to help athletes, particularly the post-graduate athletes that are out of college, with a training stipend so they have some resources. Again, we support in many, many ways in terms of the best in coaching and strength and conditioning, resources for travel and training. There's much done and the premise from the current group is that we're not doing enough."

Fischer emphasized that USA Hockey remains a strong supporter of girls and women's

hockey. "We've worked hard over the course of multiple decades in the development and growth of girls and women's hockey," he added.

In addition to the United States, other countries to compete at the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship include Canada, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The opening game is Friday, March 31, when the Czech Republic and Switzerland square off at noon.

Preliminary round games involving the United States are slated for 7:30 p.m. March 31 against Canada, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, against Russia; 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, against Finland. Playoffs are set to take place April 4-7.

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Seek out a mentor within your company

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No matter where you are in your career or what industry you are in, almost everyone can benefit from having a mentor. "Every successful person got to where they are due to great mentorship," says Mary Grace Gardner, a career strategist for the Young Professionalists, which helps college students and young professionals reach their professional goals. "Even famous athletes, singers and actors have coaches to help them get better."

While many people have mentors who work at another company, finding a mentor within your company has unique benefits, giving you better insight into the company's culture and what it takes to advance.

When seeking out a mentor within your company, Gardner advises finding one who falls outside of your team or department. "You want your mentor to be able to have some level of objectivity," she says.

Here are additional benefits of having a mentor at your company.

Get objective feedback: There may be times when you need advice on career changes or other areas where



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it may not feel appropriate to ask your colleagues or boss. For those times, a mentor can be a much-needed sounding board, says Gardner. "A mentor is someone whom you can confidentially bounce ideas off of and get feedback on your career trajectory," she says.

Advance your career: "One of the benefits (of a mentor) is having someone who can help you advance if the opportunity presents itself," says Laine Schmidt, a certified business and career coach who owns her own consulting company. Schmidt asserts this should never be a reason for seeking out a

mentor; however, it can be a beneficial side effect. For example, if you are up for a promotion or a role somewhere else in the company opens up, a mentor can be a valuable, credible reference.

Get career-specific advice: A mentor at your company can give you advice based on experience specific to your company, industry and job, says Dr. Luz Claudio, professor of preventive medicine at a New York City medical center who has 25 years of experience mentoring students. "You can read all the books, blogs and courses, but nothing is better than getting

input from someone who's 'been there and done that' and can give you feedback about the specific things you need to do to get ahead in your particular situation."

Accelerate the learning process: Oftentimes, mentors can teach us what it could take months or years to learn on our own. "Someone who has been down the path (you are) about to embark (on) can give you the shortcuts that will help you avoid common and time-consuming mistakes," Schmidt says. Additionally, mentors help you gain confidence and build your skills, "both of which add to your

professional development," she says.

Discover new ideas: When you have a problem or face a challenge, you're likely to seek the advice of a friend or co-worker; however, a mentor can offer professional, impartial advice gleaned from years of experience. "Having an expert at your disposal gives you the opportunity to work through ideas with someone who will help you discover what's best for you," Schmidt says. "Instead of throwing thoughts around with those who may not be the most ideal brainstorming partners, take advantage of the wisdom of a specialist."

These benefits don't come overnight, however. "Make sure you have enough time to nurture the relationship," Gardner warns. And make sure you have a focus. "Start listing the ways you'd like to grow," she says. "To make the most out of your mentoring relationship, you have to be clear about how you want to use that time together and what goals you want to achieve."

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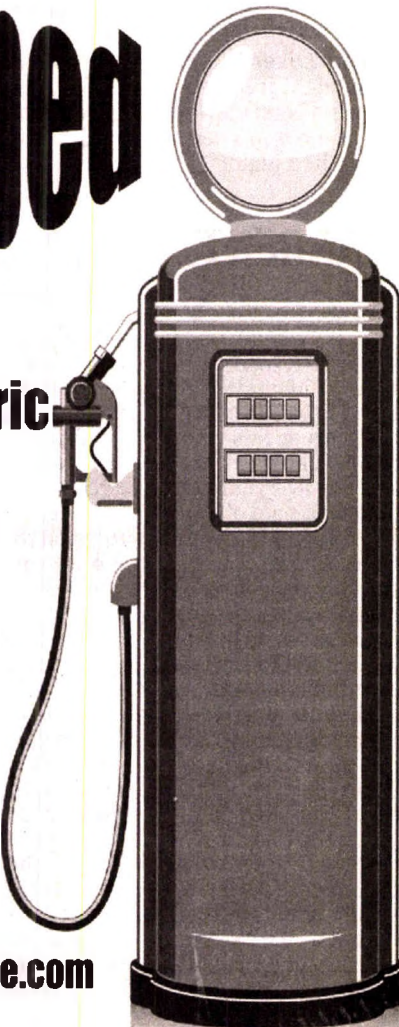
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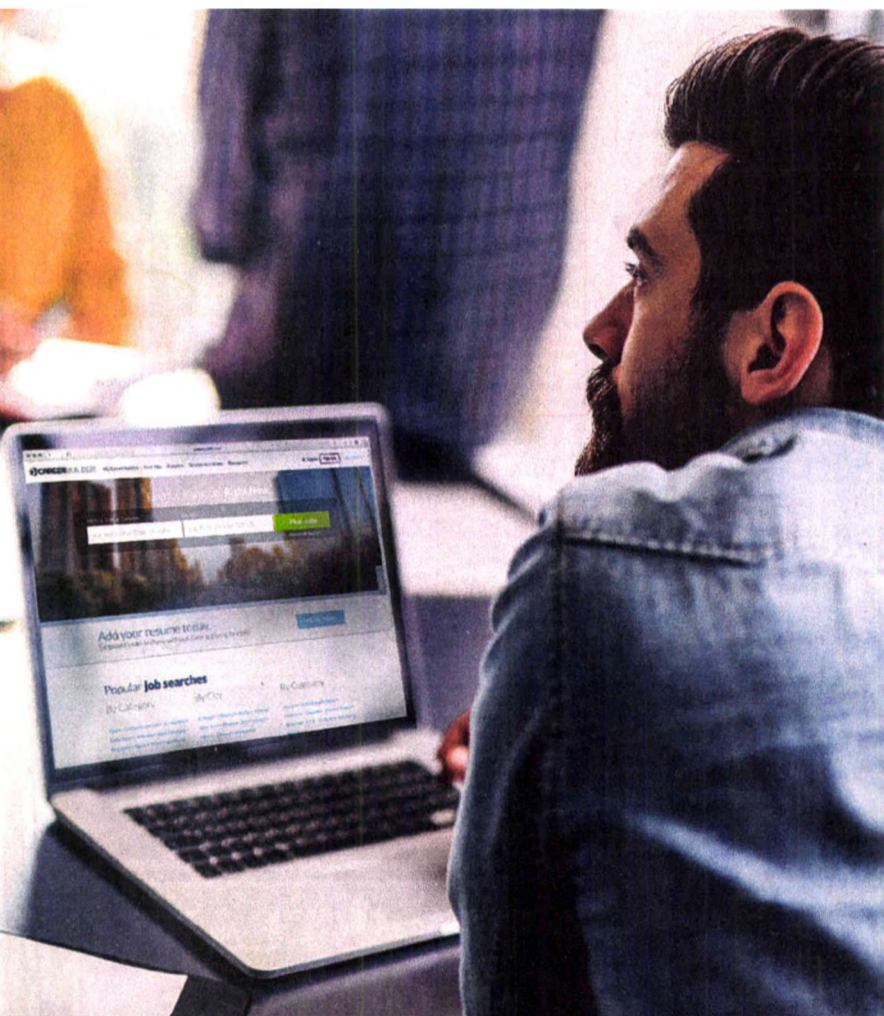


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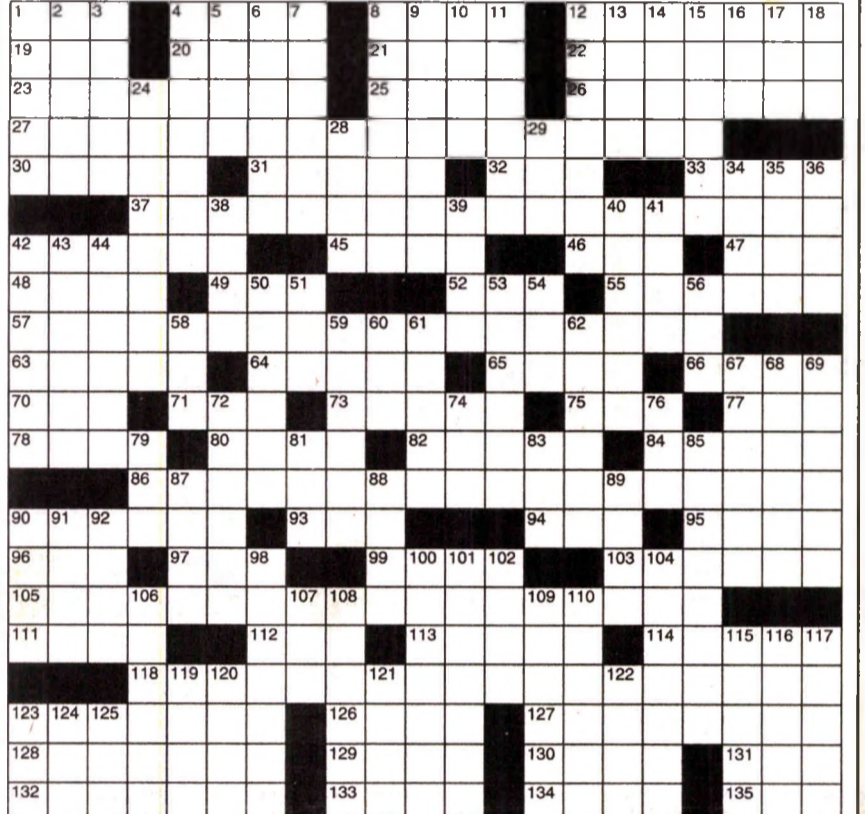
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19 Gp. of docs
20 "Give it —" ("Go for it")
21 Somewhat, musically
22 Endless
23 Command for online missives
25 "Singing to the Hits" label
26 Woodlands
27 Army chaplains open curtains?
30 Haughty sort
31 Pufferer
32 MSN competitor
33 Queen in "Frozen"
37 Flower parts with the most light, soft colors?
42 "Come on!"
45 Comes — surprise
46 "He-e-elp!"
47 Stir-frying pan
48 Provo site
- DOWN**
1 Hinged door fasteners
2 Clarification starter
3 "I'll handle it!"
4 Convention sticker
- ACROSS**
49 Inits. at Indy
52 See 36-Down
55 Heckles
57 Leatherneck pilots stay behind?
63 Split to splice
64 City near Oneida Lake
65 Pulse
66 Hooded vipers
70 Little louse
71 Aside from
73 Hooded coat
75 Weep aloud
77 — for tat
78 Window part
80 Lots and lots
82 First extra inning
84 — acid
86 Himalayan guide who's skilled at crafting sentences?
90 Sufferer for a cause
93 Lamb nurse
94 Sci-fi power
95 Bawl (out)
96 "Kristin" actress Ortiz
97 Hamm of soccer
99 Andy's chum
103 Bucolic poems
- DOWN**
105 Heartless doughnut shop employee pestering customers?
111 Hold to be
112 Med. plan
113 Queen, in Spain
114 Apia's locale
118 Change everyone's table positions during a spring holiday dinner?
123 Alike
126 Aid in solving
127 Racer Mario
128 Dribble
129 — Iranian
130 Look to be
131 "I have it!"
132 Scented pouches — tide
133 — tide
134 Makes a slip
135 Chaney of film
- ACROSS**
5 SFO stats
6 Sad, in Paris
7 Slender, graceful girls
8 Maintenance processes
9 Averse to, with "of"
10 Like some cold coffee
11 Was bought for the price of
12 Happens to, as evil
13 On the crest
14 Richard of Hollywood
15 Determine in advance
16 Electees
17 Singer Boone
18 Ernie of golf
24 Move directly via a wholesaler
28 Comic Rudner
29 Eggs of fish
34 Yard surface
35 Coin opening
36 With
52-Across, proposes a date to
38 Get rid of
39 Before long
40 Starchy staple
41 Morales of the screen
- DOWN**
42 Measures of light
43 And others, to Caesar
44 Divining cards
50 Less slack
51 Cherry stone
53 Illinois city
54 Goller's peg
56 Spanish article
58 Lincoln loc.
59 It cuts wood with the grain
60 "Crocodile Rock" label
61 Sun orbiter
62 Reduces to pulp
67 Secondary leaflike appendage
68 Endocrine gland in the brain
69 Blizzards, e.g.
72 Log-in info
74 Lead-in to plunk
76 Crotchety cry
79 Follower of FDR
81 Copy
83 Part of Mao's name
85 Ashley Olsen's twin
87 Mass song
88 Crest
- DOWN**
89 Go around
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91 Comic Meara
92 Shed tool
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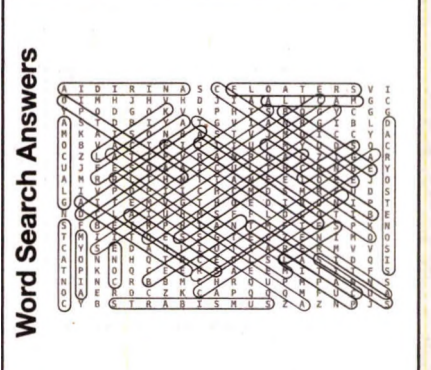
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Car Report

WITH SOPHISTICATION AS WELL AS SOME 'ZOOM-ZOOM,' MAZDA CX-3 SHOWS WHY BRAND KEEPS WINNING US OVER



By Dale Buss

Mazda keeps zoom-zooming along, and vehicles like its CX-3 compact crossover demonstrate why.

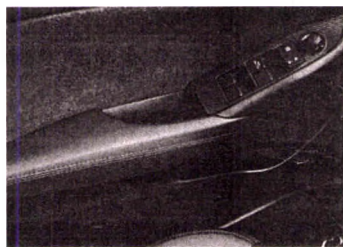
In a U.S. market that clearly is leveling off

these days, with static monthly sales comparisons with a year ago and rising levels of incentives just to gain them, Mazda keeps posting remarkable increases by comparison.

In February, its U.S. sales rose by nearly 6 percent compared with a year earlier, while for the year-to-date, Mazda sales rose nearly 8 percent versus 2015, to nearly 45,000 vehicles sold.

There are at least four reasons for Mazda's continuing success.

First is the decision by brand stewards in Japan to remake Mazda from a marque based on fun and performance — its "zoom-zoom" years — to a brand that has moved



Even the inner door handles display strong craftsmanship.

decidedly upscale. Through steadily increasing levels of sophistication and quality in its vehicles, and with the help of its Skyactive light-weighting platform, Mazda has been able to improve both the perception of its vehicles as well as their fuel economy. The strategy is beginning to pay off.

Second, so far at least Mazda hasn't wasted a lot of corporate energy on non-essentials including electric vehicles and the self-driving craze. Surely there will come a time when Mazda will have to demonstrate its chops in both areas, perhaps through joint ventures. But for now, let nearly every other carmaker get distracted by those two

areas of endeavor which still have relatively little to do with today's mainstream car market; Mazda, meanwhile, will keep succeeding in meeting the needs of today's gasoline-favoring American consumer.

Third, Mazda has managed to strike a nearly perfect ratio of crossovers and SUVs to sedans — it's got three of the latter and two of the former, and each has been overhauled or made brand new in the not-too-recent past. Throw in an MX-5 Miata that defines its own category as a sportabout, and you've got a brand that is just heavy enough in utility vehicles at a time when Americans are expressing their clear preference for that vehicle type.

And, fourth, Mazda is managing to make all of these things happen through its pursuit of perfection in individual vehicle lines, each of which supports the whole brand enterprise in unique ways.

In the case of CX-3, it has been rated No. 1 out of 10 subcompact SUVs recently by U.S. News & World Report, beating out worthy competitors such as the new Honda HR-V.

The reasons are clear. First of all, CX-3 is very fun to drive. It demonstrates a quickness in response but also a substantive feel into and



Mazda CX-3

out of turns and in straight-line acceleration, no doubt partly a legacy of Mazda's driving chops and partly due to the improvements brought by Skyactive design.

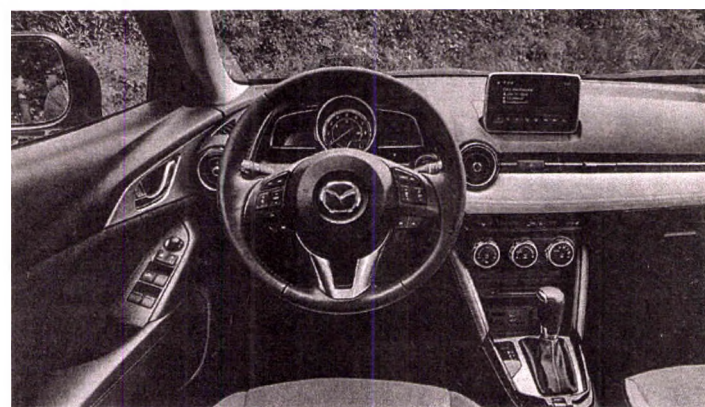
CX-3's 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission that is perfect for short trips and stop-and-go traffic. Yet with 146 horsepower and a matching 146 pound-feet of torque, CX-3 can get on down the line quickly as well. Testing by Edmunds.com found a CX-3 Grand Touring accelerated from zero to 60mph in 8.5 seconds, a quicker-than-average showing for its segment.

Front-wheel drive is standard, with all-wheel drive offered as an option on all trim levels. AWD availability is a huge advantage in a compact-SUV category where not every player offers it but where most drivers have come to expect it.

Fuel economy clocks in at 31 mpg combined (29 mpg in the city, 35 mpg on the highway) with front-wheel drive and 29 mpg combined with all-wheel drive. Hitting around 30 mpg is a crucial consideration for buyers in this segment.

CX-3 also earns one of the highest safety designations available, and its kid-seat hardware in the rear is remarkably user-friendly. Bespeaking Mazda's strategic move upscale, interior materials impart an upscale feel. A sleek dashboard with a large central tachometer and integrated digital speedometer in the Grand Touring edition display sophistication above the segment level.

All trim levels get a 7-inch touchscreen interface with up-to-date graphics and an auxiliary control knob on the center console.



CX-3's interior design is invitingly solid.

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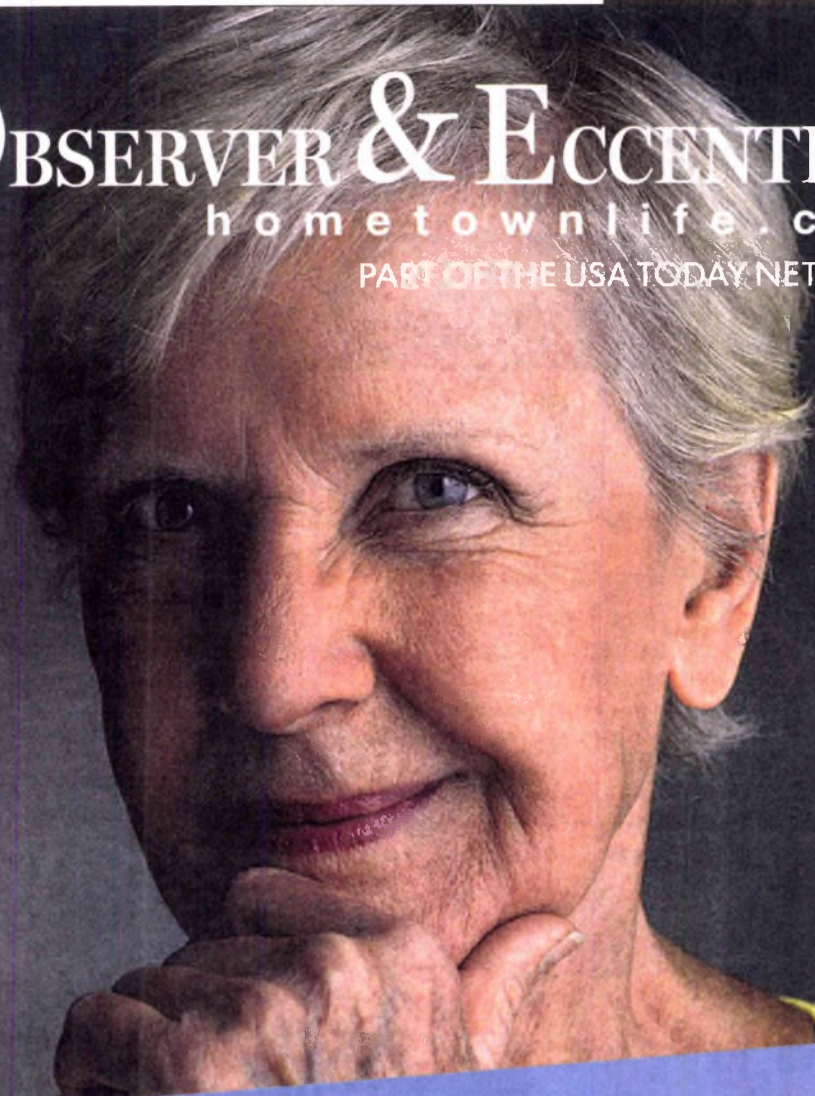
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