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Choralaires concert

The Novi Choralaires group presents its annual spring concert, "What the World Needs Now is Love," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 W. 11 Mile at Wixom Road in Novi, featuring songs of love that are favorites and will please everyone.

This is a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events. The current season is January through May, with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for the September through December season. Open rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 and Sept. 12 at Novi Middle School choir classroom.

For more information about the Choralaires, go to novichoralaires.org or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Sikaitis named Teacher of Year

She's known as a 'rock star' in district

Perry A. Farrell Detroit Free Press

One of her colleagues called her a "rock star."

On Monday, the Novi Educational Foundation made sure that special ed teacher Jodie Sikaitis got treated like one, awarding her a free car as the district's Teacher of the Year.

"I was in total shock. I don't even know what to say," Sikaitis said after the announcement at Novi High School. "I've been working with the kids for a

while and I love it. I just love working with kids. They are awesome. Novi is a great district and I really love it."

Sikaitis will get to pick out a new leased vehicle from the Suburban Collection.

Athletic director Brian Gordon said the award was well-deserved.

"She is just a dynamite, rock star of a lady ... dealing with kids that have these multiple disabilities," Gordon said. "It's not uncommon for a kid to pass away. You deal with death, you deal with so many things that a normal classroom teacher does not deal with. What she does and



See SIKAITIS, Page A2 Novi High School teacher Jodie Sikaitis: "I was in total shock."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DETROIT: 'BIG PART OF WHO I AM'



Matt Jachman hometownlife.com

At age 6, Caleb White was making a difference where many others would look away.

Caleb, now 14, a Northville resident and a freshman at Catholic Central High School in Novi, has for years been stopping on Detroit street corners and at shelters to ease the lives of homeless people.

"If I were in that position, I would want help, too," Caleb said during an event at a Detroit shelter.

"I guess I just like to help," he added. "I make a lot of friends here through volunteering. It's a big part of who I am."

He is founder of the Caleb White Project, a charitable organization with a twofold mission: to aid down-on-their-luck people and to develop leadership skills among young people that will equip them to serve their communities.

"They need to eventually step up and pass it on, too," he said.

'True heart of gold'

Caleb, with the support of family, friends, classmates and volunteers and donors, plus the backing of corporate heavy hitters like Quicken Loans' Dan Gilbert, offers people in need direct aid in a variety of ways. Among them:

» Each year since 2008, he's

Caleb White gets a quick hug from Genesis House II resident Christina Jones during a March 18 game night. Caleb is known by name by most of the residents and they approach him easily to say hello.

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Novi students earn 146 DECA medals

Novi High School's DECA team earned 146 medals at the state DECA competition March 10-12 and qualified 38 students for the international competition next month.

Novi students joined a total of approximately 3,400 other students from around the state. DECA is an organization of marketing and business students who compete in a variety of business- and marketing-related topics.

The Novi team now sends its 38 qualifiers to the international competition, April 26-30 in Ana-

heim, Calif. At the national competition, the group will compete with more than 17,000 students from the U.S., Canada and other countries.

The students who qualified for the national competition are Christie Amalraj, Vamsi Chaparala, Vivek Chinimilli, Aditya Chitta, Megana Deme, Nisarg Dharma, James Doredla, Sanjana Doshi, Amal Ivaturi, Aakash Jajoo, Atharwa Kale, Bella Khatib-Shahidi, Audrey Ling, Zoe Ling, Andrew Lu, Blake Maday,



Jagjeet Wani and Vamsi Chaparala win an award, qualifying them to compete at nationals.

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Maintenance staff helps keep district humming

Yesterday, my sump pump broke. An alarm sounded. I was notified.

In the big picture, it is good to have alarms on equipment that can fail. However, when the alarm goes off, it is often unsettling because then you have to do something.

I knew what to do. I called the plumber. He knew what to do. The damage was minimal. And life soon returned to normal.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Here in our district, we have lots of equipment. We have giant air handlers that circulate the air in our buildings. We have fire safety equipment. We have snow plows. We have lights and ballasts and door handles and windows and floor waxers

and vacuums. The list of equipment is long, as is the list of things that could go wrong with that equipment.

Luckily, we have maintenance staff that knows how to use the equipment and works hard to maintain our grounds and facilities.

This week, I had the opportunity to give two students from our school district an up close and personal tour of the school district. We began at 7:30 a.m., over in the maintenance building, where the morning meeting of the maintenance staff was taking place. Around a table, eight Novi staff members sat, reviewed projects for the

day and made their plans to get things done.

Later that same day, these two students had the opportunity to listen to our Director of Maintenance Mike Dragoo as he gave them a tour of some of the air handlers at the high school. Dragoo was able to talk with these students about air flow, baffles, fans, air pressure, circulating air and OSHA rules, while touring them around a piece of equipment that was larger than some houses.

For me, it was really quite impressive.

The primary job of the Novi Community School District is to educate our students. Every day,

parents send their children to school knowing that good things will happen in classrooms scattered throughout the district. Our parents think about those classrooms and want to know what is going on with their children and how they can help.

The great work that goes on in those classrooms could not take place without the expert knowledge and hard work of our maintenance staff. When repairs are needed, this group of dedicated Novi staffers works together to fix things. When new decks are needed or lockers need to be moved or doors that are jammed

need to be repaired, the maintenance staff is there to ensure that the work gets done.

The students and staff in our district are indebted to our maintenance staff. Without this group of dedicated staff, the great work, the high test scores, the deep learning, the enthusiasm for learning would not take place.

I am appreciative of the work that they do, the expertise they possess and their ability to keep our district running.

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Novi High School students Andrew Lu and Katherine Xie react to winning the award to qualify them for national competition.



Shradha Reddy and Bella Khatib-Shahidi show off their state champion DECA plaques. They also qualified for nationals.

DECA

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Raj Merchant, Akash Naidu, Shreya Patil, Zach Perpich, Hadley Peterson, Akash Polakampali, Alexa Rathi, Aditya Ravi, Sharadha Reddy, Joston

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Jagjeet Wani, Jessca Wu, Katherine Xie, Robert Xu and Venkata Yadati.

Senior Abhi Samantapudi also will be attending, since he serves as the elected state president for Michigan DECA.

In addition to the student winners, the club's adviser, Jodie Forster, was awarded a plaque for being a 15-year DECA adviser at Novi High School.

"It is a pleasure to work with such outstanding and dedicated business students," said Forster, who teaches IB Business Management I and II at NHS. "I am so proud of all of them."

SIKAITIS

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the heart she puts into what she does ... you really cannot measure that.

"You try not to take your job home with you, but Jodie takes it home with her and brings it right back here. She lives for those kids and really does just an amazing job."

Sikaitis, 47, a Western Michigan University graduate, has been at Novi for 19 years, along with Principal Nicole Carter.

"Jodie is extraordinary in every sense of the word in regards to what she is able to do with kids," Carter said. "She works with a very special population here at the high school. Her level of patience and understanding. ... She's able to bring out the best in every single student. Exceptional."

"Every time I walk into her room, I get chills by watching how she interacts with our students. She has always been a role model to staff in regards to how she is able to make them smile."

With Sikaitis's help, Robby Heil, a Novi senior who is a hydration engineer for a number of teams at the school, came up with the idea for his position four years ago.

At Novi's last regular-season football game, he was allowed on the field to score a touchdown.

"I feel happy for Mrs. Sikaitis's award," Heil said. "She's my favorite. She's an amazing, wonderful person. I love her."

Siikaitis said the feeling is mutual.

"I think I learn more from them than they learn from me," she said. "I just love being here with them."



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Game night at homeless shelter: 'Everyone's equal'

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Saturday evening on Detroit's west side, in the basement of a shelter for homeless people.

Some have to be here, some want to be here, but people in both groups are having a good time.

There's pizza and pop, games like Jenga, Connect Four and Sequence, plus the chance to hand-paint a picture frame or a birdhouse-shaped knick-knack.

Players are talking about their games or plotting their moves, young children are shouting and running in the hall chasing balloons. At the crafts table, there's quiet conversation.

It's another family game night sponsored by the Caleb White Project, a charitable organization named for the Catholic Central High School freshman who's been reaching out to homeless



Longtime volunteer Pete Hayek (left) plays Sequence with resident Artina Armstrong at Genesis House II on March 18.

people since he was 6. Caleb and other volunteers, at least one Saturday each month, visit the shelter, Genesis House II, for games, socializing and a pizza dinner.

"I have fun down here," said Artesha Davis, who was attending her third game night,

while at the crafts table.

Davis had just finished playing Sequence, in which participants draw playing cards and try to match them to cards depicted on the board in an effort to get five matches in a row. Daughter Takesha, 9, won the game; Davis was at the shelter with her



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Detroit Catholic Central student Caleb White plays a vertical checkers game with Danaya Brooks, 3.

and another daughter, Takela.

"Everything," Davis said when asked what she likes about the events. "Just being in the room, talking with people. I'm a people person."

The game nights bring together people of different ages, races and experiences and cross city-suburban boundaries in a personal way.

"Everyone's equal" and people who normally wouldn't socialize together

do so, said Pete Hayek of Northville, who was volunteering for game night March 18. "That's the magic of game night."

Kim Winfrey was at one end of the crafts table, quietly painting a picture frame. It was her first game night; she went down to dinner, she said, and decided to join the fun.

"Fantastic," she said when told Caleb had organized the evening.

"That's so nice." She asked to meet Caleb and he later introduced himself.

"Those one-on-one communications, I think, are some of the biggest parts of what we do," Caleb said.

Winfrey, formerly a food-service manager, said her life unraveled after her husband Matthew died — seven years ago to the day. "My career, my education, everything. Everything got

put on hold," she said. Now, she said, she's trying to rebuild, getting job training in the culinary arts and also studying online through the University of Phoenix.

Julissa Gutierrez of Lincoln Park was volunteering at the March 18 game night, prompted by her son, Angelo, 7, who had joined the crafters.

"He just wants to come and help," Gutierrez said. "He said he was inspired by Caleb."

Caleb has been leading the game nights for about three years. His brother Noah, who is 9, came up with the idea, Caleb said, because it combines two of Noah's favorite things: helping people and playing board games.

"People enjoy the idea of just coming down and having a good time," Caleb said.

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CALEB

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gone to Detroit at Christmas time to hand out care packages, with essentials like hats, gloves, food, toiletries and, more recently, socks.

"We don't make them feel embarrassed or anything like that," Caleb said. "Usually, everybody we come across is super thankful."

» Every summer since 2014, he and other volunteers set aside a day to distribute backpacks stuffed with school supplies to Detroit children. The back-to-school event has become a miniature carnival, with food, games and activities, plus free haircuts and manicures.

» At least one Saturday each month, he and his crew visit Genesis House II, a west-side shelter for homeless women and children that's part of the Detroit Rescue Mission. Young people, the middle-aged

and seniors, black and white, enjoy pizza and pop, laugh and talk and play games and work on crafts.

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» Caleb and volunteers in December threw a Christmas party for about 60 homeless military veterans at another DRM shelter. Sponsors that included Domino's Pizza, Novi's Oak Pointe Church and the Catholic Central wrestling team "adopted" veterans, providing each with a personalized gift package. Caleb and other volunteers had interviewed the men beforehand to find out their needs, wants — and clothing sizes.

"Caleb White is dear to our hearts. He is a young man with a true heart of gold," Chad Audi, president of De-

troit Rescue Mission Ministries, said in an email. "Detroit needs more difference-makers like Caleb White."

Empathy started early

Caleb's concern started when he was 6.

"He saw somebody sleeping outdoors on the way home from the circus and wanted to build him a house," said his mother, Melissa Kennedy.

He also asked questions. "I didn't know what homelessness meant," Caleb said.

Later that year, before Christmas, Caleb returned to Detroit with about 10 care packages, handing them out to people on the streets.

"That's when all of this began," he said. "Every year after that, more people got involved."

The effort's reach grew, too; Caleb's most recent gift distribution, in which he got help from CC wrestlers, totaled about 250 gifts.

Caleb helps without

judgment. He recognizes some are homeless because of poor decisions, others because of circumstances beyond their control and the lack of a support system.

"It doesn't matter what choices you made," he said. "We're going to help you either way."

He is, in part, motivated by his Catholic faith. "We're called to live like Jesus or called to walk in his footsteps," he said.

The work keeps everyone — his mother, father Bryan White and other family members, Caleb White Project board members and fellow Shamrocks and other volunteers — active.

"I always joke that Caleb sort of gets us into these projects before I have a chance to think about it," Melissa Kennedy said, adding the projects lead to "crazy busy" times. "It always comes together."

Caleb, however, still finds time for CC sports, like track and cross country, his schoolwork, playing the French horn

and, now, driver's ed.

Fostering leadership

Caleb often speaks to school groups about service — pitching in to make the world a better place. The talks are part of the leadership-building mission; another part is the CWP leadership board, which is made up of young people like himself.

"He is passionate about homelessness, but he really just wants young people to understand that they can make a difference and he challenges them to be leaders in something that they care about," his mother said.

He is also increasingly sought after by adult audiences. Earlier this month in Miami, Caleb spoke to about 300 executives from the vaccine division of Merck & Co., the pharmaceutical firm, about service. His talk followed a Merck-sponsored event — a game night, with a traditional Cuban dinner — at a Miami shelter the previ-

ous day.

"He's got a movement going," said Hayek, who works in Merck's vaccine division. Hayek helped book Caleb for the event and for a smaller Merck gathering in Indianapolis last August.

"The impression that Caleb made in Miami was long-lasting," Hayek wrote later in an email. "Merck employees left inspired by his talk and by their game-night experience. Our vaccine teams feel a great responsibility to protect our young people and Caleb reminded them why they do what they do."

Caleb has won recognition for his work, including the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the Governor's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award and, most recently, the National Catholic Educational Association's Virtues, Vision and Valor Award.

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Summer park season takes flight with Marshmallow Drop

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Some things are so cool, no matter your age, that they stir your imagination and pump your adrenaline with amazing anticipation — like the annual Marshmallow Drop. The whoop, whoop of the helicopter filled with marshmallows is nothing but pure delight.

Corey Routen grew up with the Wayne County parks. You name it, he did it — learning about bugs and critters, Native Americans, camping, playing and just getting out in the fresh air. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland was a favorite. But that helicopter and marshmallows falling from the skies was something to behold.

As a kid, the Marshmallow Drop was something he didn't miss. And the Westland John Glenn High School junior will be there again on Good Friday, April 14 — in time for Easter — with one major change. He's no longer a kid. But he will continue his five-year tradition of volunteering as the iconic bunny.

Routen was well known among parks personnel because he was long part of many programs. When he got older, he offered to volunteer wherever needed. Then five years ago came the request from Carol Clements of the Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretive Center — where Routen and his family played. Clements asked Routen's mom, Lisa, if he would serve as the official Marshmallow Drop bunny.

"It was a no-brainer," Routen said. "I get there a couple of hours early. It's fun with all of the kids. When the marshmallows drop, I have photos (taken) with all of



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Corey Routen of Westland is in his fifth year as the Marshmallow Drop bunny.



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Whoop, whoop! means the Marshmallow Drop helicopter is ready to drop its load of gooey treats.

the people."

Life is definitely a circle. When Routen first dressed in the bunny costume, it was sort of big on him. "Now it's getting sort of small," he said.

When Wayne County residents next hear the whoop, whoop of a helicopter, rest assured the young man in the bunny costume will be Routen, ready to celebrate the 33rd Marshmallow Drop.

At 11 a.m. kids and parents will watch the helicopter drop about 20,000 marshmallows over Nankin Mills on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. An earlier drop is planned for 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

It's not just the helicopter that draws the kids. There's rhyme and reason to the marshmallows. The gooey, spongy goodies mean

prizes. Each child in attendance needs only one marshmallow — though they can certainly fill up their baskets — to receive a prize at the treat area under the shelter in Nankin Mills. There will be three age groups in which kids will be awarded their prizes: 4 years and younger, 5-7 years and 8 and older.

Parents are urged to ensure that their kids do not enter the drop zone until the "OK" is announced and to avoid running or standing underneath the helicopter.

The free event is sponsored by Friends of Wayne County Parks, Team Schostak, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights and Trenton Parks and Recreation.

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Get out of the house and play at Wayne County parks

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What's your pleasure? Golf? Hiking? Soccer, basketball, baseball or volleyball? Nature? Swimming? Bicycling? Walking the dog? Fishing?

The question isn't what do you want to do, but where can you do it? Well, that's a no-brainer.

If you live in Wayne County, you don't have far to go to play, get outdoors, learn about nature or participate in an active sport. Parks are strategically placed throughout the county.

Wayne County operates 41 locations that include 37 parks, two golf courses, a marina and an aquatic center. And within those areas, some parks, such as Bennett Arboretum on Hines Drive, specialize in nature. It offers a two-mile trail through Michigan's oldest arboretum.

"Wayne County's parks system offers great experiences for people of all ages," Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly J. Watts said.

"We hear that sentiment regularly from visitors, whether they're attending unique community-wide events, like Marshmallow Drop, or dropping by smaller interpretive programs,

like maple sugaring. We continue to take pride in maintaining a world-class parks system with something for everyone to enjoy."

No doubt there's plenty of Wayne County residents who certainly have heard or attended the annual Lightfest, the Marshmallow Drop, Mud Day or the annual Fishing Derby. Those activities draw hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people and draw residents to the parks. Each park offers a variety of potential activities, depending on your interests.

"We would just go to get out there to do nature and other things. The kids learned about bugs, Native American history — we did a lot at Nankin Mills," said Lisa Routen of Westland.

Her son Corey for the past five years has volunteered as the bunny for the Marshmallow Drop. When the parks system needed a volunteer, Corey came to mind because his parents took him and his siblings to the parks all the time.

"They did nature camp every year. It was so cool," Lisa Routen said. The back yard is always a cool place to play. But if you want to get closer to nature, learn some new stuff, stretch those muscles with an activity or just get some



Doesn't it look fun? Kids busy themselves on a playscape in Waterford Bend Park in Northville.

fresh air, Wayne County offers 5,600 acres of pure relaxation or fun.

How about horseback riding, cross country skiing or fishing? You'll find those activities, including trails for hiking, at Crosswinds Marsh in southeast Sumpter Township. If you're into trails, head over to William P. Holiday Forestry & Wildlife Preserve, east of I-275 in northwest Westland.

Ball diamonds are available at a number of parks, including Venoy-Dorsey in Wayne, Bell Creek in Redford, as well as parks in Trenton and Inkster. If you want to play disc golf, which is growing in popularity, head to Lola Valley Park in Redford or Cass Benton in Northville Township. Two water slides, wave pool and spray fountains are available at the Wayne County Aquatic Center in Detroit; For the kids, there are great playscapes at Kinloch Park in Redford and Cass Benton in Northville Township.

How about model cars? There's dirt track for just that kind of fun at Gunsolly Mills in Plymouth.

Newburgh Pointe in Livonia offers a fishing dock and canoe rentals, while Oak Grove, also in Livonia, offers fishing. Nankin Mills in Westland provides volleyball courts, a playscape and ball diamonds. More ball diamonds are available at Perrin Field or Sherwood in Westland. Basketball courts are available at Perrin Field.

Practice your swing for two golf courses: an 18-hole course at Inkster Valley Golf Course and 36 holes at Warren Valley Golf Course.

Let's not forget the dogs. Wayne County residents can take their pooches to the Hawthorne Ridge Park in Westland (Hines Drive, west of Merriman Road) June to April. But you need to be registered at the Wayne County Parks office in the Nankin Mills building in Westland.

If you want to head to the parks to learn, Wayne County offers two interpretive centers.

Westland's Nankin Mills, a historic grist mill, showcases interpretive displays highlighting Native American history, water-powered settlements and Underground Railroad history. For nature enthusiasts with an interest in wetlands and wildlife, Crosswinds Marsh and its Interpretive Center is a must-see. You can explore diverse wetland habitats, where more than 240 species of birds and 40 species of mammals have been identified. Crosswinds Marsh is home to a nesting pair of bald eagles, beavers and other exciting native wildlife.

When you decide what you want to do or what your kids want to do, don't make a move without checking out Wayne County parks. The easiest way is online at www.parks.waynecounty.com, where you will find maps, available activities and resources and a schedule of events.

Get out of house at Oakland parks

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hometownlife.com

You can stop looking for an island resort to take in some zip lining or climbing. Opportunities are right in your backyard at Oakland County's 13 public parks.

While offering some of the region's most pristine land, Oakland County parks provide recreation choices galore, from geocaching to field sports, hunting, fishing, bicycle motocrossing, water and winter sports and, of course, picnicking.

"I think the biggest thing is that we want people to stay active," said Dan Stencil, executive officer for Oakland County Parks and Recreation. "Hiking, biking, walking ... people just want spaces to get outdoors."

Staying active, maintaining health and physical strength — not to mention the emotional invigoration that comes from fresh air and nature — are, Stencil said, experiencing a renaissance.

"Let's be honest. The couch, television and electronic devices — especially with the younger generations — offer plenty of competition to a healthier life-

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How do you play? Let us know

Hiking nature

Armed with a camera, Kathy Marick of Canton hikes a couple of times a week. It's her "me" time and a moment for some alone fun. "I hike there two times per week," she said, referring to Kensington Metropark in Milford. The Woodland Hills Nature Center in Farmington Hills is another favorite.

As she hikes and see birds and critters, she has her camera handy. "I always take my Canon 60D camera and use my iPhone for videos," she said.

Digging for treasure

Tom Klisz of Livonia likes to dig. And so do the more than 100 members of the Michigan Treasurer Hunters. "It's the joy of the hunt — what's coming up next?" Klisz said. "Why do people like fishing? You never know what you're going to get."

Klisz has hunted treasure for 40 years and enjoys the research that goes along with it. Club members get permission to check out properties or



Canton Old Gear Shifters photographed before the start of the 2016 Blue Water Ramble in Algonac. Members are (from left) Bhaskar Patel, Rick Grandke, Dave Young, John Chinn, Jesse Virden Jr., Don Weigand, Lise Lenahali, Spiro Karras and Valeria Krimmer.

bodies of water. They use metal detectors and, when they hear a beep, they delicately use a knife to dig back the dirt, "Some metal detectors have a meter," he said. "It will tell you if it's a quarter or a dollars."

Tokens, relics, jewelry and coins are among items Klisz and his colleagues have unearthed. "We find mostly old stuff. This has set some member up in coin collecting

and in using the Internet for research," Klisz said.

"We often hunt Wayne County parks, as well as private residences," he added. "Get off the couch and see what your neighbors are finding and learn about our fascinating hobby!"

Michigan Treasure Hunters meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Merri-

man and Middlebelt. The next meeting is April 25. Contact Klisz at 734-422-6345. "We usually have a guest speaker on metal detecting or history," he said.

Old Gear Shifters

As far as the Canton-based Old Gear Shifters are concerned, you are never too old to get off your duff and bicycle — literally all over the place — for health and fun.

"The members of our group have diverse backgrounds. Several are former engineers, but we also have a couple teachers, an airline pilot, a customs officer, an accountant and several other occupations represented," member Spiro Karras said. "Most are happily retired, but one of our younger members still works full time as a teacher and another works part time as a tax

accountant during tax season. The age of our members ranges from the high 50s to the low 80s."

Some members will venture into other areas of Michigan or even out-of-state for non-competitive bicycling. "Our usual group rides range from about 20 to 40 miles at a pace around 12-14 mph. On some bike tours, however, a few of us will go further (e.g., last August, three of us did the 62-mile metric century route at Wayne State's Baroudeur tour)," he said. "Needless to say, not everyone in our group has the same experience or ability, so we pretty much try to stick together and look out for each other."

Please send us photos that you have taken or anecdotes of what you are doing to have fun in our large array of Wayne and Oakland county parks. Do you hike? Do you run? What activities do you participate in at the county parks? Email your photos in jpg format and anecdotes to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com. For more information, contact Joanne Maliszewski at 248-396-6620.

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style. According to national statistics, 50 percent of people (in America) don't go outside," said Desiree Stanfield, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission communications and marketing supervisor.

The statistic serves as a driving force for the county parks and recreation commission and its planning. "We just want to get people outside," Stanfield said.

And so far, so good. In 2016, the county parks had 1.6 million visitors, Stanfield said.

Getting kids out of the house to play is especial-

ly important for park officials. To do that, the system has outreach programs, a mobile effort that brings zip lining, climbing and nature camps to local communities and kids. "We try to host it where it is a walkable area," said Brandy Boyd, chief of recreation programs and services.

In Oakland County, the parks also provide adaptive recreation for residents with disabilities. To further expand offerings, the parks also have a number of items, such as bounceables and other activities, that may be rented to organizations.

What the organizations and recreation commission does try to avoid is mirroring offerings in the local communities.

"We try not to duplicate the services offered by local parks and rec, like baseball leagues and soccer," Stanfield said.

The system, however, offers day camps, concerts, naturalists and free events, all designed to provide activity, recreation and fun. "It's about making things more accessible," she said.

The parks are located strategically "to disperse recreational opportunities across the county," Stencil said. "We try not to let the parks be cookie cutter."

While certain activities are assigned to specific parks, residents have plenty of choices. Limited public deer archery hunting, for example, is allowed at six

Oakland County parks. A lottery-based controlled deer hunt is held biennially during odd-numbered years at Addison Oaks and Independence Oaks county parks.

Fishing is big in Oakland County, with 1,400 lakes and numerous streams stemming from its six major watersheds. Parks with fishing lakes include Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks and Rose Oaks. Independence Oaks-North's Upper Bushman Lake is designated as a catch-and-release only fishery by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to 68 miles of trails for hiking and walking, the park system

offers water fun at Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Waterford Oaks Waterpark. Oakland parks also offer five public golf courses and three dog parks in Wixom, Orion Township and Madison Heights.

If you or your kids love nature, Oakland parks have two centers: Red Oaks Nature Center in Madison Heights and Wint Nature Center in Clarkston.

Despite warmer weather on the horizon, make a mental note to be sure to visit the parks next winter. You will be surprised. For starters, all Oakland County Parks and Recreation areas (except Groveland Oaks and Lyon Oaks Golf Course) are open for

cross county skiing, snowshoeing and hiking.

And something really cool is winter fat tire biking, offered at Addison Oaks with groomed trails. Similar to mountain biking, fat tire bikes are built on a frame specifically designed to support wide, knobby tires. These over-sized tires provide a smooth ride, so they fare very well on groomed, snow-covered trail surfaces all season long.

Be sure to learn more about what's available with Oakland County Parks and Recreation at www.oakgov.com/parks.

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Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Kadlubar

When Canton Community Foundation announced the 2016 scholarship recipients, it was a celebration for the community. The foundation has a long history of supporting education in the area. This year, 25 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$25,000.

The foundation's scholarship program is one of its most successful initiatives. It provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in the area. The program has been in place for over 50 years and has helped thousands of students.

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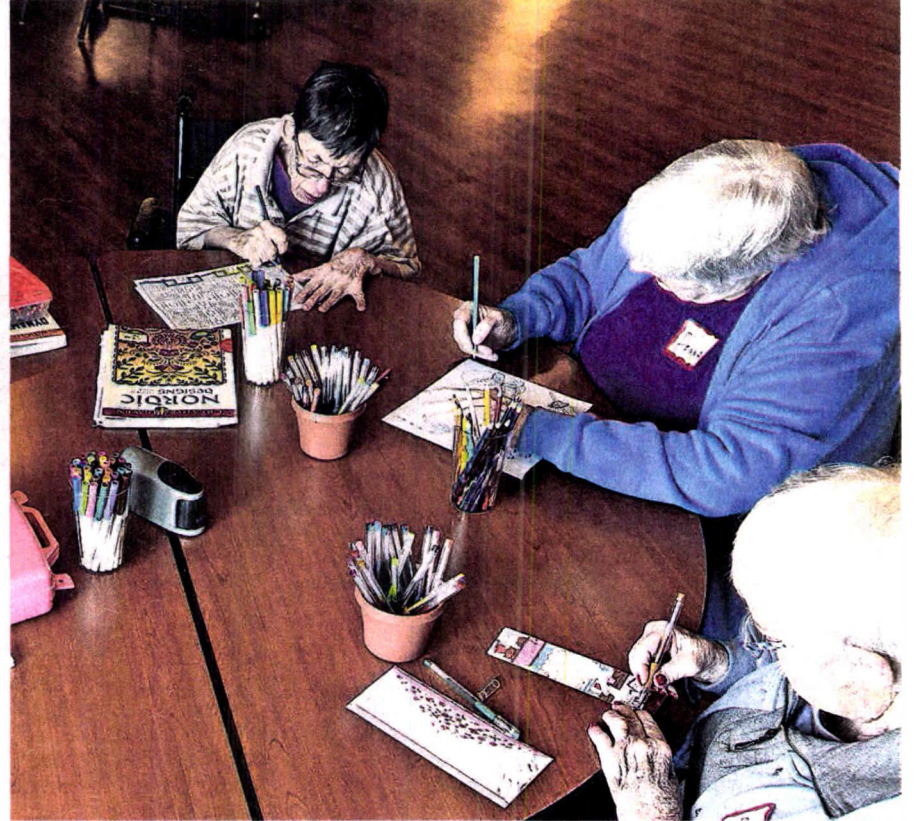
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Seniors enjoy colored pencil drawings



Marge Goldsmith works on decorating a bookmark during the March 22 Colored Pencil Drawing gathering at the Meadowbrook Commons building. The Novi Senior Center and the city of Novi sponsor the free class the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and provide pencils and patterns on paper for enthusiasts to tackle.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A group of five artists tackles various challenges during a March 22 gathering at Novi's Meadowbrook Activity Center for the bi-monthly Colored Pencil Drawing class. The group meets at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Community Content Editor Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.

Tippling Point presents 'True West'

"True West" runs from through April 23, and the curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Please note: this show contains adult content.

A special "half price" ticket performance will be held on Thursday, March 30, sponsored by Monroe Bank and Trust.

The theatre is located at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults, \$28 to \$33 for students and senior citizens, and \$22 for the two preview shows on March 23 & 24. Tickets are on sale now and selling fast! For tickets or more information, please call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Hip Pain! Now What?

If your joints feel stiff when you get out of bed, your hip hurts when you

bend over just to pull up your socks and going downstairs to make breakfast is a painful undertaking, you might be one of about 31 million Americans affected by osteoarthritis, as estimated by the Arthritis Foundation.

Learn more about causes, treatments and how to be up and running again 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 13 in Conference Room A, Outpatient Building of Providence - Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus with Martin Jenter, DO, Orthopedic Surgeon.

NHS Senior All Night Party ticket prices increase May 1

NHS Senior All Night Party ticket prices go up to \$100 on May 1. April 30 is the final day to order tickets for \$90 and the final day to order Words of Wisdom (\$5 each) for your senior. All orders can be placed at www.northvillesanp.com.

As the SANP approaches, organizers are looking for additional prize and food donations. Please email northvillesanpcommunications@comcast.net if you have any prizes you (or your business) are willing to donate or know of a restaurant that might be

willing to donate food items.

Thanks to everyone who has donated one or more pair of new, unused boxer shorts to date! Boxer Bingo is one of the kids' favorite activities every year (they win a pair of boxers by filling a bingo card), and we need hundreds of pairs of boxer shorts to make it a success.

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. Thursdays at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in Novi. The speaker for 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

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.

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>.

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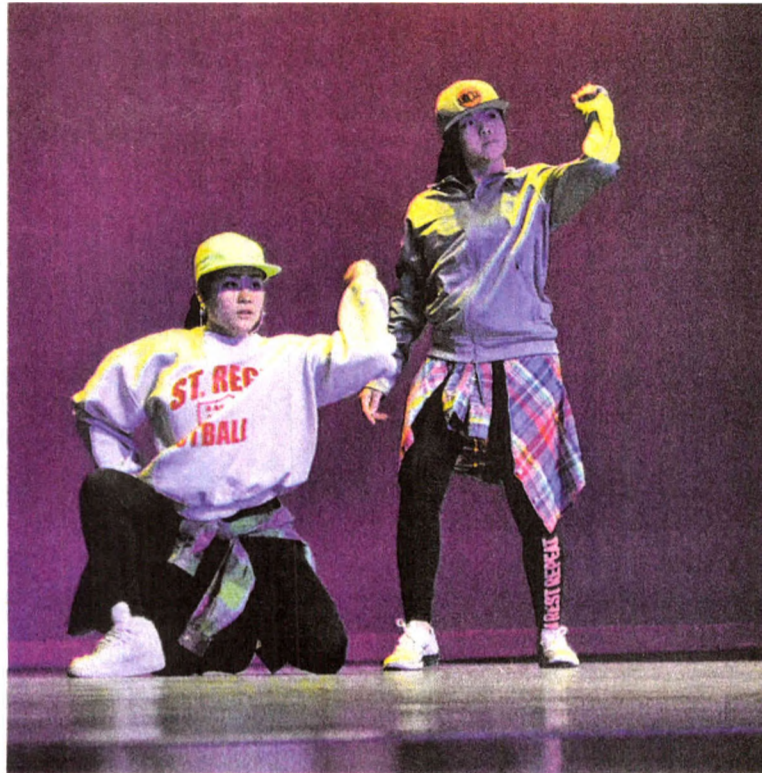
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'We are Novi!' Talents showcased for charity



Junior Erika Shiino, ready to play a Japanese song.

CARLOS RUIZ



Sisters Tsukasa Kanamori and Michiru Kanamori, performing a hip hop dance to a popular South Korean song.

CARLOS RUIZ

Novi High School's seventh annual International Talent Show was held Friday, March 17, and it raised \$1,300 for the international charity, Save the Children. Approximately 250 people attended the event held in Fuerst Auditorium.

The show featured 15 student performances representing various countries. The program included several dances; songs sung in different languages, including German, Spanish and Japanese; a glow stick performance; and several instrumental pieces, including a performance on the guzheng from China. The show highlighted the diversity of Novi students.

The production was organized by Novi's IB diploma candidates from the junior and senior classes, under the supervision of their Volunteer CAS coordinator, Barbara Clift. It was followed by an international food court with samples of foods from many countries.

"The show highlights the diversity of our students and gives them a chance to showcase their culture through song and dance," Clift said. "All proceeds are donated annually to an international charity also, so it is a 'win-win' for all!"

As a finale at the end of the show, all 15 acts were brought back on stage for a final curtain call to the music "We are the World." The show ended with the entire group also shouting, "We are Novi!"



Ririka Yamada, Kotomi Nagata, Uta Nishii, Hana Nishii, Yuzuki Nakayama and Kanna Maekawa, performing a dance to Japanese song.

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Jihye Choi, doing a dance to a K-pop culture remix of a South Korean and American song in a costume she made herself.

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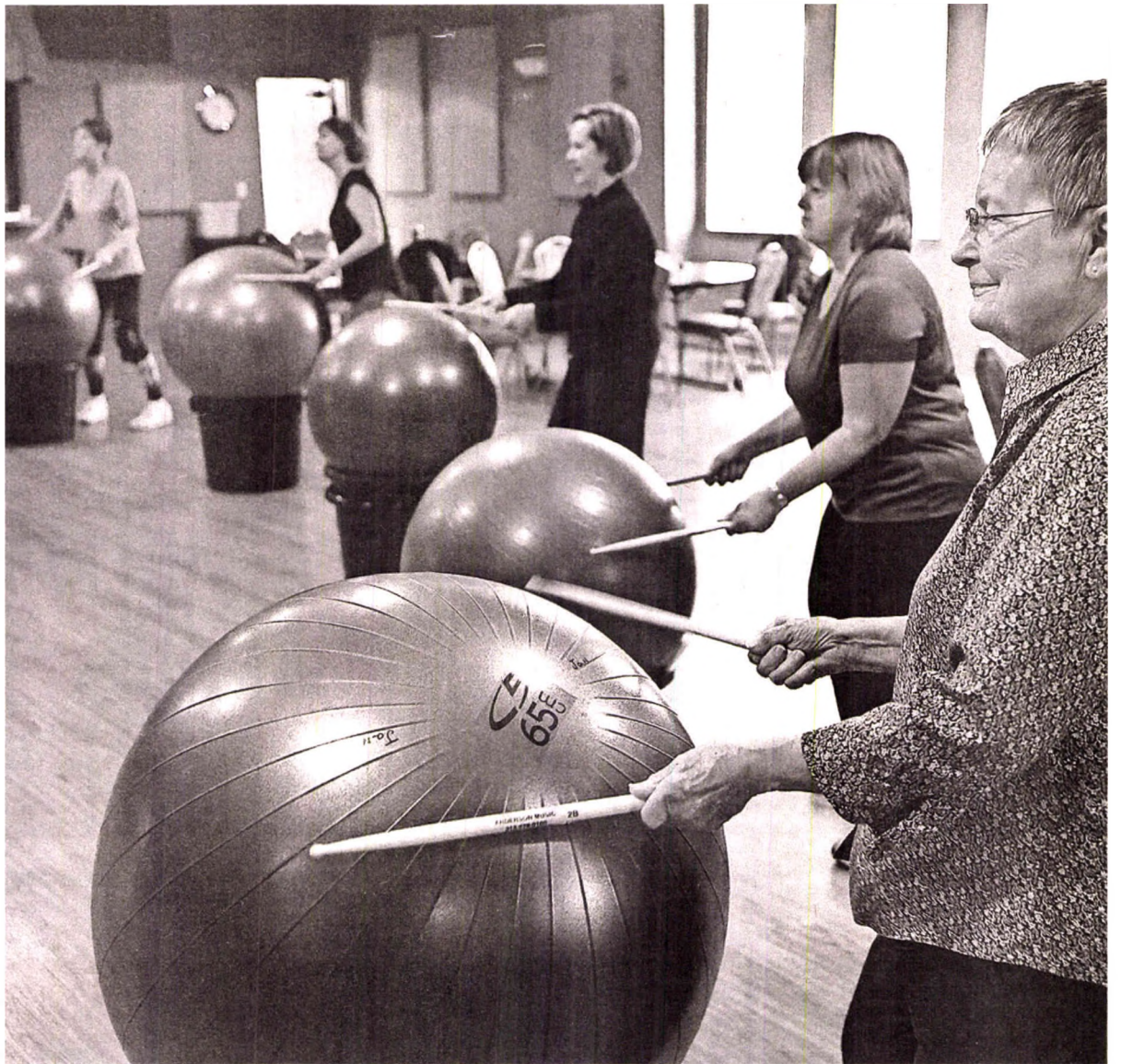
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Seniors enjoy drumming for exercise



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Debbie Mayer yells out a change in rhythm to her Drums Alive class at Novi's Meadowbrook Activity Center.



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Jan Burpee hits away with some drumsticks at her exercise ball during a March 24 Drums Alive class at Novi's Meadowbrook Activity Center. The exercise class that uses drumming and dance for a good workout meets twice a week at the center, 5:15 p.m. each Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. each Friday.

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GRAY



NANCY R. Age 81, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away March 25, 2017. She was born April 19, 1935 in Vicksburg, Michigan; daughter of Lerton and Hazel (nee Kennedy) Pinkerton. Nancy was united in marriage to Richard A. Gray and they were devoted to each other for over 50 years. In 1957 she graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Nancy was a proud Tri Sigma Alumna. Soon after graduation she began a teaching career at Amerman Elementary School in Northville. Later in life she went to work at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall and was known for her laughter while working in the kitchen and waiting tables. Nancy was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville and was active with the church choir. She enjoyed playing tennis and golf; always looking forward to her golf league with friends. Nancy took pride in her home, liked gardening, and was fond of watching birds in her backyard. She was an excellent grandmother and truly dedicated her life to family. Her legacy lives on through the moral compass she instilled in her children; love, respect, and consideration to all. Nancy is survived by her husband Richard; her children, Ty Gray of Colorado, Kelly (David) DeMattos of Howell, and Gordon Gray of Utah; and her grandsons, David, Brandon, and Zach DeMattos. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Jim, Joe, Jack, and Gene Pinkerton. A memorial visitation will be held Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 10am until Noon with a service beginning at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the First United Methodist Church, 777 West 8 Mile, Northville, MI 48167.

KANE

RONALD Nov. 19, 1948 - March 9, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MITCHELL

PATRICIA ANN Age 85, of Highland, formerly of Ferndale. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Mike (Louise) Manser, Dan (Julie) Mitchell, Jim (Tracy) Mitchell, and the late Kathy Manser. Dear grandmother of Loren, Corrie (Jared), Phillip (Suzy), Evan, Gianna, Taylor, Riley, Lindsey, Emily, Sam, and the late Hannah; great-grandmother of five; sister of the late Donald Dawson. Pat loved her family, friends, and neighbors. She was always the mom of the house where everyone wanted to visit and play. A private service with family will be held at a later date. Suggested memorials in Patricia's name to Alzheimer's Association (<http://www.alz.org/gmc/>). Arrangements in care of Modetz Funeral Home, Orion. Online condolences www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

MORGAN



TERRENCE "TED" 78 of Greensburg, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 24, 2017, at the Morning Breeze Assisted Living. Terrence was born on December 31, 1938 in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of Clarence Morgan and Edith Hafer. He married Lou Ann Comer on September 21, 1959 in Northville, Michigan and she preceded him in death on November 18, 2014. Survivors include his daughter, Terry (Paul) Williamson of Greensburg and two grandsons, Brian and Eric Williamson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lou Ann; one son, William Morgan; and two brothers, Russell and Jerry Morgan. Terrence worked for the Ford Motor Company for 30 years, until his retirement. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the South Lyon Historical Society, P.O. Box 263, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.gilliland-howe.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Religious overreach

Last week State Sen. Patrick Colbeck introduced a bill (SB 269) which would exempt the clergy from a law that makes it illegal to offer inducements or threats of punishment to influence how a person votes. Under this amended law, it would be legal for a minister to threaten expulsion or excommunication to a person whose voting practices do not fall in line with what that pastor feels is right.

Sen. Colbeck is a darling of the Tea Party and a staunch supporter of the religious right. This is the group that goes positively apoplectic at the imagined threat of Sharia Law being imposed if we don't limit the Muslim population in this country, and yet this bill is exactly the kind of religious overreach that the religious right incorrectly fears.

How do we keep electing people like this?

John D. Webster
Northville

Harassment

Mr. Jachman would have done your readers a journalistic service had he spent some time explaining who organized the harassment of Mr. Trott and why. As we know, such events are not spontaneous.

Pierre Willermet
Livonia

Trott deaf to concerns

I am a constituent of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, of the 11th District in Michigan. This district is one of the most gerrymandered in the nation. I live in Livonia, my girlfriend in White Lake also has Dave Trott as her representative, as does my friend in Troy, and my other friend in Canton.

The reason for my letter is the remarks Dave Trott made about the attendees of his Town Hall Meeting on March 18. After skipping the congressional break to go to India on the nation's dime, and apparently after viewing the press on the Town Halls put on by his constituents, Mr. Trott decided he better have one.

I got an email on Wednesday, March 15, at 12:06 p.m. about a Town Hall meeting where Mr. Trott would actually be present. The Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., less than 72 hours later, in Novi.

I woke up early on Saturday morning, and

drove in a snowstorm to Novi, in horrible road conditions. I got there before 8 a.m., when the doors opened. There were already 1,000 people or more there. Only half of us got in. I was not among them. Of the half that did get in, most had their written questions simply thrown away by Mr. Trott, and never answered.

I stood with 500 other people in the snow and wind for over an hour waiting to see if Mr. Trott would come out, or at least thank us for coming. This is what we got instead: "We are un-American." "We are paid agitators." "We are not from his district." "We hate the military."

Well, I am an American, my son is joining the Air Force, and we support all military personnel. I live in Mr. Trott's district, and I am certainly not getting paid to call or show up to his Town Halls, the ones he has, and the ones he can't be bothered with. I am aware that Mr. Trott does not read our letters or postcards. As he succinctly put it, he doesn't need to, he listens to cable news. No one can get into his Troy office, and his constituents are usually turned away by his security guards.

When I call his Washington office, I speak with a polite young man or woman, who I am sure, never relates my concerns or views to my "representative." The responses I always get are simply form letters emailed to me which do not address any of my concerns.

In short, Rep. Trott has demonstrated that he has nothing but utter contempt for the people in his district. He doesn't want to hear from them, see them, or listen to their real and honest concerns. Is it any wonder people boo? Look up what "representative" means Mr. Trott, and then maybe try to act it.

Mary Ann Arsenault
Livonia

One man's thoughts

Flat tire? Democratic Party absent distinctive values. Voted incompetent! Disconsolate these malevolent leftists proceed to the wailing wall to express only petulance. Know a happy liberal? Riots in Berkeley, jack booted Democrats, establishment or eager local losers struggling to recover party appeal. Quality gone with JFK. The Berkeley bunch characterized Marxist politics of intimidation and thugs. Someone mumbled, "mainstream"? Muckraking

media knocks itself out now squawking at giant holes sinking their paper boat protecting their idolized, yet fake leadership. Navel gazing Republican Senators duped by oppositions mind games to concentrate on faked Russian bubbles.

Berkeley flocked with seekers, driving aimless heavy debt. Floundering discover an aptitude. Sputtering engines. Questioning universities moving to country club entertainment centers not much educational necessity beyond minds dwelling on invention, science and engineering? Too many wastefully doling out expensive plastic trophies in social sciences. Degrees withered of worth by politically leftist indoctrination. Loan sharks consuming the resources of gullible snowflakes? Better to flip skillful training under apprentice programs under certified most talented practitioners with on line support and personal evaluations. Theory vendors those overpaid professors spilling reservoirs of nothing exhibited in all this faked data of global warming doomsday junk. All to misappropriate Americas assets. A concocted sideshow when our nation has so many problems stymied in a crushing debt overhang. Communist hucksters bait traps of nonsense impoverishing Americans with the imponderables called "fairness". Losers! Sign me up as a fan of Schoolcraft College.

Immigration of low-skilled always supported by a greedy users or as political wedge for recruits for our radical elements. Liberals suggest diversity improves with few examples of doing anything but diminishing potential. Smarter industrialized nations tie immigration to adequate sponsorship, need of talent and more importantly easy cultural assimilation. The wisest preferring a focus on borders, culture and language as opposed to incompatibility, strife and tribalism.

Seems leftist protesters funded by Soros affiliates. This crazy worldwide resource for funds may be the navigator? Those fascist stooges of Berkley with faked educations and even lower self esteem eager to join, riot and break things. Looping on their boombox the multipurpose leftist theme song, "others could be certainly more racist, more intolerant and greater bigots than we are." Americas enemies for-

eign and domestic appear fueled by their easy manipulation of the dim angry minds.

A potent military so sorely needed to maintain Americans security. Underfunded for a decade, its restoration certain to require unloading many simply feel good federal programs to political patrons. The creative barrage of special interest baloney coming then from a whiny media. Hard to unload any self serving, redundant and those most often suggested useless bureaucratic make work programs.

President Trump drives Democrats nuts. Fiercely, they sweat, consumed in anger and hate by only observing a tireless achiever. These bothersome slogans, "Make America great again and ready to lead? Four rather ineffectual duds followed Reagan. Our debt to the moon with Obama accelerating impossible futures for Americans without draconian reductions. No easy escape. Washington a mess. Trump picks indicate excellent talent. His boldness as intentional critic to European leaders buried soaked in an organized invasion of migrants. Not a patsy. Trump can see how many other countries being overrun at their borders. We look on as America awaits a wall cutting the drug pipeline and slowing gang recruitment. Could Chicago again be safe dumping the fiefdom of sanctuary.

Overrated President Obama had eight hapless years. Social Security and Medicare now beset with very tenuous futures. Financial manipulation and underfunded pensions should give public employees nightmares. No hope for taxpayer bailouts. Obamacare now must fail to avoid worse. So poorly conceived scrambling American health care delivery. Obama gone but remaining as the lefts untouchable and privileged critic. In leadership, a compelling smile, but damage with smoke and mirrors. Showcased by a loving media as their perfect empty vehicle. Only gloss and dance oversaw our declining American industrial economy, military and optimism. Small achievements brought no modesty to arrogance. Most annoying, the professional courtesies in 2016 in Hillary's free pass and huge foreign investments in Clinton Inc. Some see a serious benign neglect by some claiming fidelity to the Constitution.

Jim Nowka
Northville

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

Grounds closed for wedding: 4:15-6:15 p.m. April 1.
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 Century" 7 p.m. April 26. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org
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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LIZ JOYNER FINDS UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Pieces of her 'Threads of a Nation' quilt don't match until woven into a whole

NADA HASSANEIN
USA TODAY NETWORK

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 onenation.usatoday.com.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Liz Joyner's "Threads of a Nation" quilt is stitched together with red, white and blue squares and patriotic quotes: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and "Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears."

It's a quilt that's a tribute to her family who had served in the military and worked in government — her brother a Navy SEAL and her father a Pentagon worker. But it's also, she said, a reflection of the "beauty of the diversity of our people."

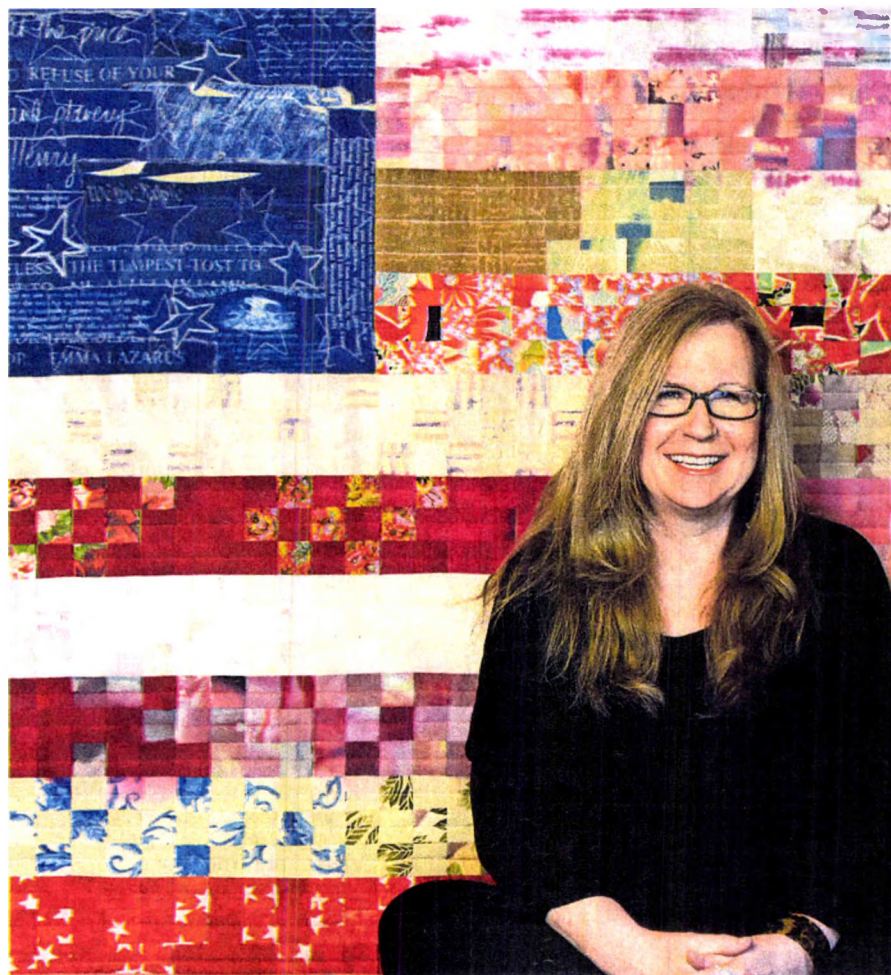
Joyner picked and dyed scarlet-, rose- and cerulean-colored fabrics that at first glance, wouldn't necessarily match. But when woven together, unified into one piece.

She's the executive director of The Village Square in Tallahassee, Florida. The quilt, created after September 11, was almost a foreshadowing of what she does now through The Village Square: bridge gaps between communities and ideologies through conversation.

Somehow, Joyner's been able to gather both liberals and conservatives around dinner tables and on stages to talk about race, religion and politics. The concept might seem only possible to discuss in a civil way across party lines "when pigs fly" — hence The Village Square's mascot, of sorts: a little pink pig with wings.

The Village Square holds events like Faith, Food, Friday, an interfaith conversation rotating at different faith centers, and film screenings followed by discussions called Race to the Movies: An Unflinching Conversation on Race.

Joyner is a fervent believer that "diverse groups make better decisions,"



Liz Joyner, executive director of The Village Square, sits in front of a quilted flag she sewed to "represent the dynamic diversity of democracy." The quilt hangs in her bedroom.

but even if a conclusion or decision isn't made, "you've still changed everything" by gathering people to converse and learn about life from another person's perspective.

Joyner believes important change starts with relationships fueled by empathy.

"Human beings are capable of amazing feats of empathy," she said, "when we just get to know each other."

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Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at onenation.usatoday.com or via email to onenation@usatoday.com or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (no longer than 2 minutes, please) with the hashtags #IAmAnAmerican #WeAreOneNation.

Q&A WITH LIZ JOYNER

What does it mean to you to be an American?

The Adlai Stevenson quote, "the steady devotion of a lifetime." It's really quite incredible how many people do that. Alexis de Tocqueville said when he came to America that Americans are forever in the habit of forming associations. We've gotten used to doing things with people who are more like us rather than unlike us, and we need to get back to the habit of seeking out other people.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I really feel like I grew up in a place that I know what it looks like — I know what a healthy, civic life looks like. I know what disagreement looks like when it's vibrant and real and dynamic, and it really was from watching people who had become my friends who were local leaders, who had those kinds of dynamic conversations going on that inspired me. I reached the point in time that my personal frustration was so high that if I didn't do something, it wouldn't have been healthy for me.

What gives you hope?

I think that getting the upcoming generations of leaders, people who are millennials and younger, gives me a lot of hope. It gives me a lot of hope that when you guys are my age, it'll just naturally be better. But — there is a 'but' there, and the 'but' is: We've got to find a way to connect what's naturally so exceptional about your generation to what is exceptional about the hero arc of American democracy.

What concerns you?

That having fallen into our like-minded silos, as we have, that we're not going to have the will to climb out. And I think if we have the will, it's there — but we're going to have to see the reason to find what we share.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I hope to accomplish with what we do is revive the old idea, repackage it in a way that works for a new environment. I describe The Village Square as being a very new, very old idea. It really is just the whole idea that we had from the very beginning of American democracy. We've just got to punch it up a little bit.



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Maybury Farm Camp, offered by the Northville Community Foundation, is open for registration.

Aug. 17. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is \$165 per three-day week if signed up before March 31 and \$175 per three-day week thereafter. To register for Farm Camp, call 248-374-0200 or go to www.mayburyfarm.org/summercamp. Maybury Farm is at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

**CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.281 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 5, SITE STANDARDS, SECTION 5.15, EXTERIOR BUILDING WALL FACADE MATERIALS, TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE THE FACADE MATERIALS STANDARDS.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the following topics:

- Clarify the Site Plan Review process, and when Planning Commission or Minor Site Plan Review is required (Article 19).
- Eliminate the exception to lots adjoining alleys (Section 18.11.6).

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. Written comments will also be received at the above address. The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or on the City's website: www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission).

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School's Celebration of Learning



A Village Oaks Elementary School kindergarten class welcomes parents for their Celebration of Learning.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Audience members, including Novi High School teacher Emily Pohlonski (right), enjoy a performance by kindergartners at Village Oaks Elementary. The students were entertaining their guests at their Celebration of Learning, which included visits to classrooms by parents so that students could share with them what they're learning.

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Village Oaks kindergartners perform some songs from the book "Panda on the Moon" for their parents and friends during the school's Celebration of Learning.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

Notice is given that the Northville City Council is accepting applications for consideration of appointment to fill a vacancy on the Housing Commission. The role of the Housing Commission is to set policy and provide guidance for the management of Allen Terrace. Allen Terrace is an apartment community for independent senior citizens aged 55 and over. The Housing Commission meets at 6pm on the second Wednesday of the month at Allen Terrace. For more information on the Housing Commission, please visit the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Northville, a resident of the City for at least two years, and are interested in being considered for appointment to this commission, please submit an application to the City Clerk. Applications are available on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Government, Boards and Commissions) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

Applications accepted until the vacancy is filled. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding interview dates and times. Applications received after the vacancy is filled will be placed on file for future consideration.

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §97-1, §67-34, & §67-62

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendments to Ordinances §97-1, §67-34, and §67-62 (Hunting and Weapons) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of March 16, 2017.

The proposed amendments prohibit the use of bow and arrow, cross bow and/or any other weapon used for hunting within Northville Township; violations of this ordinance have also been outlined within the amendments.

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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Livonia Town Hall speaker shares stories of Manhattan Project

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

For many of the workers at the government facility at Oak Ridge, Tenn., during World War II, they had no idea what they were working on.

It wasn't until President Harry Truman got onto the radio after the atomic bomb had dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, that he credited the work of the bomb of those living in the settlement outside of Knoxville.

"Everybody was flabbergasted," said Denise Kiernan, an author who wrote "The Girls of Atomic City." "Now they find out they were actually part of it. They had sort of gotten used to not knowing what was going on. So suddenly, this very secret city all of a sudden had a bunch of media people show up."

Kiernan spoke recently at the final Livonia Town Hall event of the season at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman. Kiernan discussed her book and the many interviews and talks with residents of Oak Ridge, a settlement created by the government that was a production site for the Manhattan Project.

She said it was not uncommon for people, especially women, to get offered positions at the newly-created area with very little details. Many came and worked in Oak Ridge without asking a lot of questions over what was taking place elsewhere in the community.

Kiernan told the stories of several women she interviewed years ago who worked

in Oak Ridge during the war and opted to remain in the city. She told the story of one woman named Katie, a black woman who moved with her husband to Oak Ridge from Alabama and faced much different challenges than her white co-workers. Those challenges included being separated from their spouses in the camp, among others.

That sparked several letters being sent to officials, including the president, detailing the unfair treatment received.

"A lot of them were not told they were not going to be able to live with their spouses when they arrived in Oak Ridge," Kiernan said. "They were only allowed to visit at certain times of day."

"It was very disturbing," Carolyn McIntyre said she had read "The Girls of Atomic City" several years ago as a part of her book club. She said it was a fascinating look inside of the women who helped with this huge effort to build the atomic bomb.

"There was a lot about the original creation. It was a field; there was nothing there when the first few women got there," said McIntyre, a Howell resident. "The mud was everywhere."

After the war ended, Kiernan said there were plenty of workers who opted to stay in the town and made it their permanent residence.

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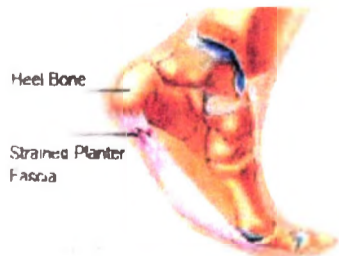
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Conductor strikes chord for Michigan Philharmonic

Joanne Maliszewski
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An older man with gray, thinning hair is likely how many people imagine an orchestral conductor. The Michigan Philharmonic and its conductor, however, knock that stereotype off the charts.

Nan Washburn, the award-winning conductor of the Michigan Phil — as it is affectionately known — is neither an old man nor has gray, thinning hair. She was among the early ones in what has become a growing cadre of female conductors leaving their mark on the orchestral world.

"I fought it — being a conductor," said Washburn, who has been with the Michigan Phil for 18 years. "I used to make fun of the bad ones. What I wanted to do was play in orchestras and teach."

But when Washburn began seeing other women conduct, she reconsidered her plans. "I was 30 when I set foot in beginning conducting class."

Today, the Plymouth resident is known not only for conducting the Michigan Philharmonic — formerly the Plymouth Symphony — but serving as its concert master and leading the organization's youth orchestra.

That's her day job. What Washburn has done for the Michigan Phil is what peanut butter has done for chocolate. She has added a strong and different dimension to music typically associated with symphonies. And she has helped in the evolution from the Plymouth Symphony to the now regional and increasingly popular Michigan Philharmonic.

Beth Stewart, Michigan Phil executive director, can't say enough about Washburn's dedication and role in the evolving orchestra and the music for which it is becoming known.

"She is very hands-on when working in all aspects," Stewart said. "I will give it to our board and administration to



Michigan Philharmonic conductor Nan Washburn gives it her all.

TANYA MOUTZALIAS

make it worth her while to stay here."

Washburn's touch is evident not only in choices of music and composers but the marketing, programming, fundraising and donor relations. What Washburn has done with the music is what Stewart believes has put the Michigan Phil on the map and yet also sets it apart from other smaller — and in some cases, larger — symphonies.

"Nan's idea is that in the music world, new music is important. Classical music is no different than that," Stewart said.

Washburn experiments with what are known as classics, but has added popular music to the Phil's repertoire. For example, Halloween wouldn't be Halloween if Washburn didn't change up the Phil's music with scary stuff — just enough to thrill you, yet put you a bit on edge for the season.

Last weekend, Washburn was at the podium again leading the Phil musicians in "A Touch of the Irish," in time for St. Patrick's Day, but also in

a celebration of Amy Beach's 150th anniversary. A composer and pianist, Beach was the first woman composer of western classical music, known as art music.

'Trial by fire'

With a bachelor's degree in music from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory in Boston, Washburn then headed to the Conductor's Institute at the University of South Carolina.

"I learned how to conduct. It was trial by fire," said the Denver native, who was raised in California.

What sets Washburn apart from that stereotypical sense of an old-world conductor is that she seeks out new composers, including women, who are collectively expanding the symphonic genre.

With a resume filled with awards and recognition, Washburn's latest triumph is receipt of the American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the performance of American Music. She

was honored for performances that included Michael Daugherty's "Ladder to the Moon," Carter Pann's "Slalom" and Kareem Roustom's "Hewar."

"This is a really big deal," Washburn said. "It really represents a body of work I did for many, many years."

The award is a testament to the efforts and successes Washburn has accomplished in bringing new American composers and their works to symphonies and the general public. In fact, it is not unusual if the actual composer of a piece Washburn is conducting with the Michigan Phil to be on hand to talk with the audience.

Practicing in mirror

She admits she practices conducting in the mirror because there is a certain amount of choreography. As Washburn describes, a conductor is someone who leads the musicians, keeps time and decides how the piece will flow. "It's like being a traffic cop — more in terms of shaping the sound and the techniques," she said.

For those who may have never thought of why a conductor waves his or her arms and fingers during a performance, there is a definite reason. "You gesture for the sound you want," she said. "It helps the musicians feel the sound I am going for."

"Harnessing the energy and the focus and having everyone engaged — that's a tough one."

In her tenure, Washburn has brought recognition to the Phil, including six ASCAP Awards, several prestigious grants from the Knight Foundation and second-place honors from The American Prize, professional orchestra division.

In 2009, she was appointed artistic director and principal conductor for the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, an ensemble that she founded in 2003. "She took it on and the results of that have been exponential," Stewart said, referring to the youth organization that draws from 13 communities.

For Michiganders, Washburn's fame has

paralleled the growth of the Michigan Philharmonic. But she has had an award-winning career in other parts of the country.

She first received national attention as a co-founder, artistic director and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980-90, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. Washburn researched and reconstructed historical scores, commissioned new works and programmed and performed dozens of works by women. In addition, she created some of the orchestra's most successful projects, such as their educational concerts and the New Music Reading.

Her career has included conducting orchestras in California and guest appearances with Oregon Mozart Players, Women's Philharmonic, Colorado and California All State Honor Orchestras, the University of Michigan Philharmonia and the Firelands Symphony in Sandusky, Ohio. She is also guest conducting with the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

"I love music," she said. "I love the challenge. I love the rhythm. We took baby steps with the music. I didn't want to shock audiences too much."

She loves bringing the best of all in the music world to the musicians in the Michigan Phil and to audiences. And, yes, she does like the classics of Bach and Beethoven. In fact, she will sneak some in when no one is looking — or listening.

"A lot of the classical stuff is on TV. Did you know that the 'Sabre Dance' (a movement in the final act of Aram Khachaturian's ballet 'Gayane') is used in the Scrubbing Bubbles ad?"

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Farmington Hills man charged with 19 counts of child pornography

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A Farmington Hills man is being charged with 19 felony counts of possession of child pornography.

Jeremiah Moore, 40, entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment March 21 before 47th District Judge Marla Parker. Moore is being charged with multiple counts of possession of child sexually abusive material, along with one



Moore

felony count of using a computer to commit a crime. His bond was set at \$500,000.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said a coordinated effort between multiple agencies led to Moore's arrest.

"These cyber cops who work on these in-

vestigations, they will find you and they will get you," Nebus said. "We've worked with them before and they are very knowledgeable and extremely committed. They will get you."

Moore is currently on probation after he was convicted of possessing child pornography in 2015. In January, the Michigan Attorney General's office became suspicious that Moore was violating certain conditions of his parole.

That suspicion led to a multi-jurisdictional investigation that resulted in Moore's arrest.

On Jan. 24, agents from different departments conducted a compliance check on Moore's house on Ardmore Street, where they reportedly uncovered multiple videos and hundreds of photos containing child pornography on computer devices allegedly belonging to the suspect.

"As a prosecutor and as a father, cases involving sexual abuse of a child are some of the most challenging," Michigan Attorney General

Bill Schuette said in a statement. "The allegations in this case are disturbing and I am determined to put a stop to the continued exploitation of children."

The investigation team included Farmington Hills police, the state Attorney General's office, members of the Michigan State Police Division of Internet Crimes Against Children and a multi-jurisdictional task force, called "Night-hawk," that's led by the Michigan Department of Corrections to ensure compliance by registered sex offenders with their parole conditions.

If Moore manages to post bond, he cannot possess computers or any other device capable of connecting to the Internet. Nor can he have any contact with any child under the age of 17 years, including his own.

Farmington Hills Police Cmdr. Jeff King said the department is vigilant in monitoring registered sex offenders in the community, along with other convicted offenders on probation or parole.

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City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2017 application in the approximate amount of \$100,626 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., April 10, 2017. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact City Clerk, Cortney Hanson at 248-347-0456 for special services.

CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK

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Advertisement to Bid

Northville Public Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "UST System Upgrades at the Northville Public Schools Transportation Facility". This project will be completed between June 19, 2017 and August 26, 2017, and includes removal and replacement of two piping sumps and one spill containment sump, with associated electrical, piping, controls, and testing. Additional work may include removal and replacement of two interstitial sensors, installation of one emergency shut off device, and associated conduit and wiring. Bids will be RECEIVED until 3:00 pm local time Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: UST System Upgrades—Northville Public Schools Transportation Facility; Attn: Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Northville Public Schools Administration Building, 501 W. Main Street, Room 307, 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 Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 9:00 A.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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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **GRIFIN FUNERAL HOME JSPI17-13, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 20, AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD AND BECK ROAD AND IS ZONED RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE).** The applicant is proposing to construct a 13,000 sq. ft. building, 98 parking spaces, 23 landbank parking spaces, and associated site improvements for use as a funeral home.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-20-200-012

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Southfield mayor sees a new life for Northland

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press

You'd drive up to an old Macy's department store, pull right inside and drive up two, three, even four floors to an indoor parking spot — just down the hall from your luxury loft condo.

No worries: Shopping is just a stroll away or elevator ride away.

Leading to stores and dining would be quiet hallways, some boasting the collectible mid-century-modern art that once adorned Northland Center — the largest shopping center in the nation when it opened in 1954. Now, Northland's former anchor store, known to generations of Detroiters as J.L. Hudson's, could soon reinvent itself as luxury lofts that look out on landscaped parks, restaurants, stores and acres of new offices.

That's the vision Southfield Mayor Ken Siver shared during his State of the City speech at city hall. And residents listened, while city planners and mayors across the country eye the ambitious plans for one of the nation's most storied shopping centers that has become the poster child for a nationwide trend summed up in the name of a couple of hobby-historians' website — www.deadmalls.com — based in Glens Falls, N.Y.

This vision of Southfield's civic leaders to make Northland a mixed-use development includes plenty of housing options and far fewer stores. It's to be the cen-



This artist's rendering shows Southfield's preferred plan for redeveloping the former Macy's at the vacant Northland Center. It would have stores and restaurants on the ground floor, three floors of condos and apartments, plus a rooftop community center.

terpiece of a transformation that retail experts say should happen at countless other malls and oversized shopping centers across Michigan and the nation, as American shopping habits change in a digital age, and Amazon.com and other online merchants push traditional retailers to downsize or, worse, go out of business.

"It's a trend no one can stop," said Siver, 70, who said he has visited Northland ever since his youth. Doomsayers claim that the biggest anchor stores must be leveled, he said. But with Macy's closing at Eastland in Harper Woods and at Westland (in that rare city named after its big mall), word is getting around about Southfield's key discovery, Siver said.

"The Macy's building is rock-solid. It would

cost well over \$1 million to demolish it and our studies show that it's strong enough to handle auto traffic inside," he said.

The potential for indoor parking makes the cavernous, now-empty Macy's at Eastland eminently appealing to Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter.

"Visualize this: The second and third floors become condos and the fourth floor has multiple restaurants up there, maybe even dining on the roof — you could see Lake St. Clair," Poynter said.

"That area facing 8 Mile, you could cut windows into that wall and put terraces outside," he said. Something needs to happen soon, though, because already "the domino effect is setting in" — smaller stores are

closing in response to Macy's departure, Poynter said.

When anchor stores close, it's often the death knell for a mall, said retail consultant Ken Dalto in Bingham Farms. Unfortunately, the online retailers grabbing market share from traditional brick-and-mortar stores don't need the kind of space offered by empty shopping centers, Dalto said.

"They need warehouses and distribution centers but they don't need these big spaces with all the parking," Dalto said.

"The cities being left with these empty malls are saying, what can we do? They're looking at a combination of housing, restaurants, retail and office space, as well as parking — that's essential. And if you put those

components together, it's really like creating a new downtown," Dalto said.

Across the country, 63 Macy's stores were scheduled to close this spring, the chain announced in January. In addition, such major retailers as Sears/Kmart, Dick's Sporting Goods and J.C. Penney are closing their stores apace.

In Westland, Mayor William Wild and the city's economic-development staff has a meeting planned with the mall's owners to discuss the future of the empty Macy's store, said Thelma Kubitsky, the city's chief business development officer.

Westland is hoping that commercial leasing will fill the void where shoppers once bought everything from blazers to bedding.

"I know the mayor is very interested in what Ford did at Fairlane" in Dearborn, Kubitsky said.

Ford recently moved about 1,800 office staff members into the space of Fairlane Town Center's former Lord & Taylor store, which had been closed for a decade.

That's an ideal reuse of commercial space at the nation's aging shopping centers, said CC Consulting's principal Cindy Ciura in Bloomfield Hills.

"They made not only a significant investment, but look at those employees. They say, 'Oh, my gosh, I get to work in a mall. I can go out to eat and I can shop on my lunch hour.'

"Hopefully, similar situations could occur at Eastland and Westland," Ciura said.

Not every mall is failing. Notable exceptions include Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, considered one of the nation's most successful outlet malls, and the Somerset Collection in Troy, well-positioned near Bloomfield Hills and other affluent communities to keep its status as a prestigious shopping experience, Ciura said.

One big mall that's been largely dead for 15 years but that soon could be sold and transformed, is decrepit Summit Place in Waterford Township.

After years of battling blight and minor crime at the site on Telegraph Road just west of Pontiac, then ordering the owner to demolish much of the site, the township board recently gave the buyer and seller until April 11 to sign a deal, Waterford Township Clerk Sue Camilleri said.

"There is a signed purchase agreement, but they wanted extra time for due diligence — it's a huge undertaking," Camilleri said.

So will someone reinvent Summit Place as a new mall? Not a chance, said Deputy Oakland County Executive Matt Gibb, who heads the county's economic development efforts. A non-disclosure agreement prevented Gibb from revealing what the buyer plans, but "it certainly won't be a mall because clearly that would fail."

LENTEN CALENDAR

'Turn to Jesus'

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have special midweek Lenten worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. 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 five and younger are free.

Knights of Columbus fry

Knight of Columbus hosts a Friday Fish Fry 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; sen-

iors: \$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 from 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.

Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting its Lenten Fish Frys. The weekly Fish Frys are 4-7 p.m. and run 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.

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry from 5-8 p.m. every 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 fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish frys every Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available. The dinners are available from 4-7 p.m. every 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 on Wednesdays with supper at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7:30 p.m. Join

on Wednesdays through April 5. Contact the church at 248-553-3380.

Celebrate Seder

On Good Friday, April 14 at 6-8:30 p.m. Warren Road Church will observe a Passover Seder. The Passover Seder retells the story of God's salvation of his people from

Egypt through the elements of the Passover meal. Our observance of the Seder will include a unique look at its ultimate fulfillment in Christ and we will share the Lord's Supper together. We'll conclude the evening with a wonderful dinner including roast chicken, mashed pota-

toes, and more!

On Resurrection Sunday, April 16, the church will celebrate God's Great Love and the resurrection of our Lord with a wonderful time of worship at 10:30 a.m. The morning will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast bar. Invite your friends and family!



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INVITATION TO BID EIGHT MILE STADIUM TRACK RENOVATIONS NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the outdoor athletic track renovation work at the Northville Public Schools listed above.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **MARCH 20, 2017**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 1:00PM, APRIL 5, 2017 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M., April 5, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Thursday March 23, 2017 @ 8:00 am beginning at Northville Eight Mile Stadium, north concessions area. Parking at the transportation office entrance off 8 mile road, park near the ticket booth. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,417 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Roland Hwang, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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BOYS LACROSSE

Shamrocks reload for 2017 season

Brad Emons
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It doesn't rebuild, it reloads. That will be the theme once again this season for three-time MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse state runner-up Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks, coming off a 17-4 season, are already off to a 2-0 start despite some key losses to graduation, including top point-getter Rocco Mularoni (69 goals, 15 assists) and All-America face-off specialist Alex Jarzembowski (University of Detroit Mercy).

Also gone off last year's regional championship team that lost 10-8 to 12-time defending Division 1 state champion

Birmingham Brother Rice in the finals are Collin Burgin, Andrew Caris and Kyle Gaines.

"There will be growing pains and we just have to make sure we don't ride the lows or highs for too long when they come," CC 12th-year coach Dave Wilson said. "Our ultimate goal is to be effective and dangerous at the end of May and into June. To do this, we must respect the process of growing, maturing and playing hard for our teammates."

CC features a strong returning core, led by first team all-state midfielders Brennan Kamish (44 goals, 14 assists), a senior, and Pete Thompson (43 goals, 26 assists), a junior.

Also back is second team goalie and co-defensive team MVP Hunter Braun, a senior; Nick Capatina, a senior midfielder, (24 goals, 20 assists); and Mike Molchan, a senior defender.

"We have a brutal schedule again to help prepare us for a long run into the MHSAA playoffs," Wilson said. "We have a lot of work to do, as over half our team is new to varsity."

Mustangs ready

Optimism is running high for Northville (11-8), which captured both the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Conference



Catholic Central goalie Hunter Braun (right) returns for the state runner-up Shamrocks.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi hopes to build off final four berth

Wildcats looking to better last season's success

Brad Emons
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Novi girls soccer coach Todd Pheiffer hopes a banner 2016 season will rub off again this spring.

The Wildcats (16-2-6) won just about everything in sight last year, highlighted by run all the way to the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals before losing a heartbreaking 2-1 shootout loss to host Rochester Stoney Creek.

Novi captured the KLAA Central Division (6-1-3), Kensington Conference and KLAA Association crowns, as well as the district and regional titles.

Pheiffer lost arguably his top four players to graduation, including Dream Team selections Katrina Koomen (College of Charleston) and Chloe Allen (Akron), along with honorable mention all-staters Megan Riley (Central Michigan) and Jessie Halmaghi.

Among the returnees expected to pick up the slack are sophomore Jessie Bandyk (midfielder), junior Riely Schultz (defender), sophomore Emmie Takaka (midfielder), sophomore Lauren Calhoun (defender), senior Jacalyn Schubring (defender-midfield-

er), senior Bailey Baumbick (forward), senior Gracie Backus (defender) and senior Annie Fisher (forward).

"With a good mix of returning veteran players and new incoming talent, this year's team has high expectations for themselves," Pheiffer said. "2016 was a great year for the Novi girls soccer program and this year's team is hoping to build on those successes."

Among the key newcomers for Pheiffer are junior goalie Callie Rich, sophomore midfielder Riley Balconi, freshman forward Avery Fenchel and freshman midfielder Michelle Jecmen.

"Once again, we play in one of the most competitive leagues in the state and have scheduled non-conference games against some of the toughest competition around to prepare ourselves for postseason play," Pheiffer said. "As we prepare for our upcoming first week of games, the team has been working incredibly hard to build the type of team chemistry that is necessary to reach the goals this team has set for themselves."

Northville outlook

Last season was, hopefully, an anomaly, not the norm for Northville, which slipped to an



Novi's Lauren Calhoun (left) and Northville's Megan Williams return for their respective teams this spring.

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Northville senior Emma Dietrich returns as the team's top goal scorer.

GIRLS LACROSSE

LOADED NORTHVILLE SQUAD FLYING HIGH

Madigan takes over coaching reins from Asher

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To say the sky is the limit this season for the Northville girls lacrosse team might be a huge understatement.

The Mustangs are coming off their most successful season in school history, while keeping its core nucleus intact under new coach Dan Madigan.

Northville's banner season ended last year in the Division 1 regional semifinals against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 15-6.

Amanda Asher, who resigned to take the women's head coaching job with the Concordia University, left the program in good hands as Northville, 15-3 a year ago, looks to defend its Kensington Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Conference titles.

"We have a very tight-knit group of girls this year hungry to continue the success of the last two years," Madigan said. "They have worked really hard in the off-season to make themselves better and I'm very excited to see what they can do."

Senior midfielder Emma Dietrich, a first team all-stater,

leads the way after scoring 67 goals and adding 11 assists, while also leading the team with 31 groundballs.

Another top returnee is senior midfielder Sarah Chase (33 goals, 13 assists), a second team all-stater who also had a team-best 31 caused turnovers.

Among the other key returnees are senior attack Ally Blough (27 goals, 11 assists); junior midfielder Charlotte Beaudoin (27 goals, 17 assists); sophomore attack Kendall Wasik (34 goals, team-best 18 assists); junior defender Olivia Lesh; sophomore attack Jessica Tardich; junior defender Olivia Lesh; and junior goalie Maddie Caffee.

Among the newcomers expected to contribute are freshman attack Ella Tarasi and sophomore defender Claire Antilla.

The Mustangs, off to a 2-0 start, opened their season Fri-

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CLUB SWIMMING

Teo leads Spartan Aquatic at states

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Charlson Teo was the top point-getter in the Boys 11-12 age category, leading the Spartan Aquatic Club to a 12th-place team finish at the Michigan Swimming 12-and-Under Short Course State Meet held March 23-26 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Following in the footsteps of former Spartan Aquatic standout Camden Murphy, Teo captured six events to pile up 120 points, finishing first in the 100-, 200- and 400-yard individual medleys, 200 breaststroke, 500 freestyle and 200 butterfly.

Teo, who was also the high point-getter in the Boys 10-and-under championships, duplicating the feat accomplished by Murphy, a Novi High senior and University of Georgia signee.

Teo has recorded the nation's eighth fastest age-group 200 butterfly time and ranks 24th overall in the 400 IM.

Jimin Son placed 13th in the Boys 11-12 in the 100 freestyle; 18th, 500 freestyle; 19th, 200 freestyle; 24th, 200 IM; and 25th, 200 breaststroke. Teammate Ian Cheng also participated in the 200 breaststroke, along with the 200 freestyle and medley relays.

In the Girls 11-12, Marisol Garcia was fifth in the 1,000 freestyle. Other finishes for Garcia included ninth, 200 butterfly; 13th, 500 freestyle; 15th, 400 IM; 18th, 200 IM and 200 freestyle.

Teammate Anna Fonda placed eighth in the the 200 backstroke for Girls 11-12, while also

taking 11th, 500 freestyle; 13th, 100 backstroke; 15th, 100 freestyle; 19th, 50 backstroke; and 20th, 200 freestyle.

Rin Orihara was 24th in the 100 backstroke and 30th in the 100 breaststroke for Girls 9-and-under in her first state meet.

Other Spartans swimmers participating in 12-and-under relays included Naina Cheeti, 200 freestyle and 200 medley; Dylan Cai (12), William Meng and Kevin Wang, 200 medley;

Other 10-and-under 200 medley relay participants included Eric Ma, Drew Reed, Luka Tanashkoshi and Yuan Ito.

The 14-member Spartan Aquatic contingent placed took 12th among 61 club teams.

Murphy double winner

In the National Club Swimming Association Junior Nationals held March 21-24 in Orlando, Fla., Murphy captured titles in the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 21.32 and 46.58, respectively.

The Kingfish Aquatic Club member also earned runner-up honors in the 200 butterfly (1:44.91).

Murphy captured two individual events, the 200 IM (1:48.99) and 100 butterfly (all-class record 46.63) earlier this month at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals at Oakland University.

Murphy will now set his sights on the 2017 Phillips 66 National Championships and World Trials this June in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Northville senior defender Connor Wright earned first team Division 1 all-state honors last year.

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titles a year ago.

Mustangs coach Greg Durham, entering his 16th season, must replace second team all-state midfielder Harry Dyson (Ohio Wesleyan/Team England U19), Josh Bentley (Madonna University), Brennan Sweeney and Mason Williams.

"We have a solid group of young men this year that are ready to play hard and compete every day in practice," said Durham, whose team is off to a 1-0 start. "Our expectations are very high this season, but we know that we need to play within our personnel and give us a shot in every game to win."

Among the top returnees are senior Connor Wright, a first team all-state defender who had 44 takeaways and 35 groundballs, and senior second team all-state defender Kyle Condino (45 groundballs, 32 takeaway).

Other leading returnees include senior midfielder Nate Holloway (captain), senior attack Zach Tardich, junior midfielder Anthony Salamone, senior attack Ty Kilar, sophomore goalie Jeff Varner (honorable mention all-state), senior face-off specialist Spencer Gonda, junior defender Abe Khoury, junior defender Ryan Figueroa, senior midfielder Jake Murphy and senior defender-midfielder Nate Czarnota.



Novi's Anthony Zugaro (right) earned honorable mention all-state honors in Division 1.

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Among the promising newcomers are senior attack Cole Gingell (36 goals, 30 assists), a transfer from Catholic Central who made first team all-state; Kevin Conder, a senior midfielder; Shane Alexander, a freshman midfielder; Grant Hood, a sophomore long stick midfielder; Ethan Wenrick, a sophomore defender; and Jake Khoury, a sophomore long stick midfielder.

"These young men are a tight-knit group and are willing to play as a team, not as individuals," Durham said. "This group is one of the most coachable groups that we have ever had in the program. Everyone on the team, coaches included, looks forward to the season."

Seniors lead Novi

Novi (9-9), under second-year coach Chris Johnson, lost five starters to graduation, including goalie Peter Miner, attacker Griffin Sparling (honorable mention all-state), long stick midfielder Neil Haakenson and midfielder Matt Kigar.

The Wildcats, however, return seven seniors: honorable mention all-stater Anthony Zugaro (attack), Scott Latham (midfield), Quinn Hanley (defender), Ian Patterson (attack/midfield), Brendan Daschke (midfield), Nayan Makim (attack), Kyle Kostrzewa (defender) and Michael Leon (attack).

Among the juniors returning are midfielders Chase Sparling and

Landon Green, plus attacker Nick Zamora.

"Our team is senior-dominated and we have several players that have been together for a while and know our systems," Johnson said. "We have some tough key personnel losses to absorb from our senior class last year, but there appears to be players ready to step in to big roles."

The Wildcats have several promising newcomers, including speedy senior midfielder Anthony D'Annibale, a state placer last year in track in the 400-meter dash, along with senior long stick midfielder Alex Nicholson.

Other hopefuls include juniors Freddie Samson (goalie), Casey Lyons (attack/midfielder), Matt Sheeran (defender), Taemin Kim (midfielder), Josephy Hwang (midfielder) and Matt Williams (defender).

Sophomores Evan Budd (long stick midfielder) and Luka Saicic (attack) will also vie for playing time, along with freshman Matthew Wright (long stick midfielder).

"If our veteran leaders step up and some of our new additions continue to progress at the rate that they have been, we could surprise some teams this year after going 9-9 last year," Johnson said. "Playing at their full potential, this team is capable of great things."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Northville shaves Clarkston in opener

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Kevin Conder scored the game-winning goal Friday as host Northville edged Clarkston in a weather-delayed boys lacrosse opener, 8-7, at Tom Holzer Field.

Cole Gingell led the Mustangs with four goals and two assists, while Ty Kilar and Conder both added a goal and assist.

Zach Tardich had the other goal, while goalie Jeff Varner made eight saves.

"It was a good win to start out the season; it's always good to good 1-0," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team trailed 5-4 at halftime. "It was a little sloppy, physical and chippy game."

Lightning caused a long delay in the third quarter before the two teams finally finished the match at 10:20 p.m.

DETROIT CC 15, GROSSE PTE. SOUTH 1: Joey Kamish impressed in his sophomore debut March 22, leading Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0) to a season-opening victory at Grosse Pointe South (0-1).

Kamish finished with three goals on the night, while eight other Shamrocks scored one or two goals.

Goalies Hunter Braun and Zach Downey combined to limit the Blue Devils to a single goal, while Connor Beals had 10 face-off wins.

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day at Ann Arbor Skyline, rolling to a 20-5 win, followed by a 16-5 triumph Saturday at home against Clarkston

"Excited to see what this group can do when they play as one solid unit," Madigan said. "We have all of our leading scorers returning, but we will have big shoes to fill defensively. I'm very happy with the work they have put in and looking forward to seeing where this group can go."

New Novi coach

Kaitlyn West made it a successful debut as Novi's coach March 22 as the Wildcats opened their 2017 season with an 18-5 win at home over Harrison-North Farmington.

West inherits a team that finished 7-12 in 2016 under Amy Kilgore, who went 19-17-1 in two seasons.

The Wildcats lost the school's all-time leading goal scorer (236) to graduation in Gina Salemi, who is a member of the NCAA Division I LaSalle (Pa.) University team.

Defender Ceclia Hong, an honorable



Katie McMaster (left) returns this season for the Novi girls lacrosse squad.

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mention all-stater, also graduated.

Returning are senior goalie Mariah Smythe, an all-KLAA choice who had a .600 save percentage; senior midfielder-center Katie McMaster; and senior midfielder-attack Rachel Bayer.

Among the promising newcomers are second-year varsity sophomores Alexa Calder, Katie Novell and Jole Lim.

"I know we are the underdogs, being one of the newer teams in our conference, but I can see

we are developing well early on and I have some hopes and goals for this season," West said. "This year, we have a fairly big team. The program is growing here at Novi as we enter our sixth season as a team. I'm hopeful in the season to come that we will at least have a winning record because we are leaps and bounds ahead of where we have been in the past at the beginning of the season. The girls have showed up strong to practices right out of the gate."

Wildcats start 2-0

After winning their opener, Novi improved to 2-0 with an 18-1 win Monday at Royal Oak as Bayer led the way with four goals and one assist, while sophomore Emily Pringle chipped in three goals and two assists.

"The girls worked together successfully, which resulted in a good win all around," West said. "What I love about my team is their field awareness and their efficient teamwork. In any game, I know I could have multiple leading scorers and most goals have assists."

Junior Emma Hixson contributed two goals and two interceptions, while junior Katie Novell also scored twice.

"So far, I'm pleased with our results out of the gate this season," West said. "We are the underdog in the KLAA in terms of longevity of a program, lack of a feeder program and overall record. But things are looking up as we start our sixth season as a program. We still have much work to do, though, so we're going to keep trying hard and take it practice by practice and game by game."

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uncharacteristic 8-8-5 record while finishing second in the KLAA Central Division with a 5-1-4 mark.

"This year, we're looking to rebound after a difficult sub-par season in 2016," eighth-year coach Eric Brucker said. "The roster is filled with young, talented players that are ready to compete with the best of the KLAA."

Part of the down season could be contributed to a difficult schedule, which has always been the norm for the Mustangs.

Several players must be replaced, as the Mustangs lost all-KLAA and all-district picks Sarah Park, Alissa Moore and Emily Boss to graduation, along with Maddy Westenberg, Abbi Henzi and Ryann Kearney.

Senior forward Megan Williams, a Division 1 honorable mention all-

stater, returns, along with fellow senior forward Sydney Schembri, an all-KLAA selection.

Among leading returnees on the back line are junior defenders Kendall Dillon, Morgan Osaer and Nikki Skinner, sophomores Jenna Lauderback and Nina Chimienti, as well as starting keeper Charlie Castiglione.

Juniors Chelsea Edgar, Roan Haines and Megan Krygier also return at midfield.

Moving up to the varsity in the midfield is junior Abby Gardiner, along with sophomores Karina Moore and Jordin Rickard and freshmen Tara Beason, Lauren Fleming and Sara Noonan.

Adding depth is freshman goalie Ellie Thallman and freshman forward Eric Toupin.

"We have a solid core of returning players led by Williams, Schembri and Dillon," Brucker said. "The veteran players learned a lot last year, now they need to translate that experience into more wins in 2017."

PRO FOOTBALL

Godin attracts NFL interest on U-M Pro Day

Catholic Central grad happy with showing

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All Matt Godin wants is one NFL team to take a chance on him.

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central High graduate, who started 12 games last season at defensive tackle, earning all-Big Ten honorable mention honors by the conference coaches, got to show his stuff Friday before representatives from all 32 NFL teams at U-M's Pro Day.

"It had a lot of value for me, especially since I didn't get invited to the (NFL) Combine," Godin said. "I knew I had to come out here today and perform really well. I definitely took it as motivation. I worked my butt off, lifting, training and everything."

While its doubtful he'll hear his name called during any of the seven rounds at next month's NFL Draft, the 6-foot-6, 294-pound Godin believes he showed enough Friday to earn a shot as a free agent.

Reports said Godin clocked 5.13 in the 40-yard dash, did 26 reps on the bench press and had a 27-inch vertical jump.

"It went well," Godin said. "I'd just say from a feeling that I could have



Detroit Catholic Central graduate and defensive tackle Matt Godin meets the media Friday during U-M's Pro Day.

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had a better time in the shuttle and my three-cone, but I think they were pretty good, still. My three-cone drill, I was running a lot of good times at Barwis (Training Methods). I was running some 7.2s on it, but one coach said I was running a 7.4, somewhere around that. You never know. Don't know my official times, but I felt pretty good. In the 40, I heard a 5.01 to a 5.18, in between there, hopefully, (you) never know."

Godin, a three-year letter winner for the Wolverines, appeared in 41 career games, making 16 starts with a total of 54 tackles, including 4.5 for loss and three sacks. He

also had an interception. As a senior, he recorded 26 tackles, including 12 solo with two tackles for loss and one sack.

"Godin is a dependable player," said U-M teammate Chris Wormley, a fellow defensive lineman who is projected to go as high as the second round. "We need him in to make some plays and needed him in to hunker down to that three-tech(nique), take on those double teams ... he was that guy. He's been that guy for the last three or four years for us, being the guy to take the brunt of those big guys and push them around. I'm excited for him and I'm excited for

our D-line to be drafted and be in the NFL at the next level, so it's going to be exciting for all of us."

A total of 19 U-M players were seen on Pro Day.

Lions head coach Jim Caldwell, Lions general manager Bob Quinn, and head coaches Bill Belichick (New England), Todd Bowles (New York Jets), Mike Tomlin (Pittsburgh), Sean Payton (New Orleans), John Harbaugh (Baltimore), Mike Mularkey (Tennessee) and Marvin Lewis (Cincinnati) were also in attendance.

"It's exciting, it's a vital part of your life," Godin said. "Kind of a big day. My adrenaline was rushing as any game that I was playing in, too, any Saturday. It was a fun day."

In January, Godin got some much-needed exposure when he was invited to and played in the East-West Shrine Game in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"I've talked to a good amount of teams and they've gone really well," he said. "I'll get as many individual workouts set up as much as I can, just keep working out and staying in shape, improving before the draft."

What the scouts say

When NFL scouts view his tapes, Godin wants them to notice a couple of things.

"That I'm always do-

ing my job and I'm a very fundamental player and I'm a physical player and I knock back at the line of scrimmage," he said. "And I come off as hard as anybody. I just want them to see that I can do that for them, a high-effort guy and be there to do that right thing."

Godin, who graduated from U-M with a degree in history and attended grad school last fall as a fifth-year senior, started showing pro potential during the middle of his junior season under then first-year coach Jim Harbaugh.

"The last year-and-a-half has been huge," Godin said. "My whole career here has been developing. Getting better and better every year has been vital my success. It's definitely been a growing experience."

Godin said Harbaugh, who was an NFL head coach for four seasons in San Francisco, offered only minimal advice to his Michigan players when it comes to the pros.

"Last year and during the season, he'll make comments like, 'You're preparing for the NFL right now,'" Godin said. "You don't wait until you're training and say, 'Work out now for the NFL.' You kind of build up to that toward your entire career."

And the reality of it all

began to sink in during his senior season.

"It was always in my head that I wanted to go to the NFL," Godin said. "It really didn't stick out to me until I was having my best season personally and we're having a really good season as a team. It really didn't stick out until I was playing to the best of my ability last year and I said, 'OK, the NFL is right there.'"

Playing along side guys like Taco Charlton, a probable first-round pick, and Wormley, another likely high draftee, certainly helped teams take notice and improve his stock. And the Wolverines may well dominate the draft board April 27-29 in Philadelphia.

"It says that we're doing the right thing and we have talent," Godin said. "And all the hard work is paying off for our class."

The 2012 Catholic Central grad, a resident of Fenton, now realizes he's in the conversation of getting a chance to play at the pro level.

"It's always been my plan and my dream ... it's great," Godin said. "You get so caught up in the training. I sit around and say, 'You know what? I'm happy about this deal.'"

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GIRLS SOCCER



Northville's Jenna Lauderbeck (top) and Canton's Abigail Heyde get tangled up.

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Canton picks up where it left off

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The stinging memory of losing in the Division 1 state finals is shared by most of the Canton Chiefs, with 16 players returning for the 2017 varsity girls soccer season.

Of course, getting back to Michigan State University will take a lot of hard work and sacrifice, as well as some good fortune.

Bring the challenges on, said senior forward Hannah Lapko, who led the 2016 team (17-3-4) with 25 goals.

"We have so much drive to get even further than last year, because we were so close to winning it all," Lapko said following Monday's 2-1 win over visiting Northville. "I think since we were so close, we got a taste of it. So now we want the whole thing."

Nodding in agreement was senior defender Sarah Willett.

"That experience gives us a lot of motivation to work even harder to reach our goals," Willett said. "Because we didn't reach it last year."

The win over the Mustangs demonstrated that the Chiefs are well-versed in bouncing back from a stumble or two.

Northville, playing its season opener, took a quick 1-0 lead on a goal by Megan Krygier less than a minute into the KLAAC contest. Sarah Noonan's crossing feed was jammed in past Canton senior goalie Sarah



Northville's Morgan Osaer (left) and Karina Moore keep control of the ball in a collision with Canton's Jennifer Richmond.

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Hammond. But Canton came right back to even things up just seven minutes later, on sophomore forward Carly Schwinke's direct kick from just above the 18-yard box.

The tie-breaker came with 31:59 remaining in the game, when sophomore midfielder Marlee Taylor scored on a tap-in.

After a ball was served into the 6-yard goal box, it was deflected behind Northville starting goalie Carlie Castiglione.

All alone to stuff the

ball into the cage was Taylor.

"(Senior Abigail Heyde) got a head on it on the back post and Marlee was able to get her foot on it right there," Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We work on that in practice. We don't stop until someone has the ball or the ball's in the back of the net."

From there, Hammond and the Canton defense held the fort, giving the Mustangs few chances to score the equalizer.

With about 18 minutes left, senior Megan Williams drilled a pass from senior Sydney Schembri wide of the left post.

The Mustangs came a bit closer in the final 75 seconds, when a long boot from Schembri narrowly missed the net.

Northville head coach Eric Brucker said his team is very young and trying to add a bit more offense to the mix.

"It was being in the right place at the right time," Brucker said about Northville's lone goal. "The last couple years, we've been a little bit more defensive-oriented. (We're) trying to be more offensive, but it's a learning curve."

"I got an extremely young team this year, a lot of new players and this is our first game."

Brucker wasn't satisfied with the outcome, but saw a lot of good things against "one of three teams in the state of Michigan recognized nationally. We knew it was going to be a challenge coming in here, especially on their home field."

Willett said the early goal by the Mustangs was a "wake-up call" for the Chiefs, but being able to shake off something is in the team's DNA. And, of course, having last season's postseason run fresh in their minds is a definite plus.

"It's nice that we all know each other," Lapko said. "We actually have 16 returning this year. We all know each other, we're already a family."

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USA HOCKEY

NTDP U17s stick to plan, even in defeat

Friday's loss to Bloomington is 11th in row for U.S.

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Save for a few road games, the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team is successfully through the hard part.

Oh yeah, the Danton Cole-coached squad lost 3-1 in its home finale Friday night to Bloomington, making it 11 consecutive losses.

But that didn't bother Cole, because he saw a team battling and fighting against the United States Hockey League rival before 1,173 fans at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It's a hard time, but if the guys can get through it and keep grinding and keep the positivity and keep working, it's a good thing," Cole said. "But it's been a tough road. I think 18 of our last 20 are on the road and a lot of long trips. We found ourselves against some of the best teams in the league as well."

"So it's been a great experience for our guy. They learned how to fight through that. I think we proved you can do it and keep picking yourself up. That's one of the biggest lessons that we get here, especially in the first year."

The U17s avoided a shutout when Skyler Brind'Amour — playing just his third game for Team USA — chipped in the rebound of K'Andre Miller's blue line blast with just under seven minutes remaining. Drawing the first assist was Trevor Janicke.

"He's come out and helped us quite a bit," Cole said about emergency fill-in Brind'Amour. "He'll be heading back Sunday; he's got school starting out east."

"He helped out earlier with the U-18 team. He's a good player and it's a great experience for him. He'll play in the USHL next year."

Team USA was out-shot 30-24 for the game, but enjoyed a 12-8 edge in the final period, which began with



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Even though his team lost again Friday, NTDP Under-17 head coach Danton Cole (shown in a 2015-16 photo) sees plenty of growth from his group as it moves up next year to the U18s.

Bloomington up 2-0 on first-period goals by Jake Durrflinger and Jerry Harding.

"We finished well. I thought the first was decent, the second was pretty good and the third was our best," Cole said. "We put more pucks on net. You got to keep pushing. There's no shortcuts out on the ice and there's no elevators to success. You got to take the stairs."

And following road games this weekend against Fargo and April 7-8 against Youngstown, the players will exhale and begin training in preparation of 2017-18 — when they will comprise the U18s.

Next year, with Cole moving up with them, those players (including Plymouth's Will MacKinnon and Birmingham's Bode Wilde) will hit the stretch drive of their two-year program.

"Crawl under the hurdle, go around the hurdle, jump over the hurdle, however you get past it that's the key," Cole said, discussing the challenge of closing out year one. "And the message tonight was keep doing it and doing it together."

"It is a rite of passage and those are the important lessons our guys got to get. That's why we play in this league. We have to be darn near perfect, plus get some breaks to win games and that makes it hard. But that's how you learn things."

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Re-entering the workforce after a long gap

BY MATT TARPEY
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Getting back to work after a long period of unemployment is a daunting task – but it's far from impossible. Here are some key steps for anyone who's ready to get back to work after a long gap.

Get reacquainted with the industry

Rejoining the workforce is often a gradual process. You'll find you have more success and more confidence if you lay some groundwork before sending out résumés and applications.

"If you haven't maintained your past professional relationships, now is the time to start networking like mad. Talk to as many people as possible in the field you're trying to get back into," says Tomas Ondrejka, co-founder and CMO of Kickresume. "If possible, find a volunteering position related to your desired job. Volunteering is also a good place to start if you're looking for new networking connections."

Brush up on key skills

The biggest concern employers may have about a gap on your résumé is that your skills will either be rusty or outdated. Luckily, with courses, workshops and seminars,



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this is a pretty easy fix.

"Getting certificates, degrees etc. may be a good place to start in order to catch the [employer's] attention and replenish for the lack of recent working experience," says Stelios Lambropoulos, CEO and co-founder of Infolearn, an IT solutions company specializing in training software applications. "Many e-learning sites provide the chance to get a certificate once you finish watching a video les-

son. However, certificates that come upon completion of certain tasks are definitely more valuable, because they provide the chance to feel more confident about the skills acquired."

Gain current experience

"Someone who has been unemployed for a year or two is not as likely to have current experience in his or her field as someone who is employed," says Cheryl

E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "The solution to this is to perform contract, temporary or volunteer work. Doing this will help you fill in the gap on your résumé, and it has the added benefit of keeping your skills fresh."

Use a "functional" résumé format

While it's important to never lie about gaps in your résumé, there's also no point in putting them front and center. A typical chronological résumé focuses on your work history as a timeline and therefore may keep your gap at the top of the employer's mind.

"A functional résumé helps divert attention away from employment gaps and keys the reader in on your most marketable abilities," says Geoff Scott, career adviser and résumé expert at Resume Companion. "By placing work experience at the bottom and highlighting your achievements and skills at the top, you can redirect the hiring manager's focus toward what makes you a viable candidate for their company. This will boost your chances of getting to the interview stage, where you can address work experience questions directly."

Keep it positive

Once you feel prepared to start applying for jobs in ear-

nest, be ready to talk about the gaps in your work history during interviews. "No matter what situation led to your period of unemployment, make sure you keep things positive," Scott says. "It's important to be honest, but you don't need to dive into incriminating details. Spin things in a positive light and your employment gap will appear a lot less damning."

Be patient

Rejoining the workforce can be a frustrating process. You're probably very eager to get back to work before the gap on your résumé gets any wider – but trying to leap right back in can be even more frustrating in the long run.

"Remember that depending on your profession, re-entering the workforce can easily take about a year. It will take time and effort to re-establish your personal identity, so don't get frustrated if you don't succeed immediately," Ondrejka says. "Start by clarifying what you want to do. It will help you devise a plan of how to get there."

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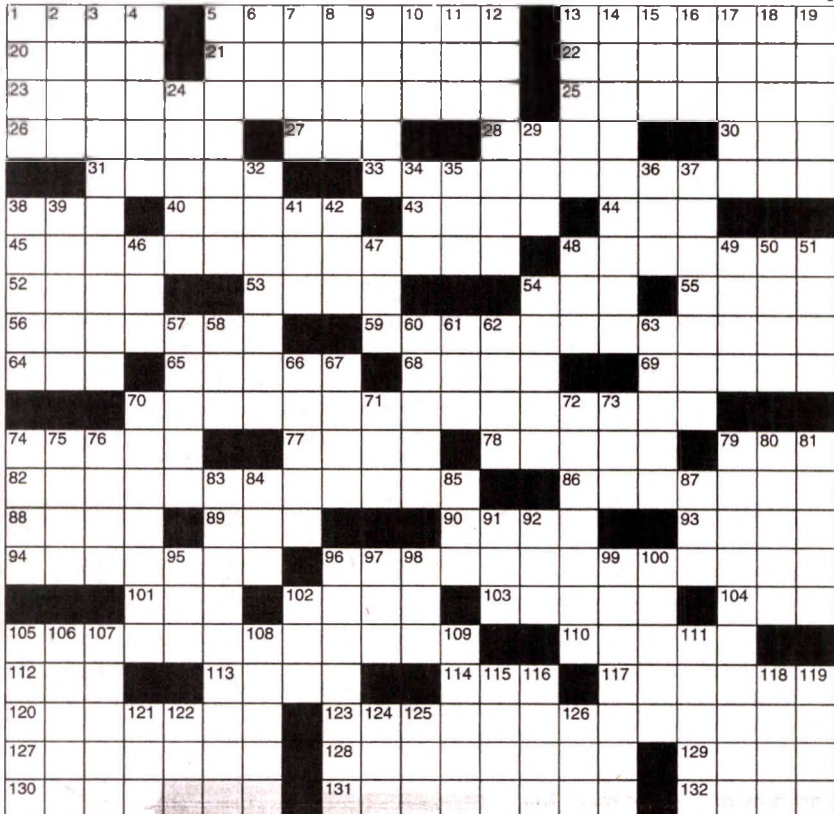
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 - 5 Miss — (Dickens spinster)
 - 13 Small-combo jazz genre
 - 20 Even-steven
 - 21 Hated thing
 - 22 Like waves, to shorelines
 - 23 Disdain for cow milkers?
 - 25 Heeded, as a suggestion
 - 26 Not be under the weather
 - 27 Note before la
 - 28 "Moses" novelist Sholem
 - 30 A, to Klaus
 - 31 Ungenuine
 - 33 Give a tot some grub?
 - 38 Psych., e.g.
 - 40 Trail rope
 - 43 Priam's city
 - 44 Part of USSR: Abbr.
 - 45 Tremble resulting from drawing curtains?
 - 48 Gas additive
 - 52 With 66-Down, she won a 1957 Tony for "Lil Abner"
 - 53 Sleek, briefly
 - 54 Tanzania's — es
 - 55 Salaam
 - 56 Moniker
 - 56 Quantity in a given area
 - 59 More irate about the cards one was dealt?
 - 64 Work unit
 - 65 Grain bundle
 - 68 Rod go-with
 - 69 Old region of Asia Minor
 - 70 Retaliation plan that's proceeding tediously?
 - 74 Mag revenue source
 - 77 River of Florence
 - 78 Dame Judi
 - 79 Larch cousin
 - 82 Statement about a tea box?
 - 86 Certain tax shelter
 - 88 Author Blyton
 - 89 LAPD division?
 - 90 Julio's "eight"
 - 93 Driving club
 - 94 Orate
 - 96 Sleep furniture designed for athletes?
 - 101 West ender?
 - 102 Cuddly "Star Wars" critter
 - 103 Office scribe
 - 104 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 - 105 Rice field with a salami factory in the middle of it?
 - 110 Used a bat
 - 112 What sit-ups work
 - 113 "Yeah, bro"
 - 114 Cheer for a 12-Down
 - 117 Love of Tristan
 - 120 Scrounged
 - 123 Rivals at auctions?
 - 127 Members of the mob
 - 128 Underscored
 - 129 Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
 - 130 Written law
 - 131 Euros replaced them in the Netherlands
 - 132 Lucy's guy
 - 5 Tool for cutting metal
 - 6 Year, in Brazil
 - 7 Movers' vehicles
 - 8 "Leave — me!"
 - 9 Library unit
 - 10 Skirt border
 - 11 Bit of gig gear
 - 12 Torero
 - 13 Georgia fruit
 - 14 Symphony performer
 - 15 Boozing type
 - 16 Mao — -tung
 - 17 — one's time (waited)
 - 18 Egg-shaped
 - 19 1-cent coin
 - 24 Rich boy in "Nancy" comics
 - 29 Pig holder
 - 32 Tried
 - 34 Abbr. at JFK
 - 35 Before, to Browning
 - 36 — i-noor diamond
 - 37 Novel by Sir Walter Scott
 - 38 Uppsala native, e.g.
 - 39 Apple quaff
 - 41 "Thar — blows!"
 - 42 Shaving word
 - 46 — Plaines
 - 47 DeLuise of "Fall Safe"
 - 48 Head organ
 - 49 Indian bread
 - 50 Old Dodge hatchback
 - 51 Mother of Helen, in myth
 - 54 Dig deeply
 - 57 — Brothers ("Fight the Power" R&B group)
 - 58 E'en if
 - 60 Inert element
 - 61 The, to Klaus
 - 62 Achievement
 - 63 Snug-fitting
 - 66 See 52-Across
 - 67 Unwavering
 - 70 Sells
 - 71 L.A. to-Boise dir.
 - 72 Dresses
 - 73 SFC or CPL
 - 74 Nailed
 - 75 Aarhus native, e.g.
 - 76 Bank acct. guarantor
 - 79 Forefront of an activity
 - 80 Wry twist
 - 81 Span
 - 83 Most tenacious
 - 84 — -pah
 - 85 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
 - 87 Covered up
 - 91 Euro divs.
 - 92 Pres. after FDR
 - 95 Parseghian of Notre Dame
 - 96 Goodie-filled gala gift
 - 97 Pea holder
 - 98 Permitted
 - 99 Coils around
 - 102 Dermis or Pen lead-in
 - 105 "Dynasty" Emma
 - 106 "Three Men in —" (novel or film)
 - 107 Yank's land
 - 108 "Metro" star Murphy
 - 109 Sing on a peak, maybe
 - 111 Roving type
 - 115 Loan out
 - 116 Art Deco notable
 - 118 Cubs' homes
 - 119 Morales of "Caprica"
 - 121 Op. — (kin of "bid.")
 - 122 Astros, on a scoreboard
 - 124 Hospital div.
 - 125 Roman 601
 - 126 At any time, to Browning



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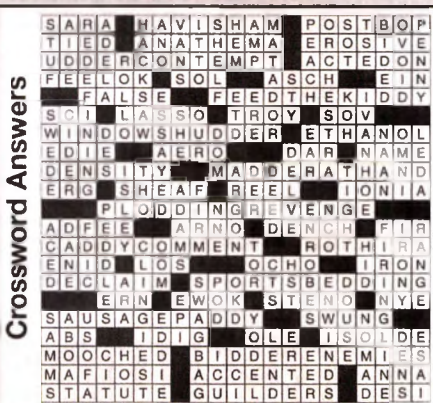
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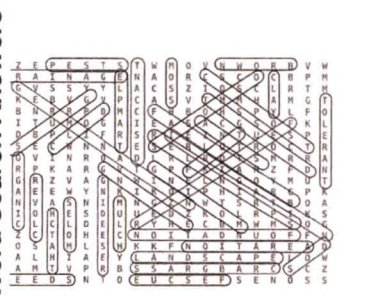
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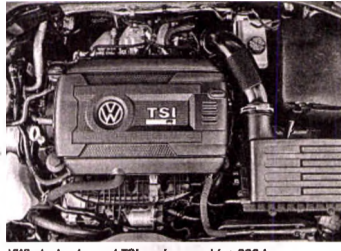


By Dale Buss

It's a confusing time to enjoy driving. The future of everything on the road is either electric, automated, or both, we're told. No one cares about the pure aesthetics of driving anymore, the conventional wisdom says – or at least millennials, who control the future, don't care about it, and that may be all that matters.

And so the notion of controlling a certain type of automobile largely for the pleasure of having it move in certain ways is becoming seen not only as unnecessary and even archaic but even as wanton and destructive – a ridiculous habit left over from less-enlightened days.

All of this is to say – enjoy your Volkswagen Golf R while you still can. This car is plenty practical and fuel-economic, but the 2017 version



VW's turbocharged TSI engine provides 292 hp.

of this substantial runabout is still best appreciated as a wonderful driver's car that just keeps getting better.

Partly because of the fact that it is a substantially sized subcompact vehicle, there are few thrills in motoring these days that are more acute than piloting a Golf R, either hurtling away from a standing start on an urban straightaway or careening confidently around rural curves.

R is at the top of the considerable pyramid of Volkswagen Golf models, which include the GTI sub-brand. And the 2017 version made Car and Driver's "10 Best" list of American

models for this year, with the magazine calling it "the hottest Golf ever to prowl U.S. roads."

What Golf R is all about is expressed in four features of the car.

The first is its engine. Forget all that talk that VW used to do about the superior torque and performance as reasons to purchase its since-discredited diesel engines. Power from Golf R's 2.0-liter, four-cylinder, turbocharged engine is more than enough to whip the car through whatever paces you choose providing a peak of 292 horsepower and 280 lb.-ft. of torque. This is 72 horsepower more than VW gave the GTI, the sporty family member that has the performance reputation.

Opting for the DSG six-speed automated manual transmission in Golf R, in fact, gives the driver the capability of whooshing to 60 mph in a scintillating 4.5 seconds, versus the best time ever recorded for a GTI by Edmunds.com of 5.9 seconds. EPA estimates Golf R's fuel economy at 25 mpg combined (22 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway) with the standard manual and a comparable 25 mpg combined with DSG.

The second major determinative feature of Golf R is its characteristic



The Volkswagen Golf R provides pure driving pleasure.

structural stiffness. Along with the other members of the Golf and GTI family, Golf R is very rigid. Amplified by the 4MOTION all-wheel drive system, this gives Golf R exceptional grip on the road. Braking is outstanding.

Some reviewers believe Golf R demonstrates a bit of turbo lag and that the model could shed a few pounds of metal on a diet, but I didn't experience any disappointment whatsoever in acceleration.

The third major defining feature of Golf R is the leather-wrapped flat-bottom steering wheel, which tells you much of what you need to know about Volkswagen's dedication to making this a determined driver's car. An accompanying telltale – and significant – feature is the very supportive leather bucket seats that

climb halfway up your upper leg and both support and signal the fact that you're going to want to make some extremely sharp turns, if possible, in this car.

Also while interior materials are high-quality, and controls are thoughtfully placed, the understated inside of Golf R also underscores the fact that, while comfortable to sit in, this is a vehicle best appreciated on the move.

And fourth, the exterior design of Golf R amplifies the fact that this is a car for serious drivers. The relatively sparse form is characteristic of Golf and GTI of course. But there's also a determined sleekness to the R's form that is accented nicely by the blunt rear terminus – that also provides a conveniently yawing opening behind the hatchback.



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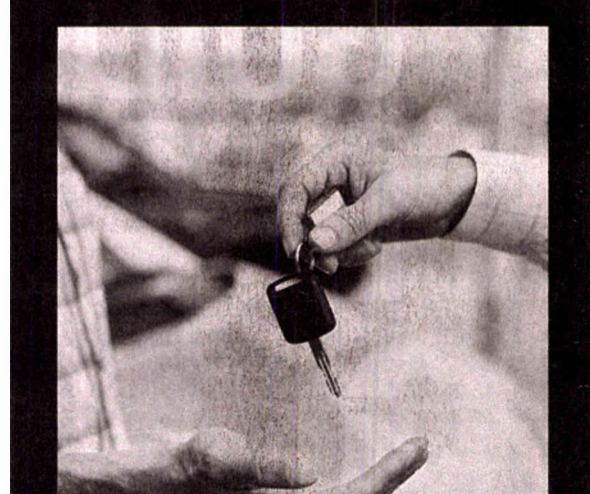
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Charming Condo!

- *Two bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, Cape Cod Condo
- *Kitchen with oak cabinets and ceramic flooring
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Attractive & Spacious Colonial!

- *Five bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, located on 1.5 acres
- *Private inground salt water pool and hot tub
- *Open floor plan with two story great room and stone fireplace
- *Master bathroom with dual vanity and soaking tub

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Immaculate Ranch!

- *Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 1.5 acres
- *Beautiful updated kitchen with Granite counters, cherry cabinets and wood flooring
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- *Four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 10.55 acres, that allows horses
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- *Lower level is great for entertaining, including a full kitchen

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Custom Built Lake Front Home!

- *Four bedrooms, four bathrooms, with amazing lake views
- *Gourmet kitchen with Brazilian cherry cabinetry, wood floors, granite island and dual facing fireplace
- *Soaring ceilings with wall of windows in great room provide stunning views
- *Finished basement great for entertaining

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Wow! Wow! Wow!

- *Four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 2.4 acres
- *Master bedroom suite with tray ceiling
- *Gourmet kitchen with porcelain tile and granite counter top
- *Custom built two story barn with 3 horse stalls

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Cute Colonial!

- *Four bedroom, two and half bathrooms
- *Large foyer with hardwood flooring, formal dining room
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- *First floor laundry

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Historical Home!

- *Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, on almost an acre
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Corner Lot Colonial!

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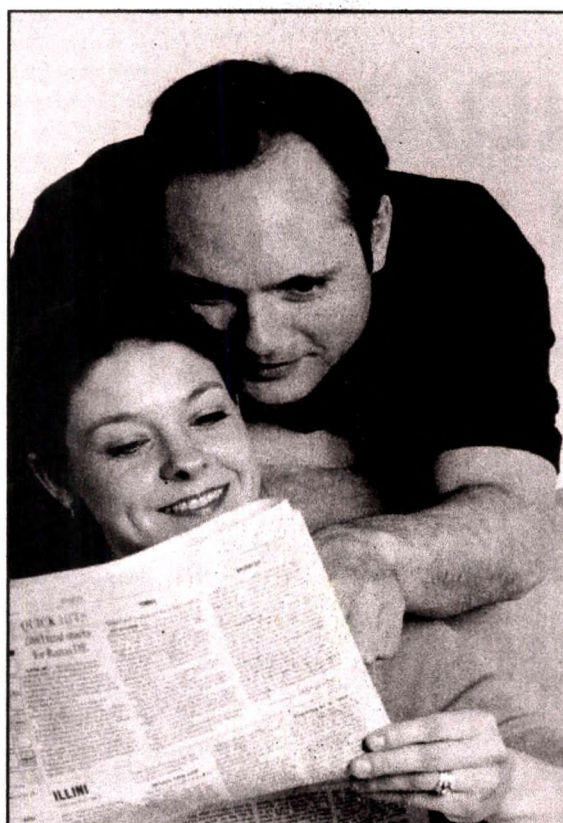
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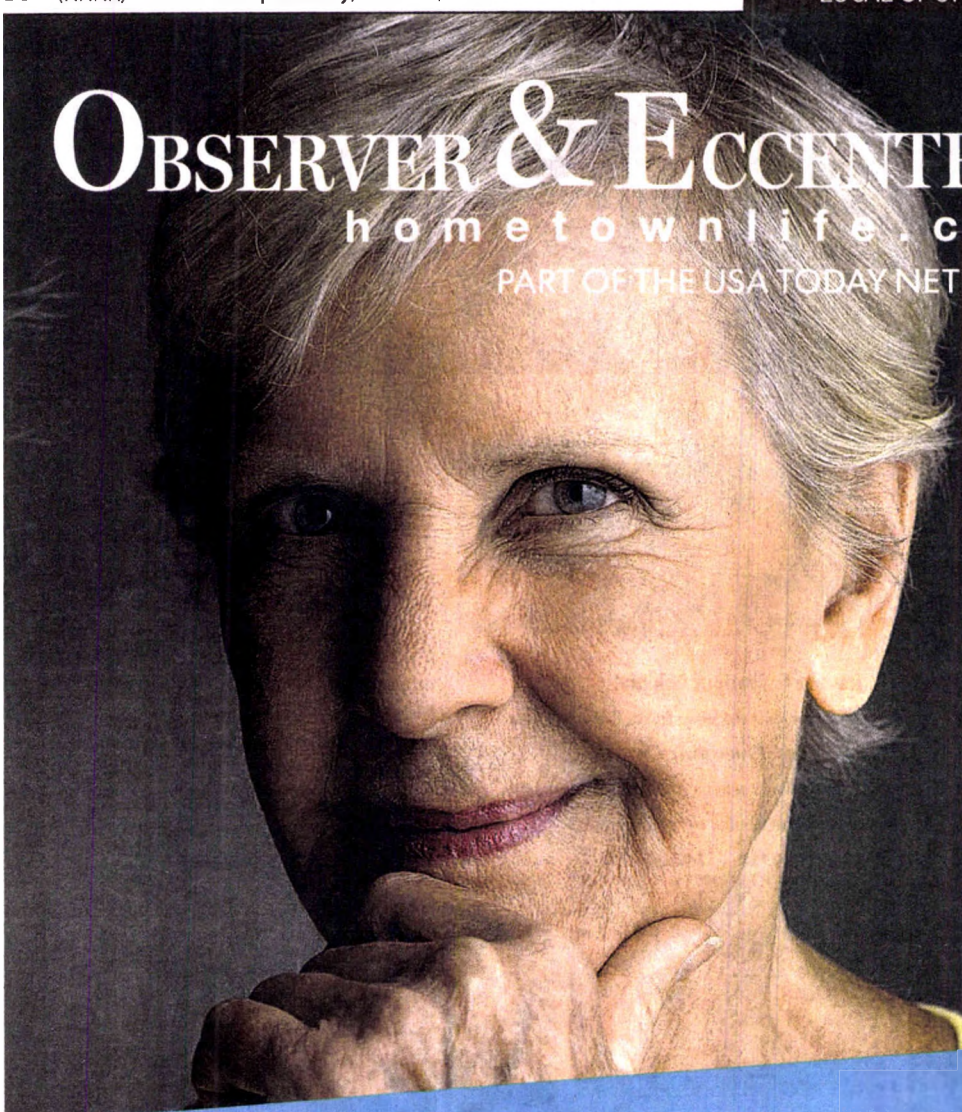
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