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Novi student finalist in Library of Congress contest

We all experience forms of rejection. Whether it's when a spouse leaves us, when we get fired from our jobs or a friend snubs us, the abandonment stings.

But when we're ostracized by a family member — as Novi High School student Michelle Wang was — the pain is paralyzing.

Wang recently shared her feelings of rejection in a two-page, heart-felt letter to a poet, who expressed similar emotions in a 2006 poem entitled "What About Me."



Wang

The letter was so eloquently written that Wang was one of three state finalists in the Library of Congress's annual Letters About Literature reading-writing contest. The high school sophomore is the first Novi Community School District student to reach the state finals of this nationwide competition.

Wang will receive a letter of recognition from the State Librarian and a \$20 Schuler Books & Music gift card.

To read Michelle Wang's letter and Jami McCormick's poem, visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/michellewang.

Memorial Day activities in Novi

On Monday, May 29, the city of Novi will commemorate Memorial Day with a morning of activities focused on reflection and tributes to veterans who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day Run

The day begins at 8 a.m. with the sixth annual Memorial Day Run with 5K and 10K races. The one-mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. The starting line is located at Fuerst Park (10 Mile and Taft roads). Pre-registration is recommended at novimemorialday-run.com.

147, will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (Novi and 12 Mile roads).

Parade

The parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels west along 10 Mile Road, from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center. Parade highlights include Novi High School and Middle School bands, antique cars, Novi businesses, churches and civic organiza-



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Cemetery ceremony

At 8:45 a.m., a tribute ceremony, presented by VFW Post 1519 and American Legion Post

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Novi Director of Public Safety David Molloy reads "Officer Buckle and Gloria" at a May 15 Cookies with Cops gathering at the Novi Public Library. Seven officers read to kids and their parents and then enjoyed cookies and milk and a friendly chat afterward.

Novi Library's Cookies with Cops

Kelly Pontius, her daughter Lucy and others applaud as a Novi Police officer finishes another story during the May 15 Cookies with Cops at the Novi Public Library.



Top 6 students simply amazing

They have organized barbecues for the homeless, are founders of numerous school service groups, they volunteer in local hospitals, do research at local universities and have started their own businesses. They sit on mayoral councils, play guitar in hospice centers and volunteer at animal shelters. That is what they do in their spare time. What they all have in common is that they are the shining stars of our local public and private high schools.

They are the 2017 Hometown Life Top 6 students.

Twenty-five schools responded to our call to honor their top six, representing a total of 146 students in the Hometown Life coverage area — and the list is impressive.

BY THE NUMBERS

Schools: 26
Students: 152
Average ACT score: 34
Average SAT score: 1453
State average SAT: 1001
Perfect 36 ACT: 12
Perfect 1600 SAT: 2

"Each of these students reflect a wonderful combination of character, academic skill and hard work. We are excited to see how they impact the world," Wayne Memorial High School Principal Kevin Weber said.

Not surprising, these students have plenty of support both at home and in the classroom.

"Every person I have met has influenced me in some way, especially my family, but I would have to say Mrs. (Amanda) Laidlaw and Mrs. (Catherine) German have influenced me the most," Kera Sells of John Glenn High School wrote in an email. "They are both extraordinary women in the field of science and they have helped me decided to follow a path into neuroscience and biochemistry. I thank them for strengthening my love for science."

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Grindstone Smokehouse owner to rebuild after fire

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The owner of a Westland restaurant damaged by fire is planning to rebuild his business.

"I'm moving ahead with every intention of reopening. We had a big staff meeting with pizza to talk about ideas on how to keep moving forward," said James Raptoplous, owner of the Grindstone Smokehouse.

Located on Wayne Road just south of Ford, the restaurant suffered extensive interior damage during an early morning fire May 6.

"We were going to

have a big new menu launch and new uniforms. This is heart-breaking for everyone," Raptoplous said. "I think it is not as bad as the photos (indicated). I think it's easily fixed with elbow grease and some two-by-fours."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Westland Fire Department fire marshal division, which will soon be joined by insurance private investigators.

"It is still an undetermined cause of the fire. We can change an undetermined cause (based on additional information)," Westland Fire

Chief Michael Stradtner said.

Much of the fire damage was on the restaurant interior, Stradtner had said, adding the damage was significant but could be rebuilt.

The Grindstone Smokehouse opened late in 2015 after extensive remodeling of the former Beaver Creek. Raptoplous had operated Beaver Creek for about 18 months prior to opening the new restaurant.

"I had so much community support — someone wanted to do a fundraiser. People want to help," he said. "Time is the problem, not money. I

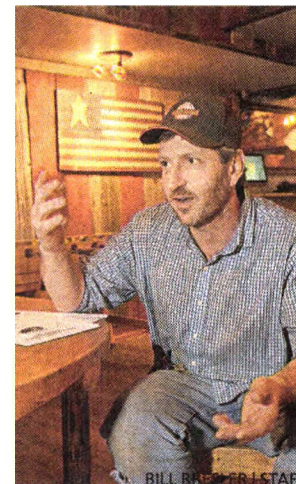
had 30 staff looking at me (at a meeting). I'm going to continue to pay them. We will reopen bigger and better. I expect an even bigger success."

Describing the fire as a little setback, Raptoplous said, "I don't see how I can fail. The community is so behind me. It will all come together."

When work gets going to rebuild the restaurant, Raptoplous said he'd like to work with the city to do some outdoor events behind the building — the smoking kitchen wasn't damaged by the fire.

Earlier in the week,

firefighters gathered to remember fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, 29, who died May 8, 2013, fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick. Like the Grindstone fire, that blaze started overnight while the restaurant was closed. The fire was later ruled arson and Woehlke's death ruled a homicide. No arrests have been made following a lengthy investigation.



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James Raptoplous, shown just before his Grindstone Smokehouse Restaurant opened in 2015.

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tions. Floats will be available for veterans to ride on and families may decorate their bikes and join the parade.

Residents and veterans wishing to take part can pre-register online at cityofnovi.org/memorialday, in person at the Novi Older Adult Services or Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center or by calling 248-347-0414. The parade entry deadline is May 19.

Memorial service

Following the parade, veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored with a fitting tribute. Included in the ceremony are six Novi Community School District students singing the national anthem; remarks from Mayor Bob Gatt; an invocation and benediction from Novi's police and fire chaplain; Novi Scout troops lead-



At 8:45 a.m., a tribute ceremony, presented by VFW Post 1519 and American Legion Post 147, will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (Novi and 12 Mile roads).

ing the Pledge of Allegiance; a wreath laying, gun salute and playing of "Taps." Novi Choralaires will sing "Armed Forces - The Pride of America" and "God Bless America."

Air Force Col. Craig Stigleman (ret.) will deliver the Memorial Day message to remind everyone veterans' sacrifices date back years before us and will go on years after us; during peace time and war time. We should strive to never forget the efforts of those who have died for our freedom.

Veterans luncheon

Veterans and their families will enjoy a lunch, presented by American Legion Post 147, VFW Post 1519 and Jersey Mike's Subs, following the Memorial Day service at the Novi Civic Center.

For more information about the Memorial Day parade and service, contact Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 or go to cityofnovi.org/memorialday.



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CC Quiz Bowl team heads to nationals

With its strong finish at TQBA Texas Invitational VIII, the quiz bowl team from Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi proved itself worthy to play on a national stage.

On Friday, May 26, the team will represent its school in a national competition testing team members' knowledge of history, science, literature, fine arts, geography, the social sciences, current events and more areas of study at the National Academic Quiz Tournaments' High School National Championship Tournament.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mytholo-

gy, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, because no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

Detroit Catholic Central won the High School National Championship Tournament in 2001 and 1999, and also attended in 2016, 2016, 2015, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, and 2000.

Last year's tournament featured 272 of the top high school teams from across the United States, with Hunter



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CC has won all but two of the Michigan Quiz Bowl championships since the year 2000.

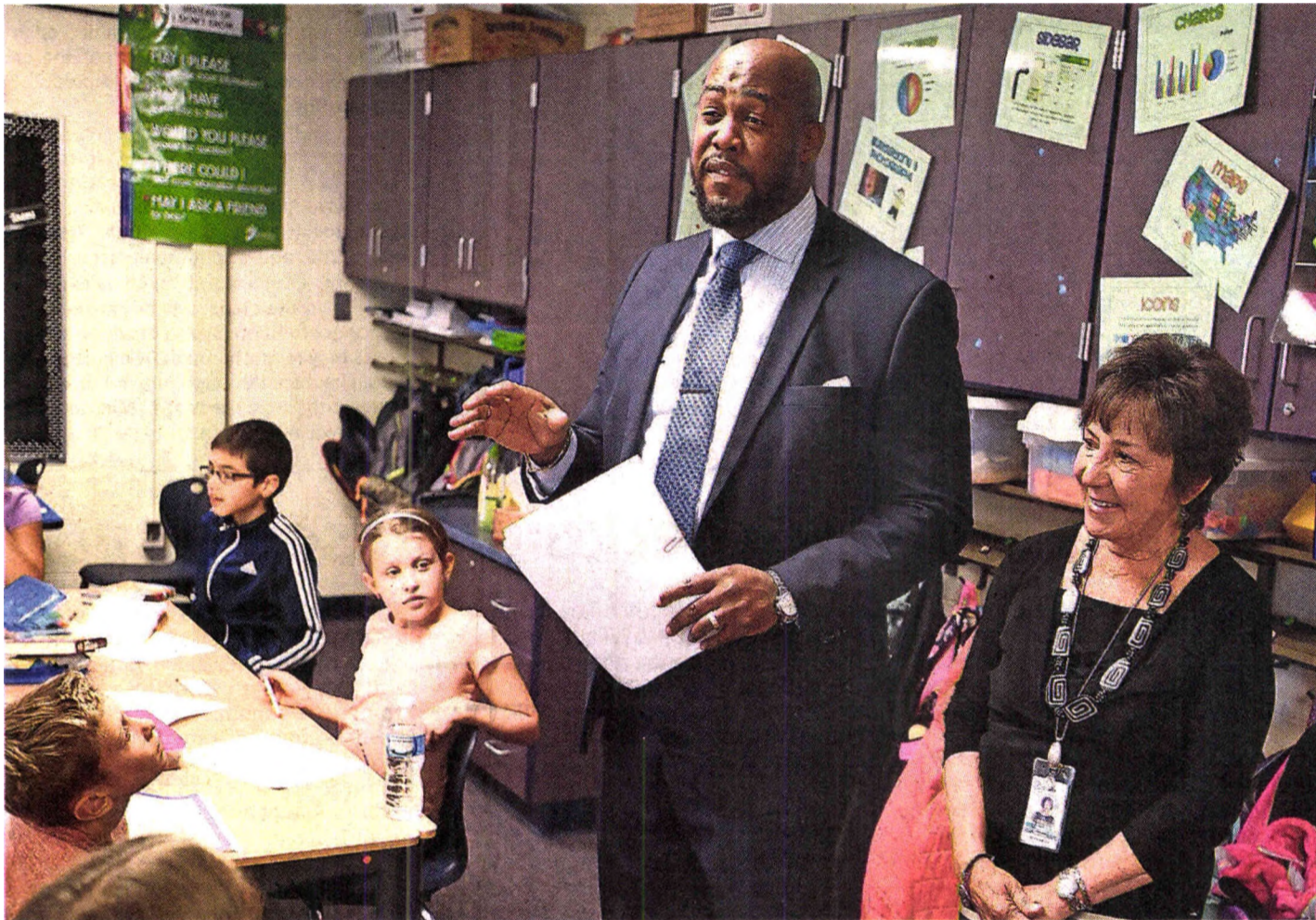
College High School of New York City defeating Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology of

Alexandria, Virginia in overtime in the finals by a score of 400-355. This year's competition will again feature 272 teams. Detroit Catholic Central may face familiar foes in Atlanta, as Detroit Country Day (from Beverly Hills), Livonia Churchill, and Northville will also be attending.

Detroit Catholic Central High School will send four teams to the 2017 HSNCT. The teams will be coached by Christopher Gismondi, who will be assisted by Ben Herman.

Tournament results will be updated throughout the three days of competition at http://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=7400.

Novi's Village Oaks new principal introduced



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dr. Alex Ofili introduces himself to a classroom at Novi's Village Oaks Elementary School on May 15. Ofili will be the school's new principal this fall replacing Principal Sue Burnham (right) who's been leading the school for 12 years and is retiring at the end of this school year.

RCOC projects suspended for holiday weekend

Road Commission for Oakland County Managing Director Dennis Kolar has announced that most RCOC road construction projects will be suspended at 3 p.m. Friday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Work will resume after 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 30.

"The road commission wants to ensure that its roads are as free of obstructions as possible during this period because of the increased traffic we typically see on a holiday," Kolar said. "That should help to ensure safe and convenient holiday travel for motorists in Oakland County."

Kolar also prohibited the hauling of most heavy earth-moving equipment and other large contractor equipment on county roads (vehicles that require a permit to travel on county roads) during the holiday. Some lane closures will be eliminated for the holiday. Roads that are currently closed or partially for construction, such as Maple Road between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road (closed to east-bound traffic), will remain closed to traffic.

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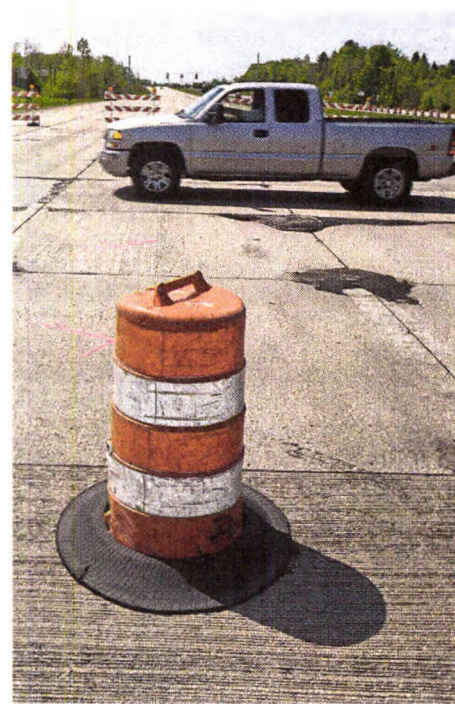
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Construction of M5 northbound in Novi underway



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The east-west crossing at M-5 remains open May 16 as crews begin their work on the major north-south route, which should continue until the end of June.

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Crews have shut down northbound lanes of M-5 in Novi from 13 Mile to Pontiac Trail for repairs. The route's southbound lanes were closed for about a month and they're now open. The route's lanes will be patched with particular attention paid to the intersections, where they're pretty rough. The north lanes should be closed through June for work, however the cross roads of 12 Mile and beyond will remain open.

Shoplifting suspects say self-checkout caused issue

Matt Jachman
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Two male college students were arrested on shoplifting charges May 16 after reportedly failing to pay for about \$50 of groceries at the Walmart on Ingersol Drive in Novi.

Police were called about 8:30 p.m. after a Walmart security worker confronted the men while they were leaving the store with groceries which they had paid for using a self-checkout aisle, according to a Novi Police Department report. But they hadn't paid for several

other items, the witness said, including a package of chocolate bars, four pizzas, a bag of potato chips and three packages of ground beef, according to the report.

The security worker was able to determine what had been purchased and what hadn't by using the checkout receipt, and the men were arrested, the police report said. Both suspects, in statements made separately, said that there had been a problem with the self-checkout machine that a Walmart employee had helped them with, and that in an effort to bypass that problem,

they had inadvertently taken items for which they hadn't paid. They both said they didn't realize they had done anything illegal until an officer showed up.

The men were released on \$100 bonds with citations for third-degree retail fraud and a Monday, June 5, court date.

Vandalism

Graffiti was spray-painted on the foundation walls of a home under construction on Wilder Court, in the area of 13 Mile and Meadowbrook, earlier this month.

In addition, two portable toilets at construction sites on Steinbeck Glen, in the same area, were also vandalized with spray paint within the same time frame. The vandalism occurred between around 5:30 p.m. May 12 and 8 a.m. May 15, a police report said.

One witness said he had seen around eight to 10 teenagers in the area at about 1:30 a.m. May 14.

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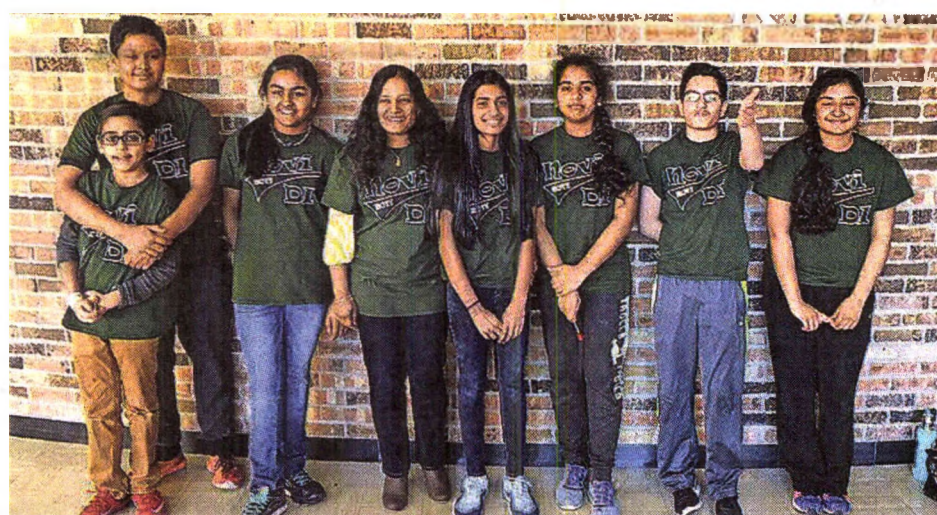
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The Novi team that will compete in the Service Learning category are (left to right) Aryan Batra, Kavin Bala, Pranamya Konanur, Sree Gatti (manager), Neha Chinimilli, Anjani Mallireddy, Varad Mulay, and Avani Vinod.

Five Novi teams head to DI finals

Five teams from the Novi Community School District — a single-year most by Novi — qualified for this month's Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee.

The Novi teams will compete against more than 1,400 teams from around the world during the four-day event set for May 24-27 on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville.

"We have had great success with our teams competing down in Knoxville," said Donna Collins, co-coordinator for Novi's teams. "The best we have done was second place in engineering back in 2009."

Destination Imagination (DI) is dedicated to teaching students the creative process through STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and the arts and service learning challenges. For more than 30 years, DI has been a leader in project-based learning and has helped more than 1.5 million kids tap into their creativity.

DI teams that advance past regional tournaments are invited to participate in the Global Finals. Each May, more than 8,000 of the world's most innovative minds gather in Knoxville, where they can showcase their challenge solutions, celebrate creativity and have fun.

Michigan will be represented at the finals by 69 teams, competing against teams from 15-plus countries, including China, Korea, Poland and Canada.

While five Novi qualified, only four teams plan to compete in this year's finals, which will draw more than 17,000 attendees to the Knoxville Convention and Exhibition Center.

The Novi teams will compete at the elementary school (Engineering Challenge), middle school (Scientific Challenge) and high school levels (Service Learning Challenge and Fine Arts Challenge).

For the second straight year, the elementary level team of Milan Thurman, Morgan Yono, Paige O'Connor, Isabelle Shi, Shrinitha Balraj Carson Lloyd (South Lyon), Collin Lloyd (South Lyon) and Lawrence Thurman (manager) is headed to the finals. All are fifth-grade students, except Collin Lloyd, who is in fourth grade.

The other Novi teams competing in the 2017 finals are:

Middle school (Scientific): Seth Frankling, Alyson Gilghrist, Nikitha Hadya, Spandana Kodali, Ian Marshall, Tiffany Rennells, Julia Tauro and Lesley Tauro (manager).

First high school (Service Learning): Neha Chinimilli, Anjani Mallireddy, Aryan Batra, Pranamya Konanur, Varad Mulay, Avani Vinod, Kavin Bala and Sree Chinimilli (manager).

Second high school (Fine Arts): freshmen Grace Niu, Ashley Zhou, Lili Shibata, Selena Huang and Dong Zhou (manager).

There was also another Novi elementary team that qualified, but for a variety of reasons decided not to attend the Global Finals this year. That group — third-graders Ishaan Thurman, Piedro di Domenico, Ivie Schira, Anika Kumar, Sophie Long, and fourth-grader Yug Patel — competed in the Scientific Challenge.

Remember sacrifices on Memorial Day

In June 1944, more than 160,000 troops headed toward shore along the French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. General Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported this invasion. The goal was to find a way to free Nazi-occupied Europe.

The cost in lives on D-Day was high. The US National D-Day Memorial foundation believes that 2,499 American soldiers were killed that day, along with thousands of Allied forces and scores of casualties.

My uncle was one of them. I never met my Aunt Margie's first husband. He died on the beaches of Normandy. I do not often think about the sacrifices that others make for me. But, my



Steve Matthews
GUEST COLUMNIST

life is built upon the sacrifices of others.

My parents went back to school at Oklahoma State University when my sister was 4 and I was 2 in order to complete their teaching degrees. They knew that in order to provide for their family they needed to earn their college degrees. They were willing to sacrifice for two long years — go to school, work, study, live in married student housing — so that they could build a foundation on which to raise their family.

The men and women of the Novi Police Department are willing every

day to patrol the streets of Novi, deal with difficult situations, intervene to stop crime, so that our community is safe. I speak with Chief Molloy frequently and I am appreciative of the sacrifices that the men and women of our police department make so that we can live and work in safety.

My wife has sacrificed so that I can be the Superintendent of the Novi Community School District. She is willing to endure many late nights, many nights alone so that I can attend to the parents and students in our district.

But, ultimately, everything that I have is built upon the sacrifices of people like my uncle who gave their lives so that our nation would endure. The willing sacrifice that my uncle made allows me to experience the freedoms that I enjoy.

Monday, May 29, is Memorial Day. For many of us it is a day off from

school and work. It is a time for festive parades and barbecues. It is often a day to sleep late and relax.

But Memorial Day was started not to be just another day off. The purpose of Memorial Day is to honor those men and women who died while serving in the US military.

This Memorial Day I will once again remember the sacrifice of an uncle I never knew but whose sacrifice has provided me with so much.

I would ask that you take a moment this Memorial Day as well to remember and honor those men and women who have sacrificed for all of us.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Celebrating 42 years

The Northville-Novi affiliate of the American Association of University Women celebrated the end of their 42nd year at a dinner held at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center on May 9. The group listened to an energizing speech by Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Community Library. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a \$5,000 Thumbs Up Award to the group by Andrea Hacker, manager of the Northville location, and Nancy Pieske, manager of the Novi location, from Community Financial Credit Union.

Darlene Ursel and Karel Whitaker were presented with certificates from the national for being members for 50 years. Karen Zyczynski was chosen as the affiliate's Named Honoree. The group's yearly donation to the National's Educational Foundation will be made in her name.

The affiliate's scholarship winners are Kelsey Evans from Northville High School and Emma Hammelef from Novi High School. Kelsey will be working on a double major in political science and math while Emma will be studying biomechanical engineering. AAUW Northville-Novi also contributes to endowments they have set up at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College. The colleges then choose deserving students to receive these scholarships.

For the award, Jan Wilhelm saw the announcement for the Thumbs Up Contest and notified the officers of the organization. Susan Schanne wrote the application for the contest. Joyce Murdock sent out e-mails every day reminding the members and their friends to vote for AAUWNN whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Teen volunteers

Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, and the Providence Park League recently honored several local high school students for their service throughout the school year.

Among those honored were: Shobanee Srikantha, Madison Mirabatur, Gillian Zayan, Katherine Schiller, Robbie Heil, Melany Martinez-Aviles, Courtney Kolodziej, Simrin Kapoor, Manal Kahn, Ryan Lahey, Tejas Athavale, Raisa Zahir, Maheen Kahn and Matthew Lee.

American Girl temporary store

American Girl, the popular doll company, is returning to Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi this summer with another temporary retail store location. The store is expected to remain open through early 2018.

The store will feature an assortment of the popular American Girl dolls, books, and accessories, along with the signature Doll Hair Salon.

Crohn's & Colitis support group

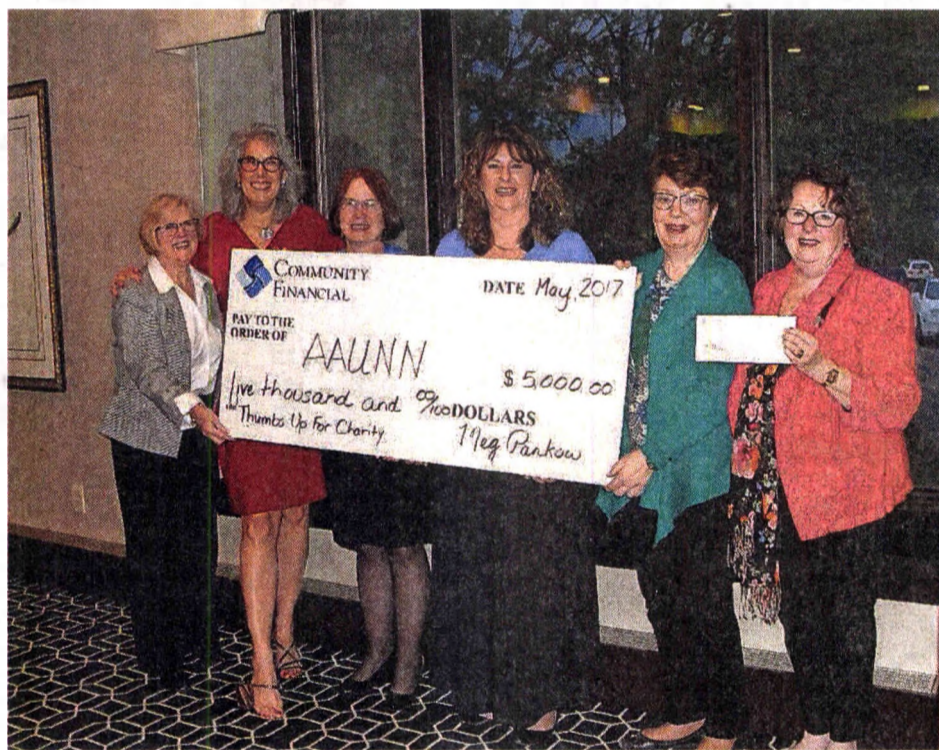
The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Michigan Chapter holds a monthly support group for patients and caregivers affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Held at Beaumont Hospital, the group is facilitated by a trained volunteer and allows participants to connect to others sharing a similar journey. Patients and their loved ones can share their stories, seek emotional support, find answers to their questions, and connect with a community who share their challenges.

The Farmington Hills IBD Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Beaumont Hospital, Zieger A & Center, Classrooms A & B at 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 25. This group will take the summer off and not meet in June, July or August



Providence Park Hospital teen volunteers were honored. Pictured are (from left): front - Shobanee Srikantha, Madison Mirabatur, Gillian Zayan, Katherine Schiller, Robbie Heil, Melany Martinez-Aviles and Courtney Kolodziej; and back - Simrin Kapoor, Manal Kahn, Ryan Lahey, Tejas Athavale, Raisa Zahir, Maheen Kahn and Matthew Lee.



Accepting a \$5,000 check from Community Financial Credit Union are (from left) Joyce Murdock, Susan Schanne, Nancy Pieske, Manager of the Novi Community Financial Credit Union, Andrea Hacker, Manager of the Northville Community Financial Credit Union, Jan Wilhelm and Mary Jane Kearns, Co-President of the Northville-Novi AAUW affiliate.

2017. For more information, call 248-737-0900, ext. 2 or email michigan@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

Go take a walk

Many older adults take walks to get their exercise, but to build up endurance it's important to walk often and walk briskly. Brisk walking increases breathing and heart rate for an extended period of time.

Starting this week, Novi Path Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Wildlife Woods Park, 26442 Wixom Road, and will walk the ITC Corridor Trail to the Providence Park Hospital Campus and back. The walk is two miles and is a no-drop walk; the group will remain together. Due to the holiday, the group will not meet July 4.

Physical activity doesn't need to be complicated. Something as simple as a daily brisk walk can help you live a healthier life. To learn more about Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services offerings, go to cityofnovi.org or call Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Community garden plots

The Growing Greens Milford community garden still has a few plots available. Anyone is interested in a garden plot this season can find more information and sign up online at www.growinggreensmilford.org.

Help shape Novi's future

The dedication of Novi residents is essential for maintaining a vibrant community for the 55 & Better population. If you, or a loved one, are part of the older adult community, your feedback is needed and appreciated. This five-minute survey is designed to help us understand what programs and services, communication avenues and transportation options meet your needs and wants. Your response will provide guidance to the Older Adult Services staff in creating a five-year strategic plan.

In appreciation of your input, provided on or before June 7, your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket. For questions, call Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 or email Karen Kapchonick at kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org. Share your thoughts by clicking on the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAKE5futureofNovi>.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Westland resident lands scholarship

Alliance Catholic Credit Union recently named Divine Child High School Senior and Westland resident Kelsey O'Brien as a recipient of the 2017 Melinda Bryant Scholarship program.

O'Brien is known as a tireless volunteer whose smile never fades while working at organizations such as PBJ Outreach and local soup kitchens. She plans to pursue a medical degree and use it to help those in underdeveloped countries as a member of the Peace Corps.

"Medial professionals change the world every day — they develop new technologies, cures to disease and procedures," O'Brien said. "Knowing that I could have the possibility to improve the lives of children, women and men from underdeveloped countries fills me with hope."

O'Brien attributes her parochial education for her conviction to serve others by extending charity.

"I have been taught that charity is much more than service or self-sacrifice — charity is love," she said. "Charity and every lesson I have been taught in high school will help me to positively impact the world, whether the impact be large or small."

O'Brien was awarded \$1,000 that will be applied toward her tuition at Wayne University, where she will be attending next fall.

Alliance Catholic initiated the scholarship program to award educational scholarships to students and families who are committed to making a difference in the lives of others through their service and volunteer work. Applicants were evaluated on merit and a personal essay.

Scholarship winners featured PCAC exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced the winners of the 2017 Damaris Fine Art Scholarship Awards. Salem High School Senior Olivia Harkins received a \$1,000 scholarship. She will be attending Alma College in the fall. Starkweather High School Senior Rachel Pelloni received a \$500 scholarship. She plans to attend Lansing Community College.

In addition, the PCAC awarded Skylar Heuer the first Debra Madonna Scholarship. The scholarship was established in honor of the "over 20-year" commitment Madonna served on the



Kelsey O'Brien is Alliance Catholic Credit Union President/CEO Rob Grech.

PCAC Board of Directors, both as a member and president. The scholarship will be awarded yearly to a student in grades 5-8 who participates in PCAC art classes. Heuer received \$150 gift certificated for art classes.

The two Damaris Scholarship winners were among seven applicants for the yearly art competition and exhibit. Others include: Seren Bryna, Rose Kuchta, Alyssa Rowley, Gregory Baginski (all from Starkweather Academy) and Laura Westcott (Plymouth HS). The seniors' work is on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council until May 31st, together with art created by

PCAC's own emerging art students, ages 5-14. Gallery hours are M-Th, 9:00am-4:00pm until June.

The Damaris Scholarship Award competition offers high school seniors from Plymouth, Canton, Salem and Starkweather an opportunity to exhibit their artwork at the PCAC for a month, as well as win \$1500 in scholarship money for post-secondary studies in art.

Dean's list

The following students achieved the dean's list at Belmont University for the spring 2017 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade-point average of 3.5, with no grade below a C: Leah Bruce and Meg Bruce of Novi and Melissa Crowley of Northville.

Livonia native receives Doctor of Pharmacy degree

Chelsae Heinze from Livonia earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Cedarville University School of Pharmacy on May 6.

The 45 doctoral candidates are the second class to graduate from the school of pharmacy, and part of the 796 students receiving degrees at the university's 121st commencement on Saturday, May 6. Last year 48 students earned Doctor of Pharmacy degrees.

Currently there are 290 students enrolled in Cedarville University's doctoral and undergraduate pharmacy programs.

The majority of this year's graduates have already accepted positions as full-time pharmacists, according to a press release.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study.

Hombirg among Citadel graduates

Darren Hombirg of Wayne graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, on May 6. Hombirg earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Members of The Citadel Class of 2017 were recognized for excellence in leadership, service and academics at commencement. The South Carolina Corps of Cadets celebrated the graduation of 551 cadets, seven active duty students and 23 veteran students. Of

those cadets, 129 were commissioned as officers.

The Citadel with its iconic campus in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women profoundly focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military but about one-third of each class commission as officers in every branch of U.S. military service.

Hillsdale graduate

Colleen Coleman graduated from Hillsdale College at the top of her class, majoring in English with a minor in Latin. At Hillsdale, she belonged to the Catholic Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Interdisciplinary Honorary, played violin, and worked in the president's office as a Winston Churchill Fellow.

Her family lives in Plymouth; Colleen is the oldest of three children.

Coleman is a recipient of the Allison Churchill Fellows Scholarship, the Eleanor Carlson Babcock Scholarship, the George & Ruth Ferguson Scholarship, and the H. K. & Carolyn A. Williams Scholarship.

Next year, Colleen will be teaching at the Trinity School at River Ridge in Eagan, Minnesota.

Garden City grad joins Scholars

Kayla Nicole Cane of Garden City has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, according to a press release.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement," NSCS founder and chief executive officer Stephen E. Loflin said in a press release. "Membership gives students access to amazing benefits, including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel and service projects both on campus and in the community."

Cane graduated from Garden City High School and will be a junior at Central Michigan University this fall.

NSCS is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students, the press release says. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade-point average and class standing. NSCS has more than 1 million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, the organization says.

For more information, go to nscs.org.

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Kitten rescued from Little Caesars Arena



"Little Squeasars" was rescued from the new Little Caesars Arena in Detroit.

Detroit's highly anticipated Little Caesars Arena won't open until the fall, but a six-month-old kitten wanted in on the action early.

Construction workers noticed the feral black kitten wasn't wearing a hardhat. But they didn't just contact their supervisor — they wanted to save her. So they reached out to a "Trap-Neuter-Return" volunteer — someone who humanely catches outdoor cats in live traps; takes them to a veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped for identification; and releases them back to the area they know.

Of course, "Little Squeasars," named after the area where she was found, couldn't safely be returned to the construction site. She was taken to a Detroit area shelter. The shelter kept the kitten for a month, then informed the volunteer they would be euthanizing the kitten.

"I couldn't let that happen," the volunteer said. "These compassionate construction workers reached out to save her; how could I let them down by letting the kitten they'd rescued be put down?"

The volunteer contacted the Humane Society of Huron Valley, whose community cat coordinator found a safe, outdoor location for Little Squeasars.

"Returning unsocial cats to their original location, where they were thriving, is a really important part of TNR," said Cheryl Szkutnicki, HSHV's community cat coordinator. "But in cases where there is demotion or other direct threats like animal cruelty, we look for relocation options."

Little Squeasars isn't the first animal this year to be saved by concerned construction workers. Last month, HSHV responded to a call about five baby foxes on a demolition site in Dexter.

"As we just saw with the family of foxes, demolition and construction creates danger and displacement for animals that live outdoors. When private companies, compassionate individuals and humane organizations work together, we can often find positive solutions," says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's president and CEO. "Sometimes it takes a little creativity and extra effort. But it's always worth it."

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HELPING YOUNG WOMEN FIND VOICES

Mentor program uses writing for empowerment and to pave way to future

CHRIS WOODYARD
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 one-nation.usatoday.com.

LOS ANGELES - To Keren Taylor, there's no greater feeling than hearing an inner voice emerge from a shy young woman reaching into her soul to talk about herself through song lyrics, poetry or dramatic dialogue.

Taylor is the founder of WriteGirl, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that connects teenage girls with mentors with the goal of empowering them to express themselves in whatever genre suits them — poetry, journals, screenwriting, playwriting or another form. In 16 years, WriteGirl has grown to include 300 young women, all paired with mentors.

The goal is to be there for the girls, through thick and thin. "There might be a storm raging, but we are here to be fierce protectors of these young women and their future. It's not easy but sure feels good," Taylor says.

She says her mission began when she was working as a singer and songwriter in New York. Invited to speak about her craft in school classroom, she realized that she could connect to youths through different forms of writing in ways that traditional essays never could.

"Kids did not like to write at all. The light bulb came on when they saw they could write a song," Taylor says.

The focus isn't necessarily on correct grammar and spelling. Rather, Taylor says she and her mentors focus on content — trying to draw out pent-up feelings so girls can express themselves in a world where often they are overshadowed in classrooms by boys.

"I have great respect for what teachers have to go through, but we are outside of that system," Taylor says. "We found that students thrive when they write about things they know. ... They are given the freedom without pressure



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For Keren Taylor, founder of the mentoring organization WriteGirl, the goal is to be there for the girls in the program through thick and thin. "It's not easy but sure feels good," Taylor says.

or competition."

WriteGirl says it has a 100 percent success rate in getting women to apply to college. The program is expanding to include boys and is reaching past schools into correctional facilities. WriteGirl programs are starting in other cities.

What makes Taylor most proud? When program graduates "want to give back. When they graduate from college, they want to be of service."

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Keren Taylor

Location: Los Angeles

Age: 53

Profession: Community leader

Mission: To help young women

Q&A WITH KEREN TAYLOR

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me, being an American means to be part of a diverse and vast country, as full of possibilities and imperfections as I am. It comes with responsibility, this citizenship of America — a responsibility to uphold and advance the country's founding principles of equality, justice and freedom. In my own way, I know I am doing my best to do my part on that front, in my own community, with hundreds of volunteers helping and contributing to this organization, WriteGirl, that I started 16 years ago!

What moment motivated you to launch this effort?

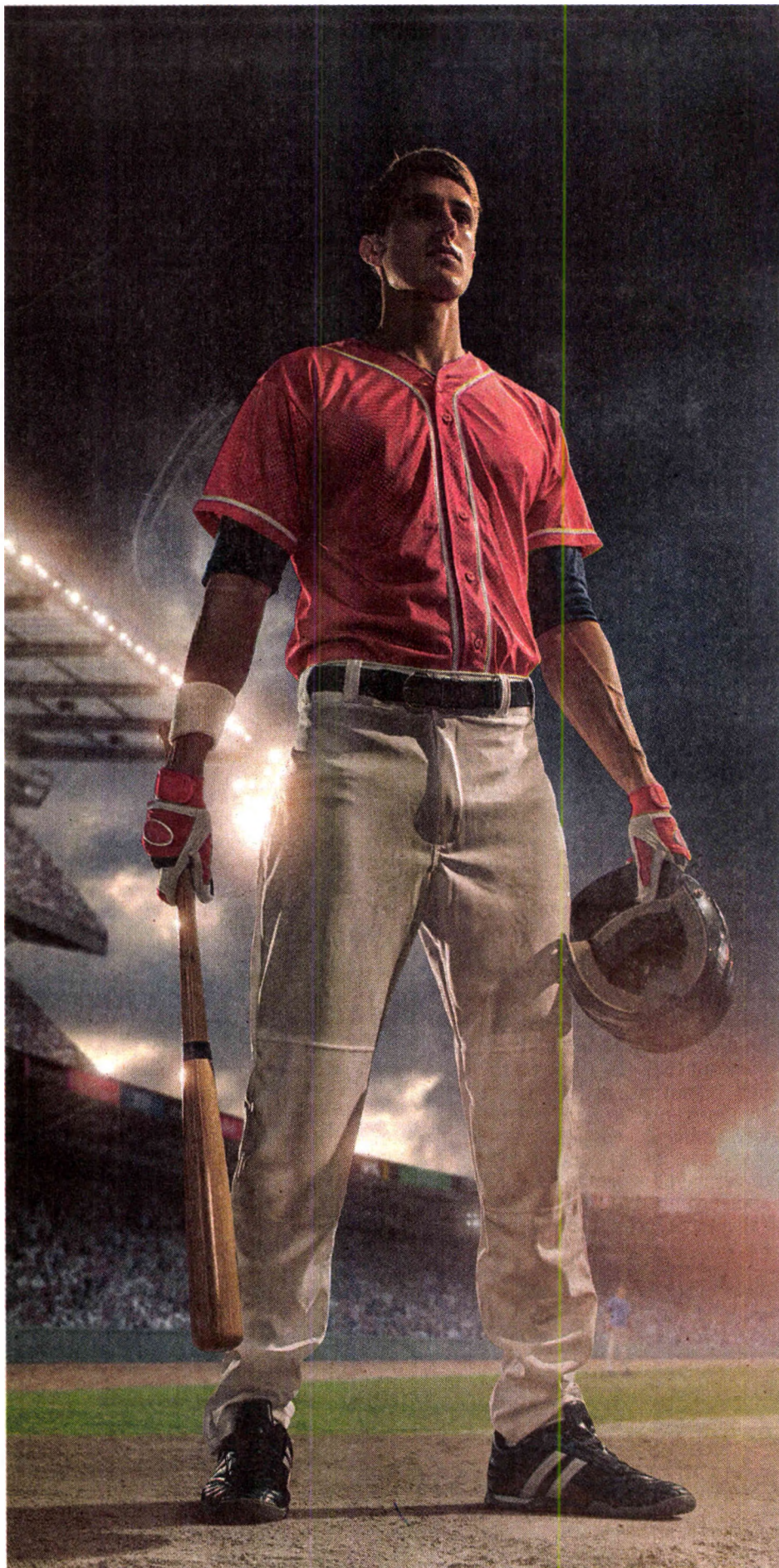
Teen girls in Los Angeles and other cities are faced with incredible challenges. ... To give them a place where they are supported by other women, and encouraged and inspired, is really something that lets me sleep at night, to know that we're helping teen girls feel like their voice matters. So I think the work that I did previously as a songwriter, as a writer, nothing has been as powerful as the kind of work I am doing now.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

We really help girls write about their families, their neighborhood, their culture, and what they see is that they have much more in common with other teen girls than they realized. And sometimes we have them even reading the work of other girls outside of Los Angeles to get that cross-pollination. I think it's really important that people really look at their own stories and not be only looking outward to a story that's being told to them by others. Because our story is what makes us American, our own personal stories.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I love is bringing people together who otherwise might not meet and (giving) them the chance to see the things they have in common. Los Angeles is full of people who are passionate about a lot of different things, so to be able to have that dialogue happen and to be able to bridge their various views and perspectives is really a terrific thing.



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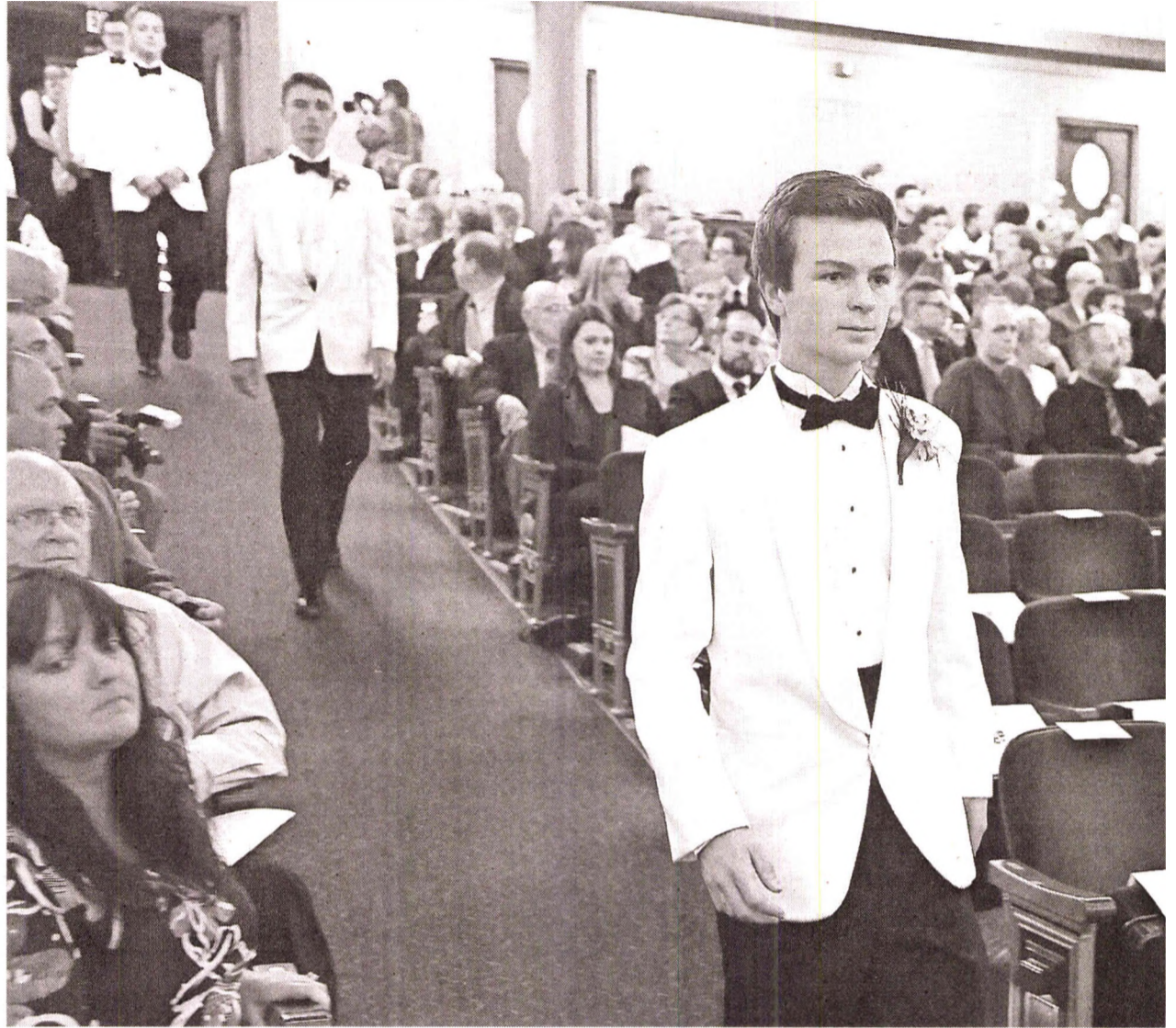
Catholic Central commencement

On Sunday, May 20, Catholic Central High School held its commencement at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus.



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Detroit Catholic Central class of 2017 graduate Matthew Harding hoists the Rev. James Whelan Award during the school's May 21 ceremony at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium. The Whelan is presented to the Shamrock who best represents the school's academic and athletic devotion and is voted on by the student body.



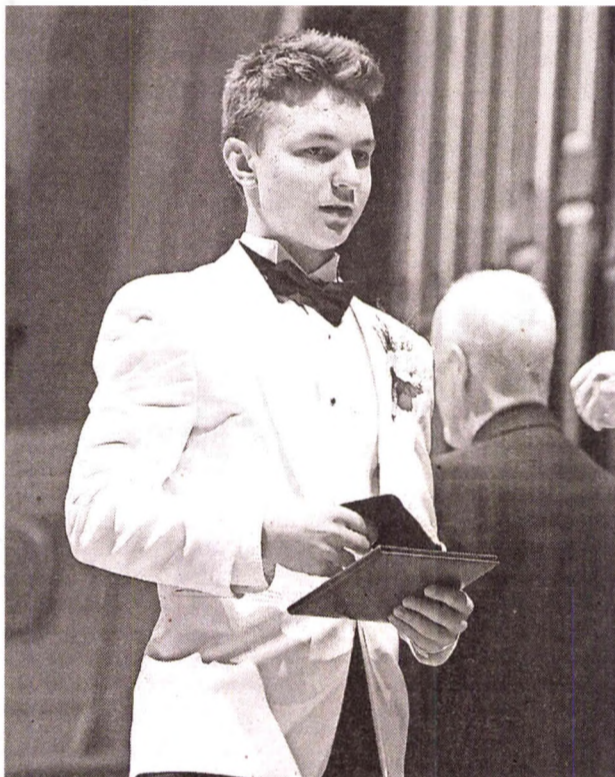
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Members of Catholic Central's class of 2017 enter Hill Auditorium at the start of the commencement ceremony.



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Catholic Central holds its commencement exercise at U-M's Hill Auditorium.



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Valentino Ivezaj exits the stage after receiving his diploma from Detroit Catholic Central on May 21. Each CC graduate also received a set of Rosary beads from the school.



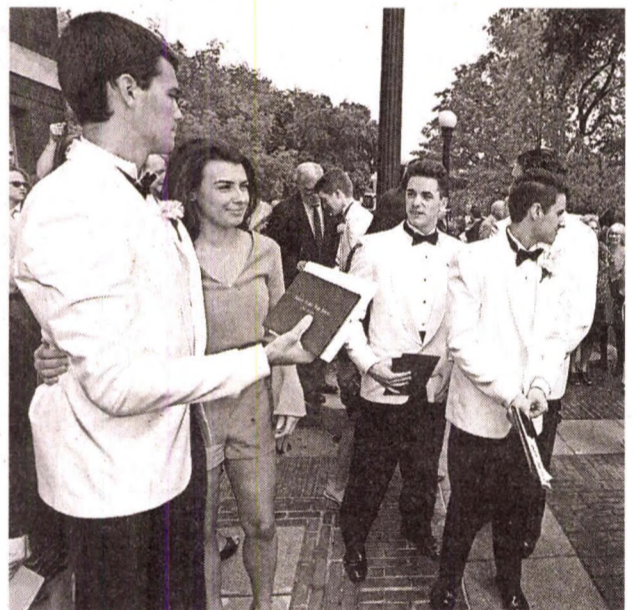
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Detroit Catholic Central graduate George Turek, class of 1966, addresses the commencement ceremony.



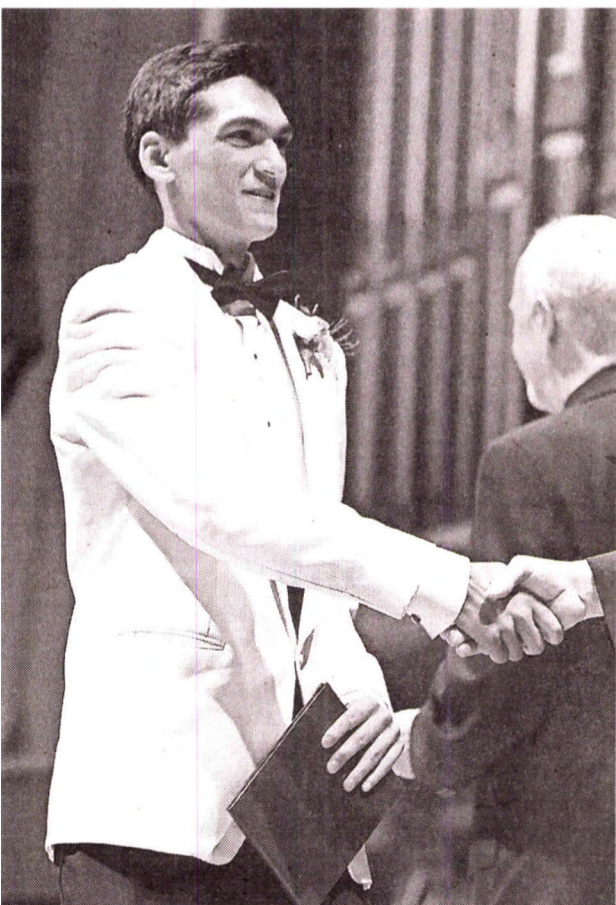
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James Wiaduck Jr. graduates from Detroit Catholic Central on May 21.



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Catholic Central's class of 2017 enjoys gathering with their friends and family outside of Hill after the ceremony.



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Vijay Ravindran receives his diploma from Detroit Catholic Central.



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Catholic Central graduate Michael Collins shakes hands with the school's President Rev. John B. Huber.



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Ryan Heffernan graduates from Detroit Catholic Central on May 21.



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Talking turbans is part of his comedy. Iqbal Bhan has more than 200 of them.

Sikh stand-up comedian earns Seinfeld comparison

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After landing a stand-up comedy gig at New York City's former Laugh Factory in 2008, Iqbal Singh Bhan's friends called him the Sikh world's Jerry Seinfeld. They nicknamed him Sardar Seinfeld after he used his Sikh attire, especially his turban, to make audiences laugh, dispel misconceptions and break down cultural barriers.

He joked that his turban was an amplifier that improved his hearing. Or he wore it to disguise that, as a Sikh man who should never cut his hair as a religious tradition, he was bald.

"I took advantage of my turban," Bhan said, sitting with wife Veena in their Canton home.

Bhan was born in India and brought his sense of humor with him when he came to America in 1960. He couldn't get used to driving on the right side of the road because, in his homeland, motorists drove on the left.

"So I started driving in the middle of the road," he said, smiling.

Bhan, who uses the stage name Bali Bhan, even turned a hospital stay into humor when he went in for knee replacement surgery.

"I told them I was there for the food," he said.

His wife smiled: "He made jokes until he went in for surgery."

TejKiran "Sunny" Singh, who knows Bhan from the Canton-based Sikh Gurdwara Singh Sabha of Michigan, a place of worship, said Bhan's efforts to use humor to reach out to the larger community can only help to improve understanding among cultures.

"It's showing that we want to be part of everybody. We want to be part of this country. We are not foreigners anymore," Singh said. "We are all one."

Bhan, one of five siblings, came to the United States after he became upset that he was rejected for an engineering school in India. He said he became the first Sikh to graduate from Marquette University in Wisconsin, where he



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Iqbal Bhan, a Sikh comedian, lives in Canton.

earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

He helped pay his way through school by modeling to sell products in magazines such as Playboy and National Geographic, who sent representatives from Chicago to work with him.

At a time when far fewer Sikhs had come to America, Bhan found that most people "were curious" about his appearance. He earned hundreds of dollars for the photo shoots.

He later earned his master's degree in engineering from Penn State, where he said he met the likes of longtime football coach Joe Paterno. His education gave him the skills for a long career working for companies in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, where he retired from Faurecia Interior Systems, although he still works as a part-time consultant.

No matter where he worked, he always had a knack for making his co-workers laugh with humor he often directs at himself. He stands 5 feet, 7 inches.

"I'm very short for a Sikh man. I didn't drink milk," he said.

Bhan began working as a part-time stand-up comedian after he retired in 2008. He has appeared in clubs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Dallas, where his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren live.

Closer to home, he has appeared at the former Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia and at local parties, churches and schools.

"He entertains in the (airplane) flight also," Veena said, recalling the

time Bhan had an impromptu comedy routine for passengers who were delayed departing from their plane.

Bhan's neighbor, Dianne Neihengen, was among a group that saw one of his "delightful" shows. Neihengen, who is Catholic, said some neighborhood Christians and the Bhans have taken turns visiting each other's churches.

"We have wonderful talks together about our different faiths. I love learning about other religions," she said, adding later, "I consider it a gift to have them as neighbors."

Bhan also organized an outing for four couples to an Indian restaurant.

"It's very important to him to build a sense of community," Neihengen said.

In the late 1970s, Bhan's young daughter penned a letter to late-night talk show icon Johnny Carson, though Bhan never sent it. In it, she wrote of her father's humor and made a pitch for Carson to invite him on his show.

Bhan said he tries to lead people into having a better understanding of Sikhs. He speaks to strangers everywhere he goes. It's another way he tries to break down cultural barriers.

"If I am friendly to you," he said, "chances are you will be friendly with me."

Bhan also tries to educate others about Sikhs and their attire. He said many are surprised when they realize that turbans, worn as a humble, religious expression, are 15 feet long and 4 feet wide. He has more than 200 turbans of all colors and is proud of the Sikh religion and culture.

Bhan is proud of the work Sikhs do in places such as the Singh Sabha of Michigan in Canton and, in Plymouth, the Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib, commonly known as Hidden Falls, places he said are welcoming to the larger community.

"We feed people in our temple. We help others. We pray for everybody," he said.

Bhan's successes have brought him attention in his home country, where he once received recognition from former India

President Giani Zail Singh.

Bhan has performed stand-up comedy less since he had knee replacement surgery. In the end, though, Bhan's goal in life is simply to make people feel good. He uses his humor to do it.

"A smile is easy and it doesn't cost anything," he said. "That's what I provide."

For more information, go to <http://www.balibhan.com>

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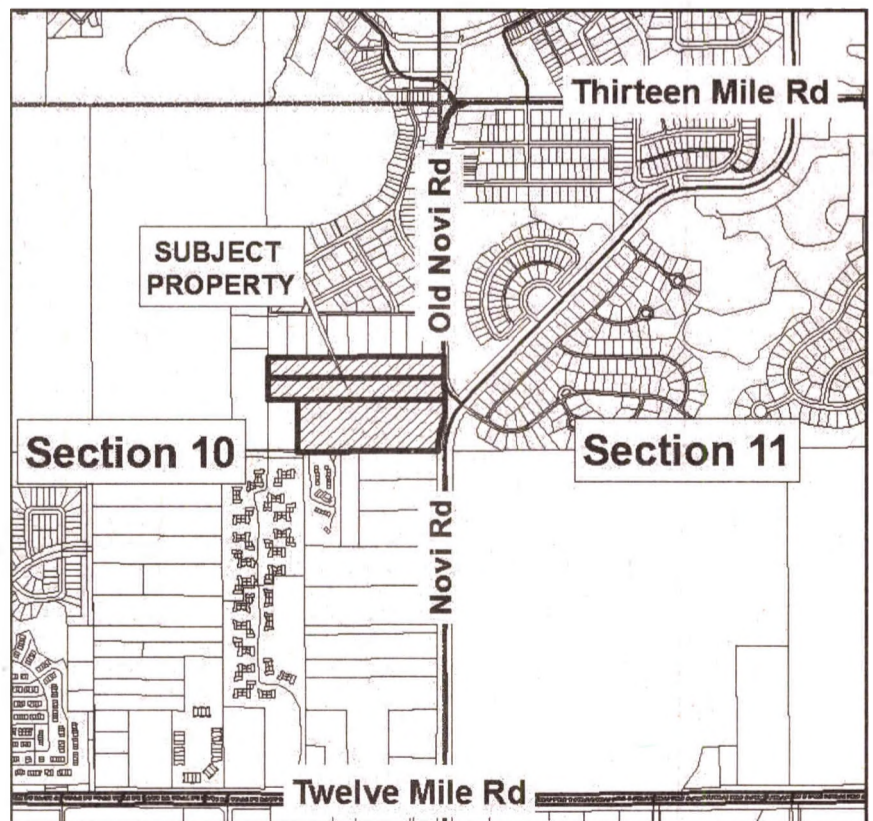
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Iqbal Bhan talks about his life and comedy.

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, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BOLINGBROKE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 17-34, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SITE CONDOMINIUM, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 10 AT THE INTERSECTION OF NOVI AND OLD NOVI ROADS, NORTH OF 12 1/4 MILE ROAD AND IS ZONED R-4, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** The applicant is proposing to develop the 19.78 acre parcel to 46 single-family, detached residential site condominiums.

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



Subject Property Parcel IDs: 50-22-10-280-004, 50-22-10-280-005, 50-22-10-280-008

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, June 14, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Attorney Isabella Montano makes her closing argument to the jury.

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Snow White (Elena Recinto) is sworn in by bailiff Madison Dicks.

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Wicked Queen, Snow White battle it out



The Seven Dwarfs (Kennedy Kissick, Megan Vernaz, Norman Mio, Lara Daaboul, Blake Barish and Braxton Enge) are called to testify.

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Vedika Budhraj closes her case.

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With the question of to whom the Magic Mirror was referring when it talked about who was the "fairest of them all," one would think the Wicked Queen could simply declare herself the victor over Snow White by royal decree.

But that's not how it works in the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. In Judge Marla Parker's courtroom, the evidence tells the story and the jury produces the verdict. There, the Queen and Snow White are on equal footing.

That's how it played out last week, when Parker relinquished her courtroom to Forest Elementary School third-graders, who played out the trial with a non-partisan judge, prosecuting and defense attorneys, the defendant and plaintiff and a jury made up of parents.

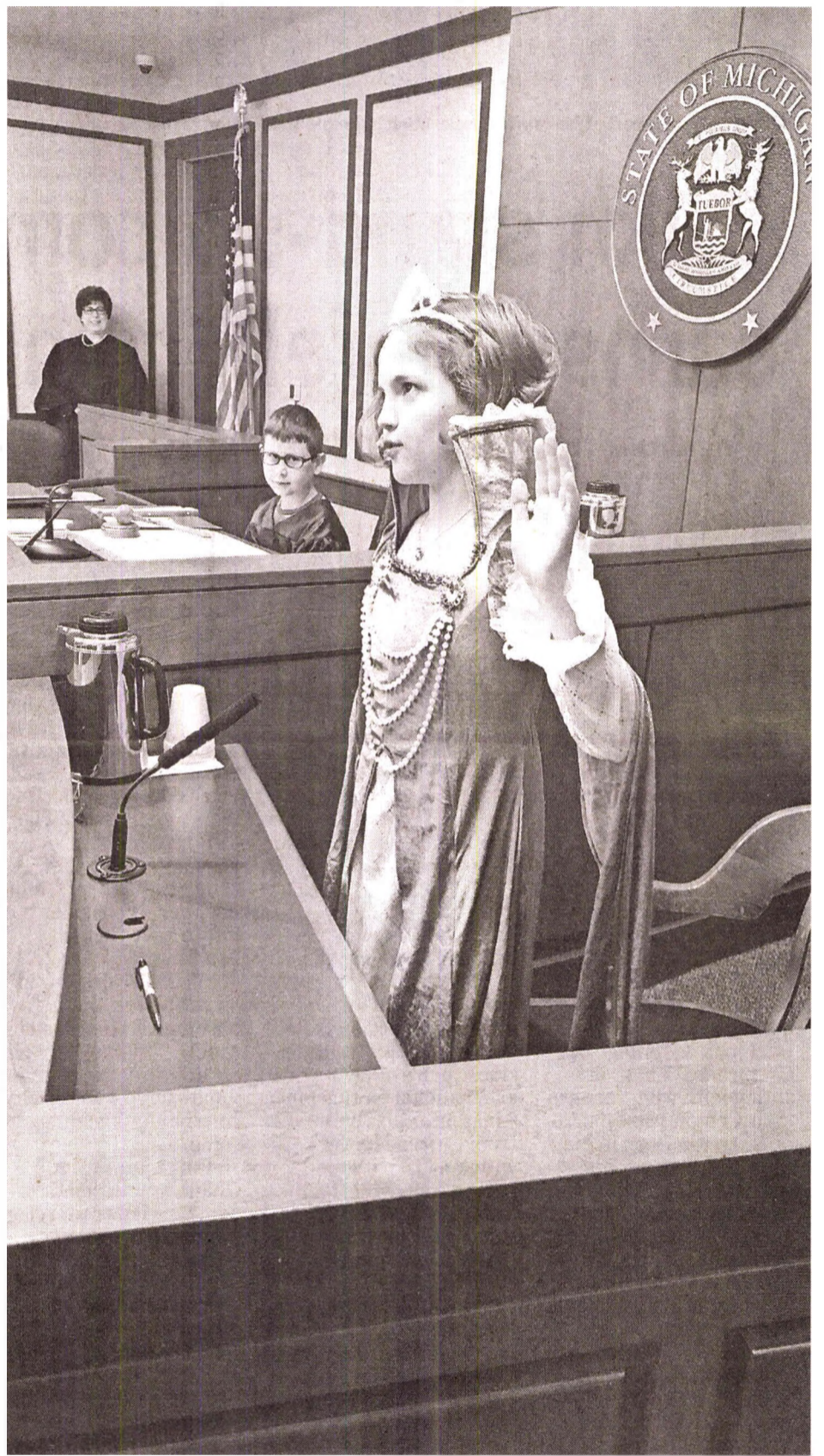
It's an annual ritual the third-graders have done for years as part of their education.

"This activity has helped us understand government and it gives us experience speaking in front of a large group," teacher Kathryn Grundner said. "The kids get a ton out of this. We work on public speaking, we learn about the judicial system and they learn about their city."

As part of the school's social studies government unit, the kids began working on the play about a month ago, spending at least 45 minutes a day on it. Students were asked whether they wanted a large, medium or small role and then took the assigned roles "and made them their own," Grundner said.

By the time the performance arrived, the students were pretty well set.

"The students toward the end needed very little direction and did a great job helping each other



The Wicked Queen (Claire Winter) takes her oath as Judge Nathan Smart looks on.

BRAD KADRICH

out," Grundner said. "By either helping them with costumes, practicing lines, working on facial expressions and body language. It was great to witness the teamwork."

In the play, the plaintiff claimed Snow White had stolen the trademark "Fairest of Them All" from the Wicked Queen. Witnesses were called, including the Seven Dwarfs, the Huntsmen and Snow White and the Queen themselves.

In rehearsals at school, the verdict went back and forth between guilty and innocent. At the end, a jury made up of parents spent many minutes deciding on the evidence and found Snow White not guilty.

"I felt very happy," said Emily Whelan, who played Snow White's attorney. "We practiced at school and we got judged guilty. I think the (jury) actually listened."

Elena Recinto, who played Snow White, said

it was fun to "be the star of the show."

"It was a really good experience," Elena said. "I got to express myself a lot, but I was a little nervous (about the crowd) at first."

Third-grader Claire Winter called playing the Wicked Queen a "really good experience."

"It felt really good," Claire said. "I like how she gets a little crazy and she can be dramatic. I just loved it all."

Parker, who has vacated her bench for this project for years now, said she can even use the experience to encourage kids to go into the law in some fashion.

"It's a great way to introduce kids to the judicial branch in a way they can understand," Parker said. "I think this is an opportunity to see what really happens in a courtroom."

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EMILY WHELAN,
Snow White's attorney

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 05-01-17

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted **Ordinance No. 05-01-17** - an ordinance to amend Chapter 74 Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Article III-Sidewalks in the Code of Ordinances. The amendments pertain to the restriction of sidewalk closures during construction as follows:

- Require the Building Official to determine a safe alternative for pedestrians when notification of proposed construction abutting or within the public right-of-way that may affect safe passage or access to the sidewalk. Alternatives may include that the sidewalk be closed, remain accessible, or establishing an alternative path. Temporary sidewalks are required to meet ADA standards to the extent feasible.
- When making the determination, the Building Official will consider the nature and duration of the construction, size of the construction area, amount of sidewalk affected, anticipated pedestrian traffic, and potential conflict with vehicular traffic.
- No sidewalk would be closed without a determination by the Building Official and a right-of-way permit being obtained. Sidewalks shall be closed no longer than necessary, as determined by the Building Official; the closure period shall not exceed 90 days. Closed sidewalks require proper signage, barricades, date the sidewalk will be passable, and shall display a right-of-way permit.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 1, 2017 and was adopted by the City Council on May 15, 2017. The ordinance shall become effective on May 26, 2017. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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What Michigan is — and isn't — doing for local governments

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Lansing State Journal

Michigan Treasurer Nick Khouri has said the improving economy gives Michigan a chance to reform local governments' revenue, efficiency of services and unfunded retiree costs simultaneously.

However, Gov. Rick Snyder's new task force on retirement reform is unlikely to recommend fixes even for retirement problems, two task force members said recently. Instead, the report they're finalizing now is expected to suggest more data collection.

"It's a lot easier to identify the problems than it is to resolve how to fix the problem," task force member Nick Ciaramitaro, president of the Coalition for Secure Retirement - Michigan, said recently.

Which could leave no concrete plan for legislative action in the near future, even as municipalities struggle to pay for promises made to employees and outside

groups call on the state to adopt a more hands-on, holistic approach to controlling local government finances.

Khouri said in an interview last week that conversations about the big-picture approach still are happening, but he was OK with tackling retirement issues first. He wouldn't comment on what the task force might recommend.

Unfunded pension and retiree health care liabilities remain most local governments' biggest burden. Of the combined \$1.4 billion in debt owed by the 12 cities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, for example, more than \$900 million is owed retirees, according to the cities' 2016 audits. The rest is owed to bond holders and loans that funded infrastructure and other projects.

Despite the improving economy, local government leaders have said property taxes and revenue sharing from the state have not risen fast enough to keep up with those and other rising

costs.

For example, the state paid Lansing \$15.9 million in 2007, before the recession. Keeping up with inflation would have meant an \$18.4 million payment last year, but the state actually paid the city \$13.6 million. The city took in \$43.9 million in property taxes in 2007, which would have equaled \$50.8 million last year based on the rate of inflation. The city actually took in about \$43.5 million in taxes last year.

Such shortfalls across the state put services such as police and firefighting at risk, officials have said.

Against that backdrop, groups such as Business Leaders for Michigan have called on the state to get more involved in local finances. In a recent white paper, BLM pointed to North Carolina's Local Government Commission, which not only has authority over municipalities' ability to take on new debt, but also routinely monitors local governments' audits and flags any issues.

The North Carolina agency, for example, says municipalities are in trouble if they end the year without enough cash in the bank to cover at least 8% of their general fund expenses. Most of the dozen cities in the tri-county area have substantially more reserves than that. Indeed, Lansing's roughly 12%, which is the lowest of tri-county cities, still is above that threshold.

Beyond a requirement that they balance their budget, Michigan has no limit on local government fund balances. The Michigan Municipal League, a local government association, recommends cities keep enough cash reserves to meet their cash flow needs for at least a couple months, said Anthony Minghine, the group's associated executive director.

BLM says such changes would make Michigan more proactive in preventing local budget troubles. Michigan's current mechanism for interceding, the emer-

gency manager law, "kind of comes into play once the problems already exist," BLM President & CEO Doug Rothwell said.

Khouri said "the model of early intervention is a good one," and pointed, as an example, to 2015 legislation that created an "early warning system" for public school finances. He cautioned, however, that Michigan values local control.

"I'm not sure (we want) the model of other states, where we need to approve every time they issue a bond, every time they issue a budget, every time they want to go left or go right," Khouri said. "I think that crosses that threshold from ensuring the fiscal health to heavy-handedness."

BLM has also called for local governments to close pensions to new hires. However, Chris DeRose, CEO of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan, said in a separate interview that broader state monitoring could help the state de-

termine who really needs such intervention. Some municipalities have a lot of debt but the financial wherewithal to close the gap, he said.

On a per-capita basis, for example, Charlotte and Eaton Rapids have roughly the same amount of debt. But Charlotte might be better-suited to handle its debt because it ended 2016 with enough cash in the bank to cover 72% of its general fund expenses, while Eaton Rapids had only about 25%.

In calling for more data collection, the governor's retirement task force could be a step in that direction.

State Rep. Andy Schor, D-Lansing, a task force member who also is running for Lansing mayor, said recently that the task force wants to collect more data to "see who's in what shape." Then "the hope is more that the community can come up with a plan to address their situation," he said.



Ford announced an additional \$350 million investment in the Livonia Transmission Plant Friday morning.

FILE PHOTO

Ford announces \$350 million expansion at Livonia transmission plant

David Veselenak
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Livonia's biggest employer is growing its presence even more in the city.

Ford Motor Company announced a \$350 million expansion Friday morning to its Livonia Transmission Plant, 36200 Plymouth, an additional investment from the \$1.4 billion it announced last year. The move is expected to create or retain 800 jobs.

"We remain committed to American manufacturing and investing in our people and facilities," said Joe Hinrichs, Ford president for the Americas said in a statement. "Even as the industry's largest employer of hourly workers in the United States and biggest producer of American-made vehicles, we believe it is important to continue investing right here in our home market."

The transmission will be built as a new, advanced transmission for front-wheel-drive vehicles, designed to be more fuel-efficient.

The investment will go toward the making of a new transmission to expand the company's line-up of fuel-efficient powertrains. Most of the new jobs are expected to be created starting at the end of this year, and the majority will be created in 2018 and 2019. The plant currently employs about 1,800 workers.

"Today's announcement of investment at the Livonia Transmission Plant is further evidence of the benefits of collective bargaining and

the ongoing commitment of UAW-Ford to lead the way in creating and maintaining automotive manufacturing jobs in America," said Jimmy Settles, UAW vice president, in a statement. "The addition of these 800 jobs will add job security for the plant's hardworking men and women, and support for the surrounding community."

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said the city was not informed of the investment beforehand, but was happy to hear the news.

"It's a win-win for us again," he said Friday morning after the groundbreaking for the new dog park at Bicentennial Park. "We're just lucky we're in the right place at the right time. It shows as far as the city, we're rock-solid. They like dealing with us, and we like dealing with them."

"It's a good marriage and we're excited to take on a little more."

The announcement comes the same week Ford announced it would lay off 10 percent of its salaried workforce in North America and Asia. Those figures totaled about 1,400 employees.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said the announcement continues the city's economic momentum forward and will

only serve to help the city.

"Ford's latest commitment to investment and jobs in Livonia, adds to our community's economic momentum as significant companies continue to move to and grow in Livonia. As Amazon and MASCO near their moves into town, Ford, UPS, Consumer's Energy, and Trinity Health are leading companies that added jobs at their Livonia facilities over the past year, and now Ford plans to add more," he said. "This is wonderful news for Livonia and our neighboring communities, as these types of manufacturing jobs spark so much other economic activity."

Senate votes to criminalize female genital mutilation

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

The state Senate voted unanimously last week to criminalize female genital mutilation and impose penalties that are more harsh than current federal law.

"Currently it's only a five-year felony under federal law and that's unacceptable," said Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage, one of the sponsors of the bills. "It's very important that we adopt all these bills so we can say it's not welcome in Michigan. We want to support our girls and women. It's not only physical abuse, it's mental abuse."

Under the proposed legislation, female genital mutilation would be considered a felony in Michigan, punishable by up to 15 years in prison. That's a harsher penalty than the 1996 federal genital mutilation law, which includes a sentence of up to five years in prison. If the bills becomes law, Michigan would join at least 24 other states that have passed anti-

genital cutting laws over the last two decades.

Another two bills passed unanimously would make it a crime to transport someone into Michigan for female genital mutilation. That crime would also carry a penalty of 15 years in prison.

The bills arose out of the case of two doctors and a physician's wife, who are facing federal charges for their alleged roles in the genital cuttings of two 7-year-old girls from Minnesota at a clinic in Livonia in April. The defendants, who have all denied engaging in genital mutilation practices, are part of a small Indian-Muslim sect that was at the center of a prosecution in Australia last year that ended with three people each getting 15-month prison sentences.

"We've taken a stand that five years isn't enough," said Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. "This is about controlling women, it's an attack on humanity and today in Michigan, we said no, never again."

The bills — SB 337 and 338 — now move to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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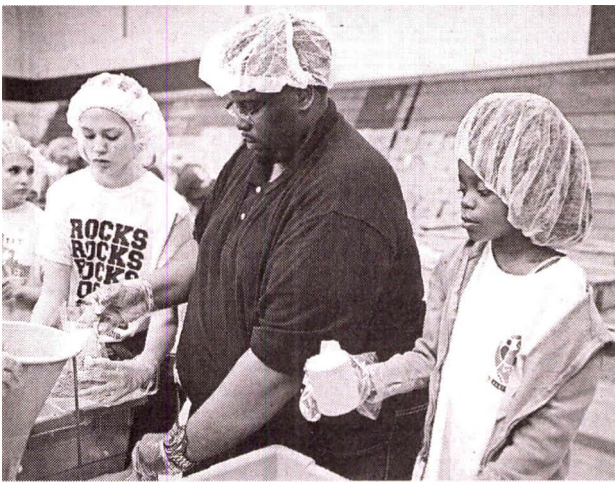
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TOM BEAUDOIN
Michelle Bracell of Livonia carts out many of the boxes of food to be sent out to help needy kids across the world.

Volunteers gather to battle hunger



TOM BEAUDOIN
Bella Cannon, Reggie Williams and Sheridan Sherman keep the production line moving as they fill food for needy kids.

Linda Siegrist is so grateful the second annual Greater Plymouth Service Project took place Saturday at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex in downtown Plymouth.

"Oh, absolutely," the Plymouth Township resident said of the anti-hunger effort. Her husband Dave Siegrist, who Jan. 1 lost his battle with cancer at age 63, had the vision for last spring's inaugural GPSP.

"He had that vision of trying to unite the community," she said. Dave would tell her, "I've never started a project I haven't successfully

finished."

She said: "He just put his whole heart and soul into it."

Added Nick Schultz of Plymouth Township, this year's chairman, "He had this vision of connecting all the service clubs together." That quickly branched out to include churches and school groups, Schultz said.

Dave Siegrist was a longtime Colonial Kiwanian who had headed the Community Foundation of Plymouth, affiliated with Ann Arbor's foundation. Of his illness, Schultz said, "He never complained, never made it his focus."



TOM BEAUDOIN
Plymouth resident Debbie Reeves, Canton residents Pardhava Vourganti and son Nittin, along with Stephanie Gage of Northville, were among the volunteers who helped bag 250,000 meals Saturday in Plymouth.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Canton Girl Scouts Victoria Corden, Molly Scully and Erin Kierschke help load food for needy children.

A hardworking committee carried on for the event to benefit the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Like last year, many volunteers gathered at PARC to package meals. Committee members are proud nearly \$40,000 of this year's \$70,000 goal had been collected by

mid-March. That will provide 250,000 adult meals, Schultz said.

The goal was to recruit 1,550 volunteers, Wallace said. He's pleased NorthRidge Church donated \$15,000. The church was also planning on bringing 300 volunteers.

Linda Siegrist said of community volunteers: "They were so grateful to have this opportunity to come together as a unified group. I feel the community has become a family."



TOM BEAUDOIN
Smith Elementary students Meghan Buzuvis and Isabel Vincent measure out bags of rice at the Kids Coalition Against Hunger event Saturday in Plymouth.

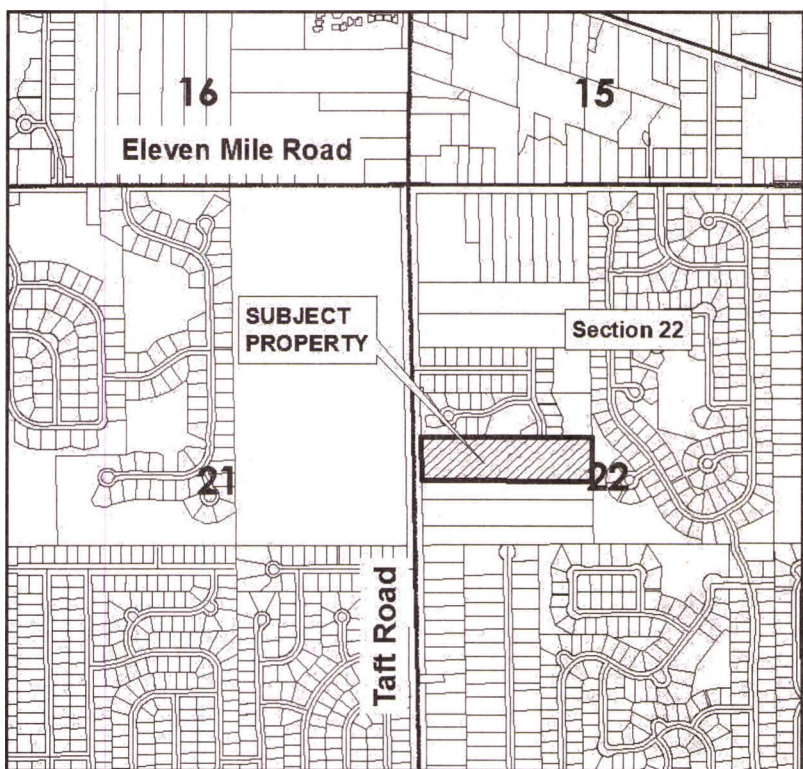


TOM BEAUDOIN
Gwen Avery and Elise Briggs, Smith Elementary students from Plymouth, box up hundreds of packages of food.

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, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **TAFT KNOLLS III JSP 16-67, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION, SITE CONDOMINIUM, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 22, SOUTH OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD AND EAST OF TAFT ROAD AND IS ZONED R-4 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The applicant is proposing to construct up to 15 unit single-family residential development (Site Condominium) utilizing the Open Space Preservation Option

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



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-22-100-012

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, June 14, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Court hearing adjourned for accidental shooting suspect

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

A Farmington Hills man will return to court today for a probable cause conference on charges stemming from an accidental shooting at a Livonia gun range.

Michael Hearn, 44, was before District Judge Sean Kavanagh in Livonia's 16th District Court on May 18 for the probable cause conference, held typically a week before a preliminary examination. Hearn is charged with careless, reckless or negligent use of a firearm, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison.

Hearn's attorney, Terry Johnson, told Kavanagh he wanted a little more time to go over the case, considering it is a "high court" misdemeanor.

"I want to make sure Mr. Hearn's rights and things are properly covered," he said.

Hearn was charged earlier this month after an incident took place at Firearm Exchange, 30305 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Police say Hearn, a concealed pistol license instructor, was in a classroom at the range with a handgun. While in the classroom, police say he took the gun and fired it while it was pointed at a



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Defendant Michael Edward Hearn stands in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom with his attorney, Terry L. Johnson.

door. The weapon had ammunition in and discharged a bullet, which traveled through the door and into a nearby classroom at the range, where it injured a 38-year-old Detroit man taking a CPL class.

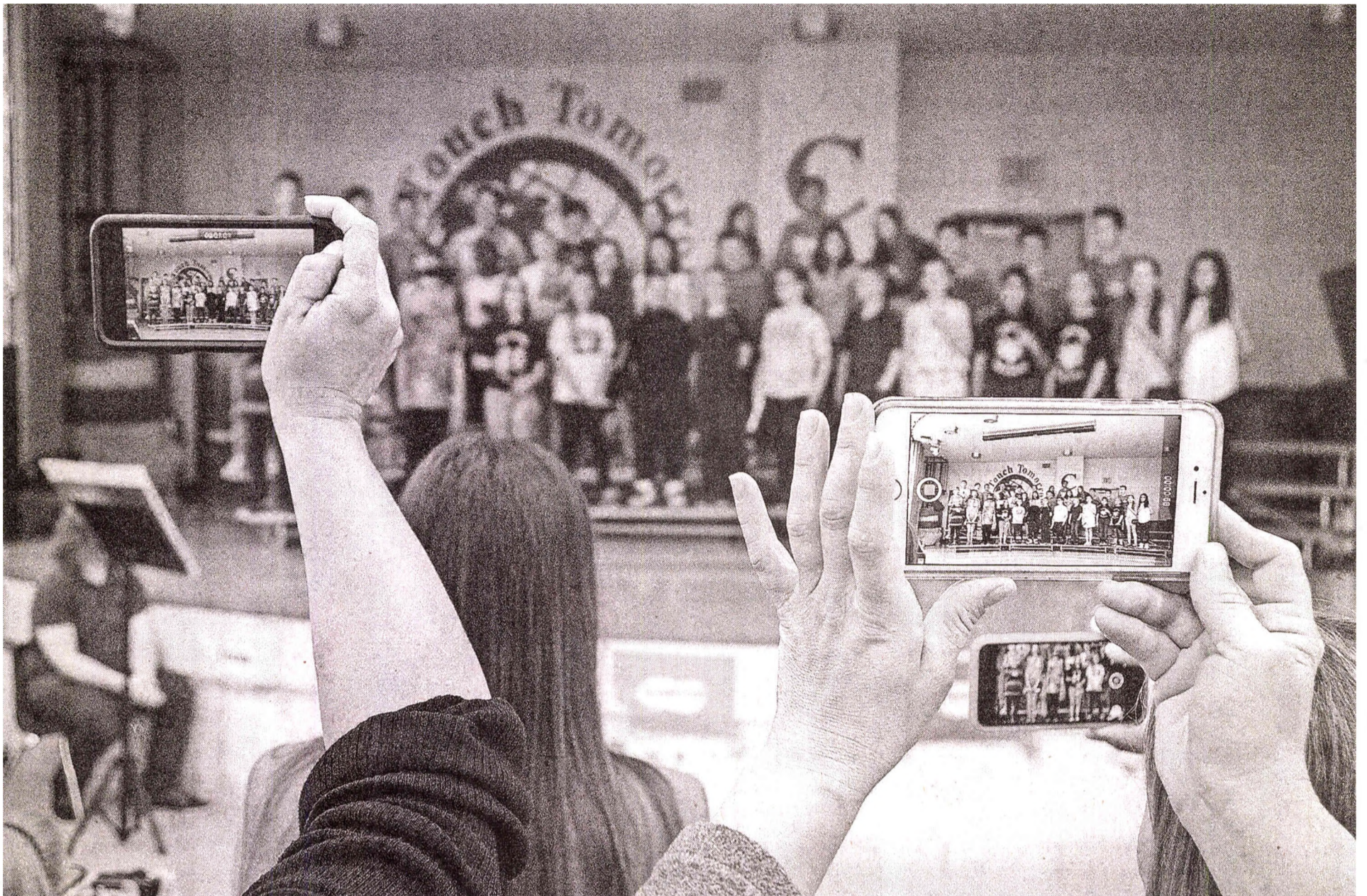
Hearn is scheduled to be back in court at 9 a.m. Thursday for a probable cause conference and a preliminary examination is currently scheduled for June 1. He remains free on bond.

A Facebook post by the Firearm Exchange earlier this month addressing the incident states the facility was simply being used for the class and the facility's ownership had nothing to do with the incident that

took place.

"It has been our long standing policy of allowing NO firearms or ammunition inside the classroom. This rule was broken by an instructor who currently and has never served any affiliation with our company," the post read. "We are currently taking appropriate steps to ensure that something like this does not happen again, the classroom area should be a safe area at all times. We appreciate your continued patronage and will do our best to keep this a safe establishment in the future."

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Parents record the student performances.

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Memories flow at school reunion: 'This was your second home'

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Generations of former students and staffers returned Wednesday to Cass Elementary to help the current school community celebrate 50 years of learning.

The golden anniversary reunion at the Livonia school, which opened in February 1967, was also a goodbye, as Cass is slated to close as an elementary after the school year ends in June.

Cass, on Munger south of Six Mile, was mobbed with visitors Wednesday evening as children romped on the playground, ex-classmates who hadn't seen each other in years exchanged greetings and retired teachers reminisced about what they said was a supportive and loving community. There was live music, refreshments and an open house, with artwork by current students on display and an instrumental music concert in the gymnasium.

Janet Friedman, who taught fifth-graders and sixth-graders at Cass for 39 years, said those students make up her fondest memory of the school.

"They were fun to teach, willing to learn and enjoyed my sense of humor," Friedman said.

She started at Cass as a young teacher in September 1967, just months after it opened, and retired in June 2006.

"It was my home for 39 years," she said. As a teacher, "this was your second home."

Friedman and Marilyn Pobanz, who retired in 2000 after teaching at Cass for 11 years, both remembered a tight-knit school community with supportive parents who would help wherever and whenever needed.

"The parents were just absolutely fabulous," Pobanz said.

Pobanz and Friedman both lost a husband while teaching at Cass and both said the community was



Beatrice Benjamin, a parent and PTA member, watches Peggy Purcell meet the current teacher in Peggy's former classroom, Donna Ringler, with smiles and tears.

there for them in their grief.

Current Principal Bridget Regan said that community solidarity is still a big part of the school.

"The parental support is just amazing," she said. Parents did much of the planning for the reunion, she said.

Regan said she found the turnout overwhelming.

"So fortunate that so many people came out to support our great school," she said.

In a Cass media center, Michael Knittel and Nancy Ryan were browsing through school photo albums, looking for familiar faces.

Knittel of Canton Township, who graduated from the sixth grade at Cass in 1980, said he saw a notice about the event on Facebook last Wednesday morning and knew he had to come.

"When I look at the playground, in my head, I'm seeing the past," he said. Knittel said he hadn't been at the school since 1984.

His favorite memory? Outdoor sports: The annual field day — and recess.

"We played so many pickup football games and softball games," he



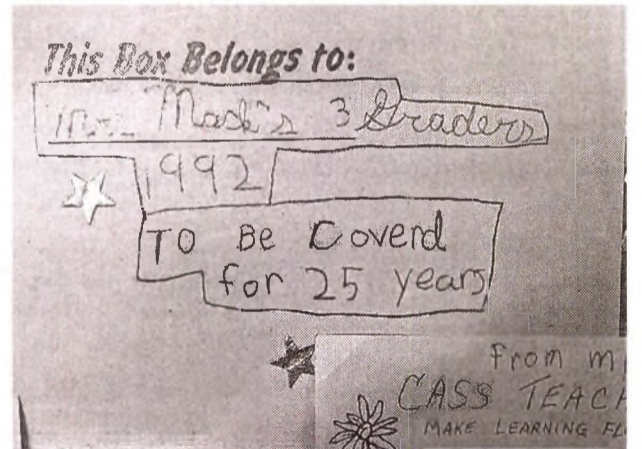
Principal Bridget Regan and staffer Jennifer Wilson open the time capsule to find notebooks and VHS tapes from 25 years ago. Luckily, the school found a VHS player to view the tapes.

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Cass Principal Bridget Regan meets Peggy Purcell, who taught fourth grade beginning at the school's opening, 50 years ago.

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A detail from the lid of a box of school supplies included in a Cass Elementary time capsule from 1992 that was opened at the school's reunion and open house on Wednesday.

MATT JACHMAN

said. For Ryan, of Livonia, who graduated in 1986, it was music class with Jeff Green.

"It was instrumental music and that was my favorite thing to do," said Ryan, who played the flute and now plays several instruments. Green, since retired, still lives in the area, she said.

Ryan had a not-so-nice memory, too: In 1982, when she was a third-grader, a lunch table that hadn't been properly secured fell on her, fracturing her pelvis and breaking two teeth.

But Ryan is devoted to the Cass community; her three older siblings all attended and her son Liam attended for several years. "I'm actually

really sad that they're closing it," she said.

Dave Malcomson, a retired Livonia Public Schools maintenance worker, was at the reunion with his wife Janet, who worked in the district's central office.

Malcomson started at Cass in the early 1990s as an afternoon mainte-

nance man and retired in 2006 as the building superintendent. He had his own favorite memory.

"Last day of school," he said. "That's when I had peace and quiet."

The maintenance crew would strip the floors and repaint the school during the summers, he added. "It was our quiet time,"

he said.

The Cass site will be the home of a district child-care program this summer and the district is in discussions with a potential long-term tenant.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE FEES, FINES, AND PENALTIES SCHEDULE

At the regular meeting of the Northville City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule for various City of Northville services, licenses, permits, and violations, effective on July 1, 2017.

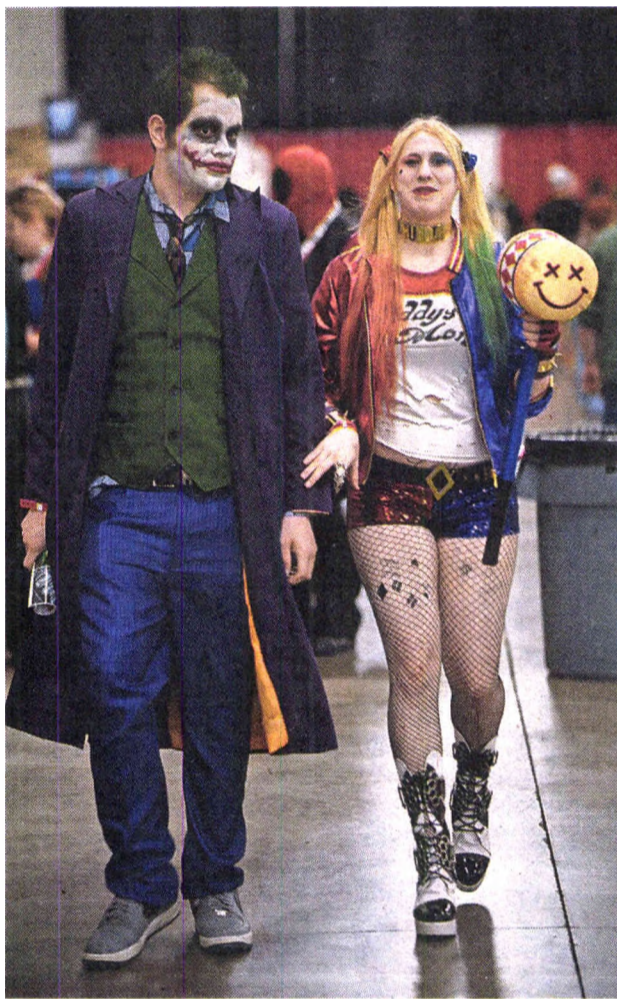
A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

COMIC CON ATTRACTS THOUSANDS TO NOVI

Motor City Comic Con held over the weekend at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi featured a marriage proposal thousands in costumes, a vast variety of pop-culture merchandise, more than 300 comic book creators, writers and artists, as well as more than 50 actors from the television and movie industry.

For more photos see the gallery on www.hometownlife.com.



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Andrew Hunn (Joker) and Stephanie Kilgore (Harley Quinn) both from South Lyon at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



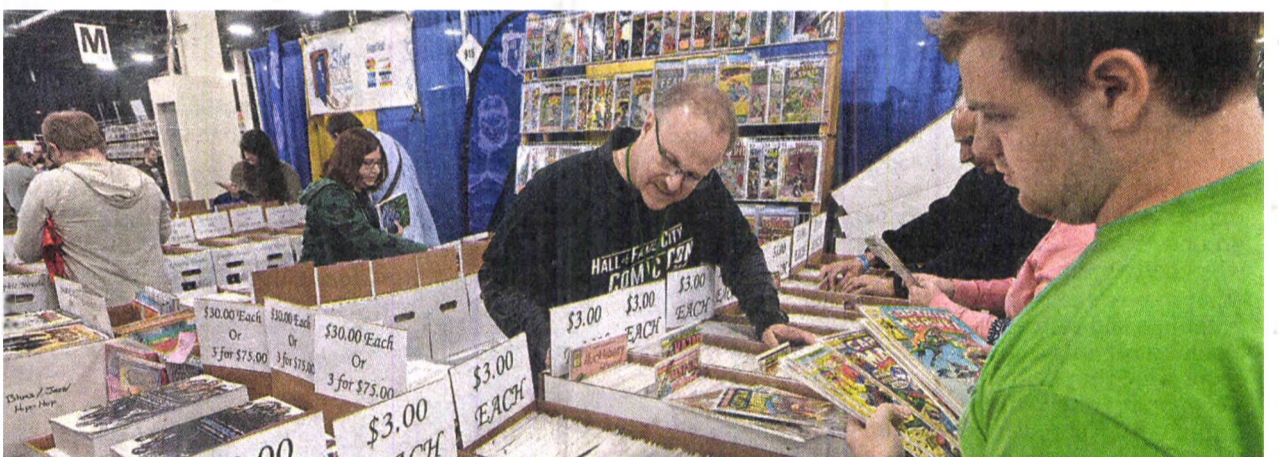
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Nick Kallas with his 4-year-old son Nicholas (Spider-Man) from Northville lineup to enter Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Andrew Watros of Farmington is Ravager at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Steve Holder of Blue Door Comics waits on customers at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



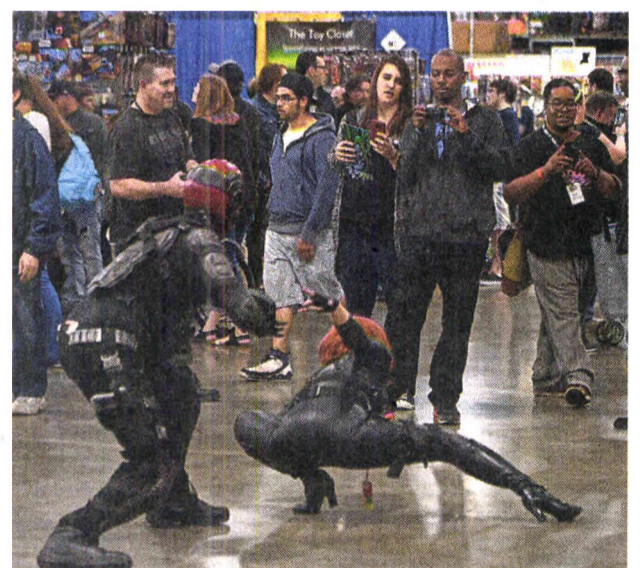
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Bruce Watros, 2, looks out from the crate he rides in being pulled by his dad, Andrew Watros of Farmington. Bruce is Baby Groot.



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Dan Nichols of Toledo pushes his son Milo, 7, who is dressed as Hannibal Lecter at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



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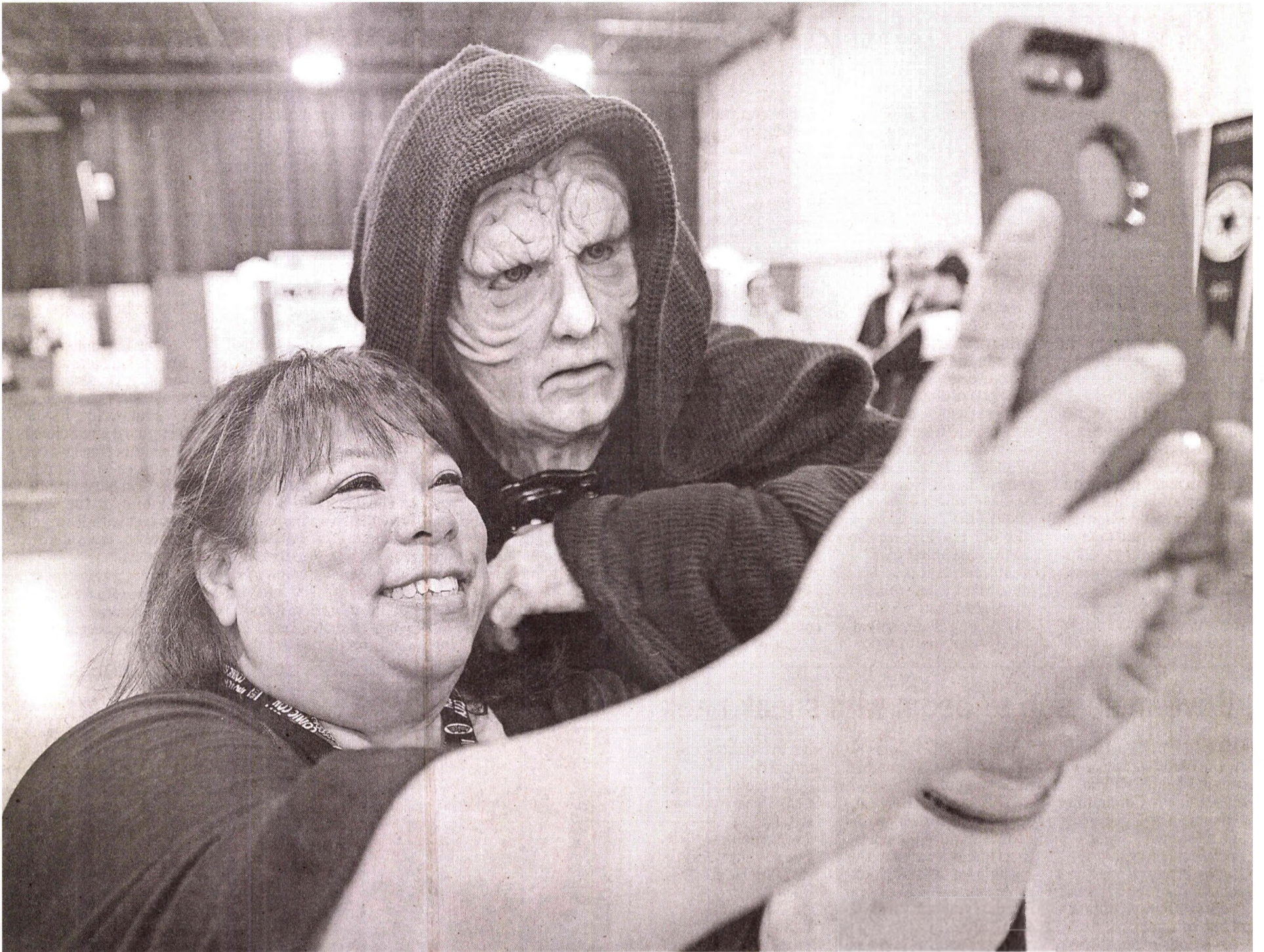
Donvan McKinnie of Detroit takes photos of Black Widow and Red Hood at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



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Liz Bargo of Plymouth looks through comic books at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.

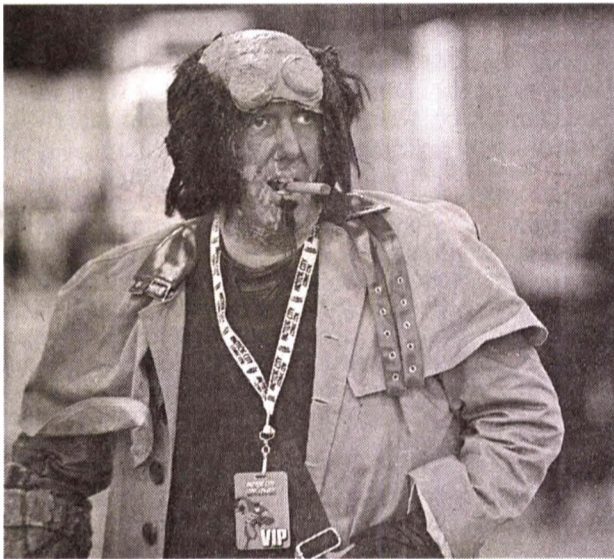
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Essie Morrison takes a selfie with Emperor Palpatine (William Holmes of Kansas City) at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.

Pop culture, comic books and more



DAN DEAN

Chris Schobert of Saginaw (Hellboy) walks Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



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Jeremy Gartee of Waterford is Riddler at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



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William Verhoef of Troy is Turnip Head at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Yoda gets a ride in the backpack of a guest at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace.



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Allen Bellman has been drawing backgrounds for Captain America since 1942. Friday he signed autographs.



DAN DEAN

Michael Rooker played Yondu Udonta in "Guardians of the Galaxy" and was signing autographs at Motor City Comic Con.



DAN DEAN

Suzanne Vitale of New Baltimore dressed as an old style Wonder Woman at Motor City Comic Con.



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Edward Pevos of Novi, a reporter with MLive is dressed like Clark Kent while he covers Motor City Comic Con.

Annuities can makes sense, but not for everyone

I was watching TV over the weekend when a commercial came on about annuities. The commercial made it out that annuities were the best things since sliced bread, claiming that you could not lose money with them and they were an investment everyone should have, particularly in retirement. Like most commercials, there was some truth in it, but it did not tell the whole story. In many situations, annuities are aggressively marketed and that alone should give people cause for concern. After all, when it comes to investing, you don't want to be sold something that doesn't fit your situation. I thought I would take this opportunity to talk a little bit about annuities, pros and cons.

Basically, there are three types of annuities: fixed annuities, variable



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annuities and immediate annuities. Fixed annuities and variable annuities have the benefit of income growing tax-deferred. You only pay taxes when money is withdrawn and, at that point in time, it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Although tax deferral can be a benefit, it also can be a problem. When money comes out of an annuity, it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket, which is your highest tax rate. Annuities don't qualify for the favorable capital gain treatment, so it is possible that by deferring your taxes, you are actually raising them, defeating the purpose of an

annuity.

The returns on annuities depend upon the type you purchase. In a traditional fixed annuity, you get a guaranteed rate of return. Currently, traditional fixed annuities are paying about 2 percent. An index annuity is also considered a fixed annuity, but your return is based upon an index that you select—typically, stock-based indexes. The nice thing about these types of annuities is if the market goes down, you don't lose money. It is important to keep in mind dividends are not figured into the equation and most index-based annuities do not give you a 100-percent participation rate. If your participation rate is 60 percent and the market went up 10 percent, your return would be 6 percent.

One of the problems

with index-based annuities is that they are very complex and sometimes very difficult to understand. If you end up buying an index-based annuity, it is important to learn about them and then to shop around. There are tremendous differences with regard to fees on these annuities.

Variable annuities are ones that allow you to invest in, typically, mutual funds. Your return is based upon the funds you select. The problem with variable annuities is if you held these investments outside the annuity, they would be subject to capital gain treatment vs. ordinary income. In addition, just like with the fixed annuities, you typically have to lock your money up for a period of time. It's not unusual to see variable annuities with a 10-year

penalty period, which means if you cancel the annuity before 10 years, you lose some of your money. In addition, variable annuities tend to have very high administrative and investment fees.

An immediate annuity is a different animal all together. An immediate annuity is similar to buying a pension for yourself. In an immediate annuity, it guarantees a certain amount of money for the rest of your life. No matter how long you live, you'll get a regular paycheck. For many people, this is a very comforting investment. The downside is once you're in an immediate annuity, you cannot cancel it—it's an irrevocable investment. Just like with fixed and variable annuities, it does pay to shop around. Not all companies are the

same.

In certain situations, annuities make sense. They are not for everyone and certainly no one should be pressured into purchasing one. If a salesman is overly aggressive, simply walk away. Because annuities are generally long-term investments, you need to take your time and shop around.

One last note: If you are looking at a variable annuity, you want to make sure you look at companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Schwab. They all offer low-cost annuities without penalties. You have greater flexibility in the fact that you can withdraw your money at any time without penalty.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Drive-in season to begin with sneak peek

The 2017 USA Hockey Arena Summer Drive-in Movie Theatre will be presented by Community Financial Credit Union and opens with Sneak Peek Weekends.

"We are excited to be a part of this family-friendly entertainment option in our community," said Sarah Cousineau, assistant vice president of marketing at Community Financial Credit Union.

The 2017 Summer Drive-in opens with a Sneak Peek Weekend—Friday through Sunday, May 26-28—before starting a seven-day-a-

week schedule from Friday, June 9, through Sunday, Sept. 3.

The Summer Drive-in hosts three screens with double-feature presentations and is located in the parking lot of USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township.

Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies start at dusk or right around 9:15 p.m. Patrons can hear the movies through the FM radio of their car.

Special ticket packages, group and corporate events and dinner packages will be avail-

able throughout the summer.

The movies for the Sneak Peek Weekend include:

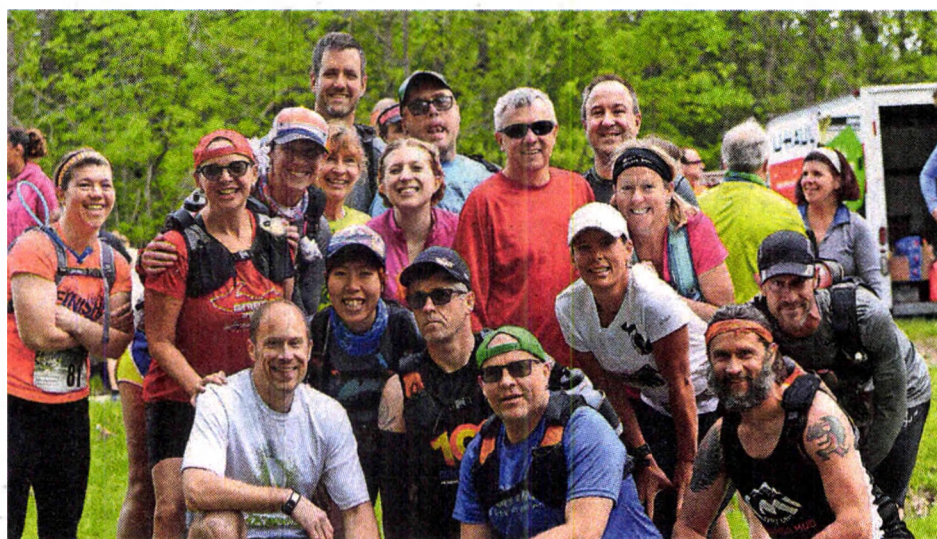
» Screen 1— "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" (PG); "Boss Baby" (PG)

» Screen 2— "Beauty and the Beast" (PG); "Born in China" (PG)

» Screen 3— "The Fate of the Furious" (PG-13); "Get Out" (R)

For more information, go to summerdrivein.com or call the movie hotline at 734-927-3284.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



LINDA BUSEN | JOKER AND A PAIR OF QUEENS PHOTOGRAPHY

A group of trail runners from the Highland Loops trail run pose for a photo.

Thanks for support

Novi High School Senior All Night Party committee sincerely thanks all the business and individuals for generously donating. Without your support, this amazing event would not be possible. This will be an unforgettable experience for our graduating 2017 seniors. We invite you to experience the incredible transformation of Novi High School at our Donor/Community Walk Through on Saturday, June 3rd between 11:30am and 1:00pm.

With sincere appreciation, thank you again for your generosity.

Novi High School Senior All Night Party Committee, Class of 2017

Trump's circus

The clown who doesn't know what he doesn't know is leading the circus. Everyday the merry-go-round stops for Trump to keep his name and ego on front pages of newspapers and the lead stories on news stations and channels. His childish behavior, rants, tweets,

actions show his lack of concern for the country and democracy. Members of Congress, especially Republicans, choose allegiance to their party and their jobs over national values and safety. Perhaps soon the charade will end. We can hope.

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

No Chicken Little

The letters from Cheryl McGuire and Abby Klemmer only further magnify that "hysteria and emotions" rule the Democratic party. And especially the very far left. They sky is not falling. Get a grip and move on people.

Carol Maynard Northville

Celebrating Trails

The second annual Highland Loops Trail Run took place this past Saturday, May 20, on the Mountain Bike Trails of Highland Recreation Area. where 159 runners tackled the challenging, single-track 16-Mile and 7-Mile courses. All were

rewarded with a post-race barbecue and, we hope, a memorable race day experience.

As we wrap it up for 2017, we offer our deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the many generous souls who contributed to this event. Thank you to our enthusiastic, hard-working friends and volunteers who offered not only their time and energy, but added to, and improved, the race with their smart, creative thoughts and ideas. Thank you to our local, Michigan-based partners and sponsors. These groups and businesses generously offered donations, resources, time and support: Huron Valley Pools & Fitness, Ann Arbor Running Co., Colasanti's, the MCMBA Bike Patrol, bundledMI.com and TRED-NOT Deerfly Patches. Our sponsors provided the financial support which channels directly to our charities, THV, Inc. (Team Huron Valley Special Olympics) and the MCMBA (Motor City Mountain Biking Association, whose volunteers manage local trail maintenance and conservation). Our sponsors include: Milford Spice Co., CrossFit Justice, Sparkies / The Burger Joint, Village Bar & Kitchen, Huron Valley State Bank, Vincere Cycles and our lead sponsor, River's Edge Brewing Co. These local businesses consistently and graciously offer support within the Milford / Highland communities—and they provide the foundation for this event. Please be sure to thank them—and shop local!

Lastly, we would like to give a huge shout-out to the runners, their friends and families. Thank you for spending the day with us. It was a blast.

For race results and more information about Highland Loops Trail Run, please go to www.highlandloops.com Mindy and DJ Denton Race organizers and Milford residents

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FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



Rohan Naik **Caroline Lowenfeld** **Abigail Radomski**



Amanda Balogh **Meghan Couture** **Daphne Lin**

Rohan Naik
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35, SAT 1,490
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: National Honor Society, Healthcare Occupation Students of America, Quiz Bowl varsity team, Michigan Math League, Michigan Math Prize Competition finalist, Business Professionals of America, Volunteer Work: Run for the Hills, Mayor's Youth Council of Farmington Hills treasurer, Tutoring.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Caroline Lowenfeld
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35, SAT 1,480
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity volleyball - Captain, Varsity soccer, National Honor Society - Vice President, Link Leader, Communication Camp Senior Leader, Quiz Bowl - President, PTSA Student Leaders, Barbara Hatch School of Dance. Volunteer: Tutoring, Summer in the City, Trinity Food Pantry, Farmington Square Sub-division.
 » College choice: Vanderbilt University

Abigail Radomski
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 34, SAT 1,490
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity softball, Varsity swimming captain, National Honor Society, Student Council senior class secretary, Business Professionals of America competitions.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Amanda Balogh
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33, SAT 1,490
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Marching band (color guard), tutoring Power Middle School students with Farmington Students Succeed, PTSA, and Farmington Youth Assistance.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Meghan Couture
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33, SAT 1,390
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Meghan has been sick this whole year, but during the summer, she spent a week cleaning up Detroit on a missions trip, and she is Co-Captain on the Varsity Tennis team even though she's unable to play at the moment.
 » College choice: Honors College at Grand Valley State University with full Presidential Scholarship and the Award for Excellence Scholarship

Daphne Lin
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33, SAT 1,450
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Mayor's Youth Council, National Honor Society, Girls Lacrosse, Cross Country, Business Professionals of America, DECA, and Student Council.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL



Jeff Bell **Likitha Nimmagadda** **Riya Shah**



Bridget Smith **Grace Xu** **Hala Yazdani**

Jeff Bell
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33, SAT 1,510
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Drum major of marching band, Mr. Potter in school play "It's a Wonderful Life," King Triton in school musical "The Little Mermaid," National Honor Society, Madrigal a capella choir, tutor at Woodcreek Elementary School, active member in church youth group, including service projects with community and in Pontiac, private piano lessons/studies. Pursuing IB Diploma.
 » College choice: University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa

Likitha Nimmagadda
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33, SAT 1,500
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: HOSA - State level Qualifier, 1st Place at Regional Level Competition, Volunteer at Beaumont Farmington Hills, Intern at a neuroscience lab at UCLA under P.I. Dr. David E. Krantz, National Honor Society Secretary, Science Olympiad, Indian Classical Dance - Bharatanatyam, pursuing IB Diploma.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering

Riya Shah
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,530
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: President of FPS Student Round Table, President of Harrison HOSA, Surgical Services Volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Captain of Finesse Public Speaking Club, TEDx Oxford High School Speaker, Optimist Club Oratorical Contest Winner, Farmington Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Award Recipient, HOSA State Qualifier (1st Place at Regionals), Pursuing IB Diploma.
 » College choice: University of Central Florida, Burnett Medical Scholars Program

Bridget Smith
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 32, SAT 1,470
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Marching Band (section leader), Madrigal a capella Choir, National Honor Society (Vice President), Diversity Committee (Executive Board), Students Advocating Gender Equality, Theatre (leading roles such as Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," Wednesday Addams in the "Addams Family," Mary Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life").
 » College choice: University of Michigan (Residential College)

Grace Xu
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 29, SAT 1,360
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Captain of the Harrison/Farmington Thunderbirds Swim team, National Honor Society (NHS), volunteer at a Livonia church as a leader for children service, help lead the youth group music team (by playing guitar and singing), volunteer every other week on Tuesday with the Christ Child House Organization, Girls on Technology (GOT) club at Harrison, pursuing an IB diploma.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Hala Yazdani
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,340
 » Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: National Honor Society, Muslim Student Association, Volleyball, Science Olympiad, or- ganized Syrian refugees fundraiser, registration desk volunteer for Interfaith Convention at Cobo Hall, Student Conference organizer, Hawk Tutoring High School tutoring, Summer school Teacher's Assistant, developed website for a Community center Library, pursuing an IB Diploma.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn, Data Science Program

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



Summer Edwards **Pooja Kapadia** **Suchet Anand**



Mason Hill **Emily Hanus** **Fareeh Fysudeen**

Summer Edwards
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Swim and Dive Team captain, Student Senate OAA Representative, Lytle Medical Technologies office assistant, Cantate Semi-professional Choir, LINK Crew, National Honor Society, Philosophy Club, Church Youth Group and Mission Team, Environmental Agency of Iceland volunteer
 » College choice: University of Michigan to pursue biology

Pooja Kapadia
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: HOSA president, Varsity Tennis Team captain, Science Olympiad, Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Physics Club National Honor Society volunteer
 » College choice: University of Michigan College of Engineering

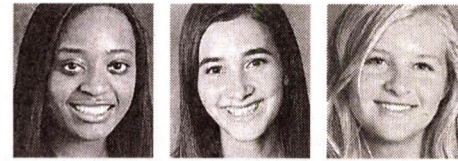
Suchet Anand
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: HOSA, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Physics Club, Varsity Tennis, Volunteer in the Children's Department of the Farmington Community Library, Emergency Room at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield every Sunday and with NHS
 » College choice: University of Michigan - LSA Honors Program

Mason Hill
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Varsity Tennis, Science Olympiad, Student Senate, Physics Club, Motown Automotive employee. Volunteered in ReNu Coffee Shop weekly, Mission Trip to West Virginia upcoming 7/30-8/6, PowerPoint operator for "FX: A Family Experience", a children's church service, once per month, Tech Team for Northville's "Jingle Jam" Christmas celebration
 » College choice: University of Michigan, engineering

Emily Hanus
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Little Caesars employee, Sausaphone section leader in marching band, pit orchestra for Shrek
 » College choice: Wayne State University, anthropology

Fareeh Fysudeen
 » GPA, test scores: None listed
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: President and founder of Philosophy Club, National Honor Society co-president, Muslim Student Association president, Muslim Interscholastic Tournament competitor, co-founder and president of Psychology Club, organizer and leader of NHS Student Unity March. Volunteer teaching Islamic Studies at local Mosque, establishing curriculum, installing activities, lesson plans, games, and worksheets
 » College choice: University of Michigan, political science and psychology

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL



Chiaka Ibe **Edith Jones** **Jordyn Kreucher**



Sarah Kurpiers **Marissa Lobbia** **Katelynn Smith**

Chiaka Ibe
 » GPA, test scores: 3.97, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Spanish Honors Society Officer, Detroit Medical Center Emergency Medicine and OB/GYN Volunteer, Northwestern Women's Health Clinic Volunteer, Henry Ford Research Assistant Volunteer, National Honor Society, Kumon Math and Reading Center Employee, Science Club.
 » College choice: Brown University

Edith Jones
 » GPA, test scores: 3.97, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Mercy Theatre, National Honor Society president, International Thespian Society secretary, Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Forensics, Link Crew, Junior Classical League, Mercy Mimes, Summer in the City.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, Ross School of Business

Jordyn Kreucher
 » GPA, test scores: 3.98, ACT 34
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Editor in Chief of Mercy's yearbook, French Honor Society officer, Varsity Quiz-bowl team, Mercy Link Crew Link Leader, National Honor Society, Girl Scout Ambassador, Co-Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team, Volunteer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering

Sarah Kurpiers
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Captain, Mercy Varsity Ski Team, Mercy Varsity Field Hockey, Link Crew: Link Leader & Link Commissioner, GIDAS (genes in diseases and symptoms club) club & board member, BPA Secretary (Business Professionals of America), FHS member (French Honor Society), NHS member (National Honor Society), Youth Mercy Associate, Science Club member, Eucharistic minister - Pastoral Team, Babysitter, 20 hours Teen Service Team - Spring Hill camps, Mercy Open House tour volunteer, French Immersion Day leader, Mercy Advancement office helper, Assisted with Parent-teacher conferences, Mercy Make a Difference Day volunteer, Christmas decorating for the Sisters of Mercy.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Marissa Lobbia
 » GPA, test scores: 3.97, ACT 34
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Varsity Golf, captain (All-State Academic, CHS, All-Academic, All-Region, Oakland County Honorable Mention, All-Area First Team), Junior Classical League (JCL) officer, National Honor Society, Mercy Works, Oakpointe 707 Youth Group.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering

Katelynn Smith
 » GPA, test scores: 3.95, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Dancer at Dance Directions (Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Kick Line), Assistant Dance Teacher at Dance Directions, teaching 3rd and 4th grade dance classes, Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter president, Volunteer every Saturday in Pediatrics at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Member of Genes in Disease and Symptoms (GIDAS) Club at Mercy, Attended a 3 week Biomedical Research Academy at U-Penn over the summer, Gold Key Scholastic Art Award for ceramics, Member of National Honor Society, Member of Pro Life Club.
 » College choice: Deciding between the University of Michigan, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Rochester

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL



Jonathan Richards **Hunter Hall** **Ryen O'Meara**



Anu Tuladhar **Marissa Ernst** **Abigail Jansen**

Jonathan Ian Richards
 » GPA, test scores: 4.67, ACT 34, Old SAT: 2,210 (superscore), AP US History: 5, AP Chemistry: 5, AP Language and Composition: 5, AP Chinese: 4, AP Biology: 4, SAT Subject Tests: Chemistry 770, US History 740, Math 2 770, Biology 760
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra - First Violin and Volunteer, Varsity Debate, Biology Olympiad, HTML Club.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Hunter Hall
 » GPA, test scores: 4.33, ACT 34, SAT 1,500
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: NHS tutoring of freshmen students, Varsity Cross Country captain, Varsity Track and Field, State finalist for indoor track.
 » College choice: Undecided between Michigan State University, Notre Dame or University of Michigan

Ryen O'Meara
 » GPA, test scores: 4.3095, SAT 1,480
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Speaker of Canton NHS, Captain of CVBS, miCore/GIDAS Volunteer, Canton Celtic '99 Black, Volunteer Youth Soccer Coach, Grade 8 Referee for MI Ref Assigning.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Anu Tuladhar
 » GPA, test scores: 4.37, ACT 36 (Math 35, Reading 35, English 36, Science 36), SAT (new) 1,560, Subject Test Molecular Biology 800, Subject Test Math Level II 800
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: SJ5K, Family Outreach Coordinator, Varsity Swim and Dive - Senior Co-Captain, Swim Teacher at Goldfish Swim School, Canton Science Olympiad, Co-Captain, Compassion International, Treasurer, Volunteer Work: SJ5K.
 » College choice: University of Chicago or University of Michigan

Marissa Ernst
 » GPA, test scores: 4.29, ACT 32, SAT 1,460
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Dance, Cross Country, NHS, SJ5K.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Abigail (Abbey) Jansen
 » GPA, test scores: 4.3 weighted, 4.0 unweighted, ACT 35, SAT 1,510
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Varsity Swim Team, volunteer as an assistant coach for the East Middle School swim team, Dance, Board Member of PCEP Math Olympiad and Canton Student Council Class of 2017, Secretary and Public Relations - Canton Youth Advisory Council, Student mentorship program with Visteon Corporation, Student Coordinator of the 2017 SJ5K.
 » College choice: Arizona State University

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



Kelly Ni **Rithvic Jupudi** **Samira Kalamdani**



Kaylee Yang **Yogesh Mohanraj** **James Lauer**

Kelly Ni
 » GPA, test scores: 4.4286, ACT 36, SAT 1,600
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: National Honor Society (Co-President and Public Relations Officer), Math Olympiad (Captain), Junior State of America (Co-President), Dance, Asian Pacific American Club. Volunteer with NHS Large Group and Community Outreach Events (100 hours), Summit on the Park Tree Lighting Ceremony (30 hours), PCCS Tutoring (20 hours).
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (College of Engineering and Ross School of Business preferred admission)

Rithvic Jupudi
 » GPA, test scores: 4.3571, ACT 34
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Liberty Middle School's Science Olympiad team - Coach, HOSA Future Health Professionals as a Michigan State Officer, serving the various future health leaders and innovators across Michigan, Interned with UNICEF's center for child studies in Hyderabad, Southern India, Indian-American A Cappella group: Rags to Riches, Indian American Student Association.
 » College choice: Undecided to study public health and business at either the University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins University

Samira Kalamdani
 » GPA, test scores: 4.3095, ACT 35
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Mock trial, Student Council, National Honor Society, Dance in the COD show - Diversity show.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Kaylee Yang
 » GPA, test scores: 4.4048, ACT 34
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: President and a founder of Art Club at the Park, Helped organize and work on a mural for Village Arts Factory (on Cherry Hill Road) and got Art Club recognized by the State of Michigan for its help in the beautification of a historical site, Varsity Swim and Dive Team, National Honor Society, Created an online business for selling prints of my original drawings, Organized bottle drive for Feed the Children, Obtained lifeguard certification, Tutored at-risk kids after school for 36 hours.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Yogesh Mohanraj
 » GPA, test scores: 4.3256, ACT 36
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Varsity Tennis, Plymouth Science Olympiad Team - Captain, Science Olympiad Club - Founder- Liberty Middle School with three other students with the help of the National Honor Society, Open Door Ministry Food Drive - Volunteer, University of Michigan SCEEP Program, working with a team of engineers to find a solution for the flooding problem in Houston.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering

James Lauer
 » GPA, test scores: 4.1163, ACT 36
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Swim and Dive team - Captain, Track & Field, Cross Country, Link Crew Leader and board member, Model United Nations Club, Executive board of the National Honor Society at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, Plymouth YMCA's Youth Volunteer Corps, Student Committee for the annual Super Jess 5K run/walk.
 » College choice: University of Michigan, Honors College

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL



Mohit Aspal **Madison Bowden** **Sophia Dai**



Trina Pal **Sameed Khan** **Alice Wu**

Mohit Aspal
 » GPA, test scores: 4.5172, ACT 35, SAT 1,550
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Science Olympiad, National Honor Society and ISP leader, Link Crew Leader, HOSA, St. Mary Mercy Livonia ER volunteer, Open Door Food Ministry volunteer.
 » College choice: Deciding between Duke University, Brown University and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. However, he will be studying Biology/Biochemistry and will enter as a pre-med student. He plans on attending medical school in the future.

Madison Bowden
 » GPA, test scores: 4.357, ACT 34, SAT 1,500
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: East Middle School Swim Coach, Precalc and AP Calc AB tutor, Varsity Swim, National Honor Society, ISP tutoring AP Microeconomics.
 » College choice: Michigan State University

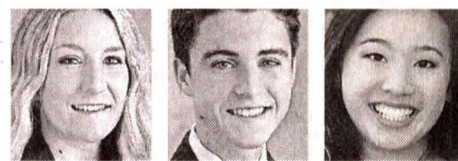
Sophia Dai
 » GPA, test scores: 4.4324, ACT 35, SAT 1,540
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: High School Figure Skating Team, Figure Skating 12 Years, National Honor Society, co-president, HOSA Team - Top 5 finish in Sports Medicine at the 2016 Michigan HOSA State Conference, Volunteer at Beaumont Annapolis Hospital and at the University of Michigan.
 » College choice: University of Pennsylvania, plans to major in biochemistry in pursuit of a biomedical career

Trina Pal
 » GPA, test scores: 4.33, ACT 35
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Salem Varsity Tennis Captain, Concert Pianist since the age of 4, Founded the Guiding Light Club at PCEP, Volunteer at the Vista Maria shelter in Dearborn Heights, Volunteers at senior citizen centers, hospitals, libraries, and bird shelters.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, College of Language, Sciences and the Arts

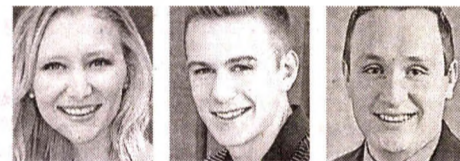
Sameed Khan
 » GPA, test scores: 4.31, SAT 1,480
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Working in a mobile app game development team, Work as an assistant at Mechanic One in Canton, Captain of Debate Team, President of Muslim Student Association, Currently working on writing a science fiction novel.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, College of Language, Sciences and the Arts

Alice Wu
 » GPA, test scores: 4.37, ACT 35
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Debate Team captain and top-ranked Varsity debater, National Honor Society President, Active 4-year member of Student Congress, Youth summer camp counselor, Speech contest "silver medalist".
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, LSA Honors College

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Taylor Mistele **Adam Albert** **Jessica Wong**



Rachel Witkowski **Matthew Cusumano** **Brendan Hess**

Taylor Mistele
 » GPA: 4.11, PCA Valedictorian
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Varsity volleyball, varsity basketball, varsity soccer, worship team at school and church, small group leader, involved in school musicals, National Honor Society, class vice president and leadership development program
 » College choice: Wheaton College

Adam Albert
 » GPA: 4.083
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Class President, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Soccer, National Honor Society and Robotics
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Jessica Wong
 » GPA: 4.07
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: National Honor Society, volunteer at Brookdale senior living center, Spanish club, and tutoring middle schoolers.
 » College choice: Hillsdale College

Rachel Witkowski
 » GPA: 4.03
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: Varsity Basketball, 11-year member of United States Pony Clubs riding and volunteering, volunteers with the Great Lakes Region Pony Clubs' Junior Leadership Council, Calvary Baptist's Sunday preschool ministry
 » College choice: University of Dayton (President's scholarship)

Matthew Cusumano
 » GPA: 4.085, PCA Salutatorian
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: National Honor Society, Class vice president, Livonia Blackhawks Hockey captain, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Golf. Volunteer activities include Costa Rica Mission Trip, Grace Centers of Hope, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Vacation Bible School.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Brendan Hess
 » GPA: 4.04
 » Extracurriculars/volunteer work: FIRST Robotics, National Honor Society, German Club, National German Honors Society, Varsity Baseball, Student Council
 » College choice: University of Michigan

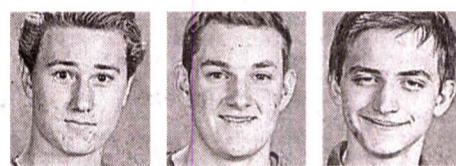


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DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL



Caleb Ernst **Sean Ebben** **Adam Brusstar**



William LaMarra **James Wegienka** **James Berry**

Caleb Ernst
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.86, ACT 34, SAT 2,120
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Lacrosse, Ski team, Symphony Band, Jazz Band, Ethiopia hospital service project, U-M adolescent health initiative advisory council
 » College choice: University of Notre Dame or Georgetown

Sean Ebben
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.852, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: President of the Detroit Catholic Central Broadcast Club; Detroit Catholic Central Varsity Bowling Team Captain; National Honor Society member; Spanish Club member; Shamrock Lead member; Volunteer for The Mission Continues (a nonprofit that provides opportunity to military veterans) / Life Remodeled (an organization that attempts to provide all people with a sense of safety in their lives) / Boys and Girls Club of America / Catholic Youth Organization
 » College choice: University of Notre Dame

Adam Brusstar
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.852, ACT 36, SAT 1590
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Cristo Rey Tutoring, St. Aloysius Homeless Outreach
 » College choice: University of Michigan

William LaMarra
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.812, ACT 34
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Quiz Bowl, the Latin Club, and Shamrock Voice. Volunteer at St. Patrick Church in Brighton and Gleaners Food Bank.
 » College choice: University of Notre Dame

James Wegienka
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.812, ACT 34
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Founder/President of Programming Club, Spanish Honors Society Senior Officer, Co-Editor of school newspaper, Varsity Tennis Team, Leader of Student-Alumni Connection Club, Vice President of Broadcast Club; Metro Detroit Youth Day Volunteer, PBJ Ministry, Student Rector at school Kairos Retreat, Lector and Altar Server at Parish
 » College choice: University of Michigan or United States Naval Academy

James Berry
 » Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.799, ACT 33
 » Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Eagle Scout, Captain of Mock Trial Team, Indoor Soccer, French Club, Finance Club, Freshman Mentoring Program Leader, Broadcasting Club, Leader of the Ministry of Hospitality at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Created care packages for the homeless of Detroit, and was a Helper in the PB&J Ministry.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Larry Zhao **Shachi Salvi** **Austin Xie**



Kyle Wierzbicki **Amy Zhao** **Ancheng Da**

Lawrence Zhao
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,580
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Science Olympiad, Rotary Interact, National Honors Society
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Shachi Salvi
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,540
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Science Olympiad, Michigan Department of Transportation MDOT/TRAC Bridge Competition, piano, competitive dance team, director for a cultural youth group based in the greater Detroit area, volunteer at Beaumont Hospital in Farmington Hills, The Hindu Temple of Canton and Rivergate Health Care Center.
 » College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Austin Xie
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,540
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, NHS Aerospace, Mountain Biking
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Kyle Wierzbicki
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,530
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Level 10 Competitive Gymnast, Marching Band Drum Major, Symphonic Band, Pit Orchestra member, Stand Up to Cancer Club president, National Honor Society, volunteer at St. John Providence Hospital
 » College choice: University of Michigan

Amy Zhao
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,530
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Science Olympiad, Varsity Dance Company, Yearbook, buildOn, piano, volunteer with my Chinese School and National Honor Society.
 » College choice: Duke University

Ancheng Da
 » GPA, test scores: 3.99, SAT 1,540
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Student orchestra, Northville String Club, volunteer work with National Honor Society.
 » College choice: University of Michigan

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL



Elena Komesu **Emma Hammelef** **Mitchell Huang**



Abhilash Samantapudi **Mitchell Wu** **Daniel Yu**

Top students were calculated using a mathematical formula involving students core cumulative grade point average and ACT/SAT scores.

Elena Komesu
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Novi High School Wind Ensemble co-principal chair clarinet, German Club secretary, Novi Chemistry Society, work part time at a Japanese restaurant called Nagomi
 » College choice: Michigan State University

Emma Hammelef
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Manager at Subway, Varsity Track Team captain of pole vault and throws, National Honor Society, Novi Alumni Association founder, Inversion Vault Club, Salvation Army bell ringing, Tutoring
 » College choice: Committed to Case Western Reserve University, on the wait list for MIT

Mitchell Huang
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: FIRST Robotics chief engineer, Band-Percussion section leader and center snare in marching band, Wind Ensemble percussionist, Isshinryu Karate-3rd Degree Black Belt, Math Club-Competitive Team, Model United Nations-MUNUM/MSUMUN Delegate, Student Council class representative, Indian Classical Singing.

Abhilash Samantapudi
 » GPA, test scores: 3.9459, SAT 1,590
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Michigan DECA State President, Business Analyst Intern at Hindsight, an online college advice company, President and Founder of Detroit Tutoring Program, a non profit program aimed at assisting Detroit Public Elementary school students, Treasurer of Novi KAST, a non profit that teaches elementary school students about science, Novi Economics club officer, Finesse Club president, Novi Debate co-captain, Kabir's Prep co-educator
 » College choice: University of California-Berkeley's Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology Program

Mitchell Wu
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 36
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Novi Winter Percussion, HOSA - Future Health Professionals, USA Biology Olympiad, NHS Full Orchestra, National Honor Society, Providence Park Hospital: Physical Therapy, Emergency Room, Michigan New Century Chinese School morning shift captain
 » College choice: University of Michigan-honors program in the school of literature, science and arts, majoring in cell and molecular biology and biomedical engineering

Daniel Yu
 » GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,600
 » Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity Tennis captain, Creative Writing Club president, National Honor Society secretary, Model United Nations secretary, City of Novi Youth Council selected member, Novi High School HOSA Chapter, Team Manager for Girls Varsity Tennis, Math Tutor at Math Enrichment Program by Parents of African American Students in Novi
 » College choice: College of Engineering at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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"Many of my teachers in high school have selflessly dedicated their time to help me succeed in all of my endeavors, whether school-related or not. I cannot thank them enough for their unwavering support and encouragement over the years," Kelly Ni of Plymouth High School said concerning the support she has received during her high school years.

Adjusting to high school by getting involved in clubs, athletics or volunteering is a popular sentiment among the Top 6 honorees.

"The hardest challenge I found during my high school academic career was balancing my time in order to make sure that I was able to succeed both in school and outside of school," Churchill High School senior Timothy Ohtake said. "While sports, spending time with friends or earning money at my job was sometimes more appealing, I always made sure my school work was finished. My family and classmates have been a huge motivation for me. Having support at home and learning companions in the classroom was critical to my educational development."

Getting involved with service groups and National Honor Society was a key for Plymouth High School senior James Laurer. "NHS introduced me to some of my greatest mentors and to service, something I am now very passionate about. I feel like getting involved with these activities when I did really helped me to figure out who I wanted to be and started me on the path to get there," he said.

Ladywood valedictorian Marykate Barnauskas advises younger students to "keep eyes on the prize," something she learned from her mom. "By knowing your goals, you will be able to put the important things first and succeed in achieving your goals. Stay focused and never lose sight of your dreams," she said.

Plymouth senior Rithvic Jupudi credits Pioneer Middle School science teacher Barb Johnson for jump-starting his interest in learning. "Through her encouraging of me to join the Science Olympiad team, I first gained a true appreciation for knowledge," he said. "Then in high school, one of the most influential teachers who reinforced this in me and helped me grow has been Mr. (Scott) Milam, a chemistry teacher at Plymouth who recently gained the title of Michigan Science Teacher Of The Year."

James Gibbons, interim principal at Churchill High School, sums it up nicely when speaking about his students. "All of Churchill's Top 6 academic performers are students in the highly competitive magnet accelerated academic program - MSC (math, science, computer). These MSC students, along with the other MSC students considered for this recognition, are dedicated, hard-working, talented young people of high character. I believe I speak for the entire staff when I say it has been a pleasure working with these fine young men and women. We are very proud."

The academic achievements of all the Top 6 students are impressive. Their accomplishments are astounding. The desire to succeed, get involved and make a difference is truly amazing. We at Hometown Life congratulate all these students, as well as the parents, family, friends and teachers that have poured into their lives with support and encouragement.

- Dan Dean, managing editor

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **June 13, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0013 (Allied Signs, Inc.) 27212 BECK ROAD, East of Beck Road and North of Grand River Ave, Parcel # 50-22-16-176-033. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(d)14 to allow two additional wall signs, three signs allowed and Section 28-5(2)b to allow 26.56 additional square feet of signage, 65 square feet maximum allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

PZ17-0014 (McCotter Architecture and Design, PLLC.) 1141 EAST LAKE DRIVE, East of East Lake Drive and South of 14 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-126-008. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5d for side yard setback of 11 feet, 9 inches and building overhang set back of 13 feet, 3 inches and Section 4.19-I to allow a 308 square foot variance to maximum allowable accessory building size. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0015 (Mark Ashbaugh & Angela Ditri) 116 EUBANK STREET, West of Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel # 50-22-03-379-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a front yard setback of 2.4 feet 30 feet required and Section 4.19.E5 for accessory structure larger than ground area of house. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0016 (Adam Czap) 22420 HAVERGALE STREET, East of Beck Road and North of 9 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-28-451-034. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.4 for a rear yard setback of 25 feet, to build above an existing structure, 35 feet minimum setback required. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

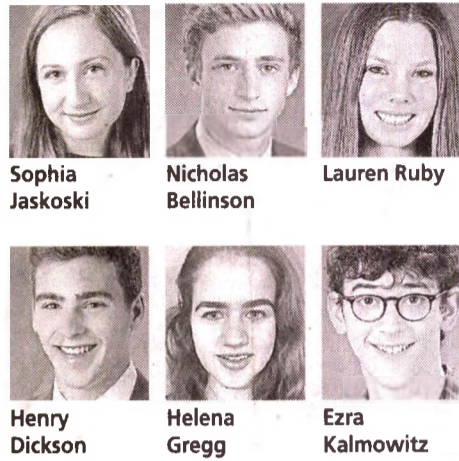
PZ17-0017 (Audrey & Gordie Wilson) 1345 EAST LAKE DRIVE, West of Novi Road and North of 13 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-177-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 4.19 for height and size variance for an accessory structure of 1500 square feet with a one story or 14 foot height maximum. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0018 (Northern Equities Group) West of Haggerty Road, North of 13 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-01-200-044. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 4.19.2.F for a setback of 51.66 feet for a proposed dumpster. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

2017 TOP 6 STUDENT HONORS

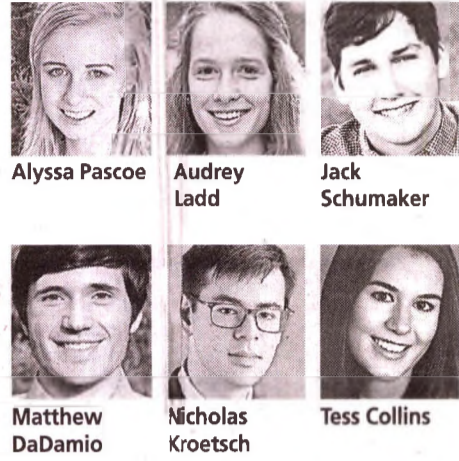
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL



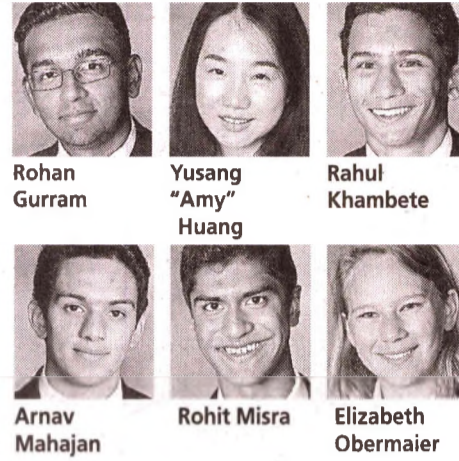
- Sophia Jaskoski**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: NHS, Link Crew Leader, Bowers Farm Volunteer, Community BBQ in Pontiac for the Homeless, March of Dimes
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Nicholas Bellinson**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Co-founder, CFO of Motor City Striping, Leadership committee - Jewish Fund Teen Board, Executive Board President Student Leadership, track & field team captain, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, National Honor Society tutor, Model UN Chair, Hammer Authority
» College choice: Vanderbilt University
- Lauren Ruby**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 33
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Yearbook editor in chief, varsity A tennis team captain, Youth Federation of Temple Israel programming vice president, Link crew leader, Jewish Student Alliance co-founder and president, International Cooking Club president, Mitzvah Day and ski club Chairs for Youth Federation of Temple Israel, Jewish Student Alliance Club, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Temple Israel youth camp counselor
» College choice: Vanderbilt University
- Henry Dickson**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis, Symphony Band, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, Science Olympiad, Political Awareness Club, Quiz Bowl, Bloomfield Organization for the Advancement of Business, Bloomfield Initiative for Public Health
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Helena Gregg**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 36
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Science Olympiad, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Gaming Club
» College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering
- Ezra Kalmowitz**
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Founder and president of Political Awareness Club, founder and president of Secular Student Alliance, Science Olympiad team captain, Medical Careers Club president, Bionic Black Hawks team treasurer, History Club secretary, founder and president of Bloomfield Initiative for Public Health, Beaumont Hospital volunteer, Summer in the City volunteer, Bloomfield Hills STEM Camp counselor, Bloomfield Summer Camp counselor, Greening of Detroit Volunteer, National Honor Society, Symphony Orchestra violinist
» College choice: Duke University

SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL



- Alyssa Pascoe**
» GPA, test scores: 4.8/3.9, ACT 34, SAT 1,490
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Model United Nations president and funder, Varsity Debate captain, Octa-finalist, Mock Trial captain, Pemroke Elementary School Cool to Care Club member, Interact Service Club secretary, Make Me a Maple student mentor, Flex mentor
» College choice: Northeastern University, Honors College
- Audrey Ladd**
» GPA, test scores: 4.5/3.4, 0.00, ACT 35, SAT 1,530
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Cross Country, Track & Field, founder of Audrey's Bakery, a nonprofit baking business for charity, National Honor Society president, Science National Honor Society vice president
» College choice: University of Michigan, College of Engineering
- Jack Schumaker**
» GPA, test scores: 4.6/5, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: National Honor Society vice president, Cross Country, Breakfast Book Club president, Chemistry Club vice president, conducted research at Oakland University chemistry lab, Kumon Math and Reading Center tutor
» College choice: The University of Michigan, College of Engineering
- Matthew DaDamio**
» GPA, test scores: 4.6/4.0, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Cross Country captain, Track & Field, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society
» College choice: University of Notre Dame
- Nicholas Kroetsch**
» GPA, test scores: 4.7/8.99, ACT 36, SAT 1,580
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Robotics Team captain, app/web development
» College choice: University of Michigan, engineering
- Tess Collins**
» GPA, test scores: 4.6/2, ACT 33
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Student Congress, Founder of The Jung Run (fundraiser in September of 2015 and 2016 run/walk benefiting lung cancer research through the American Cancer Society, raised over \$44,000), National Honor Society, Kumon of Birmingham tutor, Kick Off mentor, Piano
» College choice: University of Michigan

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



- Rohan Gurram**
» GPA, test scores: 3.91, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Tennis; Varsity Baseball; Varsity Quiz Bowl; Class Board Treasurer. Gurram also completed a volunteer Project in grandparents home village in India where he renovated a school, provided school supplies for students and provided support to the families of the school children
» College choice: Yale
- Yusang "Amy" Huang**
- Class of 2017
» GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Science Research/MIT Inspire Competition; The Day Times Student Newspaper - Senior Editor; Ford Motor Company Internship; Cum Laude Society; Varsity Dance Team; Volunteer Teaching Assistant - New Century Chinese School
» College choice: Cornell
- Rahul Khambete**
» GPA, test scores: 3.96, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Cross Country - Captain; Varsity Swimming; Varsity Track & Field - Captain; The Day Times Newspaper - Senior Staffer; Detroit Country Day Peer Tutor - Tutor and Board Member; Cum Laude Society; Research at Oakland University, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Organize Reading Programs for Children at West Bloomfield Public Library; Provide free Tutoring for ACT/SAT
» College choice: University of Michigan, engineering and Ross School of Business
- Arnab Mahajan**
» GPA, test scores: 4.00, SAT 2,400
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Honors Symphonic Band, First Chair Trumpet; Jazz Band; Student Council; Cum Laude Society; Michigan Math Prize and American Invitational Math Competitions; Computer Science Competition; Varsity Track & Field; Founder and manager of nonprofit - Upward Michigan, helping immigrants earn English and gain citizenship; Volunteer moderator for Middle School Quiz Bowl
» College choice: Carnegie Mellon, College of Computer Science
- Rohit Misra**
» GPA, test scores: 4.00, ACT 36
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Student Council; Varsity Swimming; Varsity Quiz Bowl; Cum Laude Society; Camp Far Out; volunteer counselor for children with disabilities
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Elizabeth Obermaier**
» GPA, test scores: 3.94, ACT 36
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Sailing, Captain; Varsity Ice Hockey; Varsity Lacrosse; Varsity Quiz Bowl; Honors Symphonic Orchestra; Cum Laude Society; Volunteer at Northville Civic Concern Food Pantry; Kiwanis Bowling for Disabled Children; Salvation Army Bell Ringer
» College choice: MIT

WYLIE E. GROVES HIGH SCHOOL



- Olivia Reeves**
» GPA, test scores: 4.47, SAT 1,530
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Groves Performing Arts Company - Actor, Student Director, Secretary of the Executive Board; Groves Forensic Team, Captain; Groves Big Brother Big Sister program, mentor to incoming freshman students; National Honor Society; National Merit finalist
» College choice: University of Chicago
- Daniel Anderson**
» GPA, test scores: 4.575, SAT 1,520
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Groves Symphony Orchestra, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, Birmingham Public Schools Saturday School tutor, Governor's Honor Guard
» College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan or Michigan State University
- Skyeler McQueen**
» GPA, test scores: 4.704, SAT 1,510
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: LINKS club Co-President, Groves Performing Arts Company - Head of Program Committee, House Manager for the production of "The Little Mermaid," Groves Big Brother Big Sister program captain and mentor to incoming freshman students, Tutor of Math and Spanish, takes music theory lessons in classical, jazz and musical theater performance
» College choice: Cornell University
- Samuel Meinel**
» GPA, test scores: 4.576, SAT 1,450
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Birmingham Public Schools Saturday School tutor, National Honor Society, Michigan Math League, West Maple Elementary Science Olympiad volunteer, Guitarist and lead writer in alternative rock band
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Samantha Zerafa**
» GPA, test scores: 4.62, SAT 1,470
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: LINKS club Co-President, Groves Big Brother Big Sister program captain and mentor to incoming freshman students, French and Spanish Club, Executive Board member, National Honor Society, Groves Symphony Orchestra, Groves Electric Mayhem chamber group, Berkshire Middle School mentor to Berkshire Orchestra students, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Cross Country, Student Conservation Association member and volunteer - Colville National Forest, Washington
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Hope Lamphere**
» GPA, test scores: 4.477, SAT 1,440
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Groves Marching Band, Front Ensemble Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra for "The Little Mermaid," Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, volunteer for children's art camp
» College choice: University of Michigan

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD SCHOOL



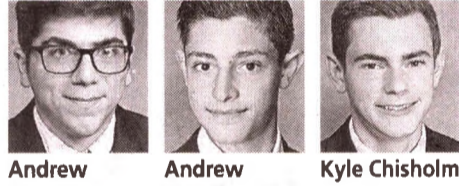
- Nikhil Baddam**
» GPA, test scores: 4.57, SAT 2,400
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Conducted research work at Wayne State University including cell research for treating Alzheimer's disease and organic sensor to detect underground toxic gases; Michigan Youth in Government president; Robotics captain - world qualifier, plays guitar in coffee houses and at Genesys Hospice, school newspaper copy editor; Make-A-Wish Club founder and president; Rocketry Club; Life Smarts Club
» College choice: Johns Hopkins
- Michael Bian**
» GPA, test scores: 4.61, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Class Officer - Vice President, Varsity Tennis captain, Science and Engineering Club president, Philosophy club president and co-founder, Future Business Leaders Club president, Life Smarts Club president, Quiz Bowl president, Programming Club co-president, Robotics, Debate, National Merit Scholar
» College choice: University of Chicago
- Divya Kudapa**
» GPA, test scores: 4.56, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Conducted research work at St. Mary's of Michigan Medical Center and Michigan State University's Plant Biology Lab, Yearbook, Model UN, Gold Key Society admissions rep and tour guide
» College choice: Undecided
- Isioma Osobor**
» GPA, test scores: 4.61, SAT 2,320
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track/Field, Class President, Resident Assistant Kingswood Dorms, Conduct Review Board (our Honor Board), Michigan Youth in Government, Science and Engineering Club, Horizons Upward Bound tutor, Model UN, Math Club, Cranbrook Culture Book vice president, Cranes for Change
» College choice: MIT
- Michael Wahrman**
» GPA, test scores: 4.58, ACT 36
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Basketball captain, School Newspaper sports editor, National Merit Scholarship Winner, conducted research at Wayne State University attempting to take pictures of the sun through a telescope and particle acceleration and artificial intelligence, Gold Key Honor Society
» College choice: Columbia University
- Grace Wang**
» GPA, test scores: 4.64, ACT 36
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Michigan Democratic Coordinate Campaign fellow, Technology Intern - Yi Xiang Ge, Crossroad Pregnancy Center counselor - invented a diaper-counting device - nickname is "The Diaper Queen," Edisco Tutoring Service nonprofit founder, Model UN co-president, Debate co-captain, School Newspaper editor-in-chief, Forensics vice president, Research Club co-president and co-founder, Children's Book - authored and illustrated - Global Warming for Kids - sold 50 copies on Amazon.com

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL



- Katherine Gordon**
» GPA, test scores: 4.334, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Volunteering through Farmington Youth Assistance, National Honor Society Secretary, Varsity Golf, SADD Student Ambassador
» College choice: University of Michigan, Ross School of Business
- Eliana Margherio**
» GPA, test scores: 4.329, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Trends for Teens (Eliana is the founder of this nonprofit organization), Ambassador Club Vice President, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Tutoring (volunteer)
» College choice: University of Pennsylvania
- Elli Johnson**
» GPA, test scores: 4.325, ACT 34
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Work at Kalamata Greek Grill, Volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, Varsity Cross Country, SADD, Friends of the Earth Club, Student Ambassador, Medical Club, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Caroline Tuohy**
» GPA, test scores: 4.320, ACT 32
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Senior Class President, Executive Board Trends for Teens (volunteer), Marian-Rice Players, Vice President Honor Code Committee, DECA, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, LIFE Club
» College choice: University of Michigan
- Erin Moore**
» GPA, test scores: 4.298, ACT 33
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: President of LIFE Club, Secretary of Honor Code Committee, SADD, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Pastoral Team, Volunteer Mission Trip through International Samaritan, Chairperson for "Building Bridges to a Culture of Life" Prolife Youth Conference, Captain Varsity Cross Country, Marian-Rice Players
» College choice: Michigan State University, James Madison & Honors College
- Evie Yazbec**
» GPA, test scores: 4.279, ACT 32
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity Bowling, Robotics Team, Marian-Rice Players, National Honor Society, STEM Club, Fostering cats for Tigerlily Cat Rescue (volunteer), Theater for elderly w/Theatrical Youth Ministry Entertainment (volunteer)
» College choice: Grand Valley State University

BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL



- (Three students submitted)
- Andrew Ameen**
» GPA, test scores: NA
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Eucharistic Minister, Christ Child Society of Detroit Student Leader, National Honor Society Vice-President, Latin Honor Society member, Warriors for LIFE - Vice President, Member of SADD organization, Member of iWarriors group, Achieve Plus Center Tutor, Volunteer in Kids Against Hunger Organization
» College choice: University of Michigan, Boston College, University of Notre Dame (awaiting decision)
 - Andrew Biondo**
» GPA, test scores: 4.31, ACT 35
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Track, leadership roles in Christ Child Society of Detroit, Michigan Junior Classical League, Latin Honor Society, Philosophy Club, Warriors for Life, MEG/American Academy of Neurology, Aequora, Holy Family, Paldeia Alumni Board
» College choice: University of Notre Dame, Stamps Scholar
 - Kyle Chisholm**
» GPA, test scores: NA
» Current year extracurricular/volunteer work: Varsity track captain, varsity cross country captain, National Honor Society Senior Rep., Latin Honor Society, Chess Club president, Detroit Symphony Orchestra volunteer, Brother Rice Band of Brothers captain
» College choice: Northwestern



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Congratulations to the 2017 Hometown Life Top 6 students.

"These students have shown excellence, determination, and resilience and engaged with the most complex and nuanced ideas that our teachers present. These are students who enjoy learning and enjoy the intellectual enterprise. They have dazzled our teachers and have also reached beyond the classroom to touch the world and grow in non-academic directions as well. They have made us exceedingly proud."

JACOB HAZARD, Cranbrook Kingswood Academic Dean for Grades 11 and 12

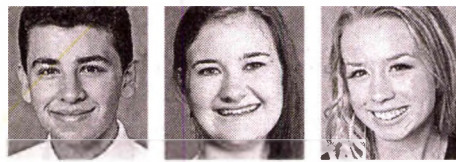
"Try lots of new things as freshmen but try to quickly narrow down what your interests are. I think it's better to focus on two or three clubs than to just be a member of five or six. Not only does this typically lead to stronger applications, but also success in a club, sport, etc is much more rewarding when you have really dedicated the time and effort."

MICHAEL WAHRMAN, Cranbrook Kingswood

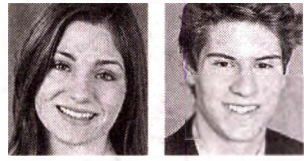
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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL



Andrew Gooding
Brianna Marble
Hunter Tarsin



Jenna Brokaw
Nicholas Hoyer

(Five students submitted)

Andrew Gooding

» **GPA, test scores:** 3.960, SAT 1,380
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Student Director of Franklin Player's presentation of "Beauty and The Beast," multiple lead and support roles in productions at Franklin, Ladywood and various community theaters. Volunteer work through youth theaters and with Life Remodeled for Detroit.
» **College choice:** Schoolcraft College

Brianna Marble

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.38, SAT 1,370
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** Captain of Winterguard and Colorguard, volunteer at Redford Township Library, president of Interact Club, National Honor Society, chairperson for NHS "Past for Pennies."
» **College Choice:** University of Michigan

Hunter Tarsin

Class of 2017
» **GPA, test scores:** 4.05, SAT 1,400
» **Current Year Extracurricular and Volunteer Work:** Student Congress - Senior Class Secretary, National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball (Captain), volunteer for Barwis Methods Athletic Angels, Relay for Life, Special Olympics
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

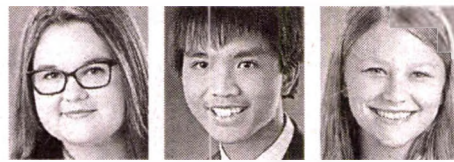
Jenna Brokaw

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.54, SAT 1,390
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Student Congress, Patriots Relates Mentor/Leader, Peer 2 Peer Student Mentor, volunteer for ARC of Western Wayne County.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Nicholas Hoyer

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.408, SAT 1,350
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Student Senate, Student Congress, Varsity Baseball, many and varied community service.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL



Abigail Melnychenko
Jean Jethro Quejadas
Kaylina Savela



Mathi Siva
Rachel Hantz
Zachary Gustitus

Abigail Melnychenko

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.47, SAT 1,450
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honors Society, Student Council, Elementary Literacy Volunteers Tutoring, Tail Waggers Volunteer.
» **College choice:** Bowling Green University

Jean Jethro Quejadas

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.51, SAT 1,460
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** Marching Band, State Solo and Ensemble, Quiz Bowl Team, Chess Club Team.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Kaylina Savela

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.47, SAT 1,460
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** Spectrum Literary Club, Quiz Bowl, Students Environmentally Active.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan, HAIL Scholarship

Mathi Siva

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.43, SAT 1,530
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honors Society, Debate Team, Quiz Bowl, Livonia Youth Symphony Philharmonic Orchestra, Library Volunteer - Livonia Civic Library.
» **College choice:** University of Texas-Dallas

Rachel Hantz

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.48, SAT 1,460
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honors Society, Students Environmentally Active, Volunteer at O.U.R. Camp - a summer camp for children with special needs, Spectrum Literary Club, Assistant to a 1st grade catechism class at St. Kenneth's, Tutoring.
» **College choice:** Central Michigan University

Zachary Gustitus

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.1429, ACT 29
» **Current year extracurricular and volunteer work:** National Honors Society, Student Senate, Class Council, School Variety Shows, Relay for Life Leadership Team.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL



Andrew Dlugos
Gabriel Garfinkel
Matthew Kovoov



Timothy Ohtake
Matthew Rodeman
Raquel Zwick

Andrew Dlugos

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.581, ACT 36, SAT 1,520
» **Character/leadership:** National Honor Society, Varsity Quiz Bowl, Success Strategies Mentor, Marching Band, Boys Scouts of America.
» **College choice:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Gabriel Garfinkel

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.500, SAT 1,530
» **Character/leadership:** Volunteer at Gleaners Food Bank, Captain of the Churchill Varsity Quiz Bowl Team (Back), Secretary of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, 1st Doubles on the Varsity Tennis Team.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Matthew Kovoov

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.619, ACT 34, SAT 1,520
» **Character/leadership:** Eagle Scout, National Honor Society President, Spanish National Honor Society, Volunteers for Kids Against Hunger, Read Across America, Relay for Life - American Cancer Society, Secretary of the Success Strategies Mentoring Club, Charger Herald Staff Writer, Varsity Quiz Bowl, Varsity Debate, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Church Youth Group.
» **College Choice:** Brown University

Timothy Ohtake

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.611, ACT 36, SAT 1,560
» **Character/leadership:** National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Vice President of the Success Strategies Mentoring Club, Student Council Class Representative, Volunteers for Internal Designs Coalition for Change (IDCF), Varsity Tennis, Varsity Swim and Dive, Varsity Baseball.
» **College choice:** Michigan State University

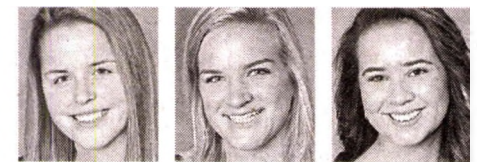
Matthew Rodeman

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.587, ACT 34, SAT 1,540
» **Character/leadership:** National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, President of the Success Strategies Mentoring Club, Charger Herald Staff Writer, St. Edith Youth Group Leadership Team, Volunteer for Church Activities, Varsity Tennis.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

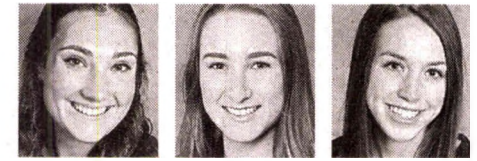
Raquel Zwick

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.603, ACT 35, SAT 1,550
» **Character/leadership:** National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Partner in Health Engage fundraising, Peru Service Trip, Varsity Cross Country Captain.
» **College choice:** Michigan State University

LADYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Mary Kate Barnauskas
Abbigale Laurentius
Rachel Nelson



Mikayla Pearson
Maggie Shirk
Shannon Wolfe

Mary Kate Barnauskas

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.17, ACT 28
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** Student Council Executive Treasurer, Yearbook Junior Editor, Student Ambassador, National Honor Society, Sunday School Aide at St. Valentine Church, Kindergarten Summer School Aide in South Redford School District, Michigan Math and Science Scholars Summer Program at University of Michigan, Babysitter.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Abbigale Laurentius

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.06, ACT 29
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** Varsity Volleyball-Defensive MVP, National Honor Society, Spirit Club, Environmental Club, St. Michael's Church Youth Group, PB & J Volunteer Outreach, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, Babysitter/Nanny.
» **College choice:** Western Michigan University

Rachel Nelson

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.12, ACT 28
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** Executive Student Council President (1 year), Executive VP (1 year) Student Council Class President (2 years), Student Ambassador, National Honor Society, Varsity Field Hockey-Captain, Scholar-Athlete, Varsity Lacrosse-Scholar-Athlete, Junior and Senior Kairos Retreat Leader, Catholic League High School Representative, Our Lady of Good Council PB & J Ministry Volunteer, Forgiven Harvest Volunteer, Sleeping Bear Dunes Mission Trip Volunteer, Blight Busters Volunteer, Travel Soccer-Plymouth Reign, Regional Futures Field Hockey, Tutor.
» **College choice:** Ohio State University

Mikayla Pearson

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.06, ACT 25
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Spirit Club, Environmental Club, Special Needs Awareness Program-SNAP Club, Varsity Ice Hockey, Varsity Lacrosse, Tutor in Math and Science, Gleaners Food Bank Volunteer, Forgotten Harvest Volunteer, Blight Busters Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, PB & J Ministry Volunteer, Mission Work Volunteer, Babysitter/Nanny.
» **College choice:** Undecided - Loyola of Chicago, Oakland University, Michigan State University or University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Maggie Shirk

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.13, ACT 29
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** Volleyball-Captain(1 year), Basketball-Captain(2 years), Track & Field, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Pro-Life Club, Catholic Athletes for Christ, St. Michael's Church Youth Group, Liturgical Team, Volunteer at Cooke School for Special Needs Students, Clean Up Detroit Volunteer, Lifeguard at Newburgh Swim Club, Babysitter/Nanny.
» **College Choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

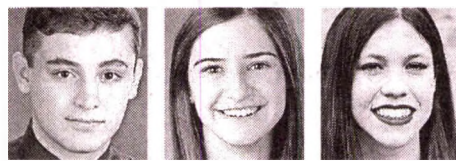
Shannon Wolfe

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.13, ACT 33
» **Extracurricular activities/volunteer work:** President and Founder of Ping Pong Club, JV (1 year) and Varsity Soccer (3 years)-MVP, National Honor Society-Secretary, Student Ambassador, Environmental Club, Sleeping Bear Dunes Mission Trip (2 years), Ladywood Auction Volunteer, Captain of Premier Club Soccer Team-Plymouth Reign, Our Lady of Good Council LifeTeen Member, Our Lady of Good Council PB & J Ministry Volunteer, Ford Christmas Fund Volunteer.
» **College choice:** University of Notre Dame

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL



Alissa Turnbull
Sydney Baker
Jillian Denison



Dominic Tomasi
Juliet Metivier
Autumn McGuffie

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.139, SAT 1,410
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Model UN, Key Club, Japanese Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Volunteer: Beaumont Wayne hospital, Church for events like Meals on Wheels, Teaching bible school classes, and leading groups at VBS. Varsity Cheer and Softball.
» **College choice:** Wayne State University, major in biotechnology on the pre-medicine track

Sydney Baker

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.125, SAT 1,250
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Student Council as Class Treasurer, Japanese National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Cheer Volunteer: Coat drive for Redford Aldersgate Church, Garden City Soccer Club annual picnic, Month makes blankets for Children's Hospital with National Honor Society, During the holidays "Toys for Tots," Cougar Care Café, Garden City Soccer Club float building for the Santaland Parade, With Student Council made care packages for patients with breast cancer.
» **College choice:** College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, chemical engineering

Jillian Denison

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.125, SAT 1,360
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Swim Team captain, Japanese National Honor Society, theater crew.
» **College choice:** Rochester Institute of Technology, College of Science, for a major in chemistry

Dominic Tomasi

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.118, SAT 1,310
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Student Council - (Class Vice President, Exec Board Parliamentarian & Present), Key Club, Model United Nations, DECA, National Honor Society, Varsity Swim.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, major in neuroscience and minor in mathematics

Juliet Metivier

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.118, SAT 1,260
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, involved in seven various GCHS theater productions, and Varsity Pom.
» **College choice:** DePaul University, major in English

Autumn McGuffie

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.083, SAT 1,330
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Key Club, Link Crew Leader, Political Action Club, West Side Story, Make a Senior Smile, Santaland Parade, Relay for Life, Cougar Care Cafe, Ronald McDonald House, Volunteer at Westland Public.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, double majoring in political science and the environment

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN



Megan Buford
Hannah Cizauskas
Benjamin Biber



Dajana Korcari
Brenna Ringlewski
Kera Sells

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.2381, ACT 29, SAT 1,410
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity softball captain, Varsity volleyball captain, John Glenn TLC, John Glenn Mentor, National Honor Society secretary, Toys for Tots, Compuware fastpitch softball, tutor.
» **College choice:** Case Western Reserve University

Hannah Cizauskas

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.1429, ACT 28
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Swim captain, Men's Varsity Swim manager, John Glenn TLC, Ted Talk, John Glenn Mentor, National Honor Society 2nd vice president, Bulldogs Aquatic swim club, Toys for Tots, Spanish Club founder.
» **College choice:** Hope College

Benjamin Biber

» **GPA, test scores:** 3.95, ACT 34, SAT 1,470
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Cross Country captain, Varsity Track & Field, Student newspaper editor, reporter, Spanish Club founding member.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Dajana Korcari

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.1429, SAT 1,060
» **Current year extracurricular/volunteer work:** History Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Ted Talk, Protein Atlas, John Glenn Mentor, Westland library volunteer, volunteer translator, John Glenn Tutor.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Brenna Ringlewski

» **GPA, test scores:** 3.920, SAT 1,390
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Stage manager for technical theater, band.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Kera Sells

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.166, SAT 1,200
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity swim team, Club swim team, National Honor Society, John Glenn TLC, team manager for John Glenn and Livonia Churchill swim teams.
» **College choice:** The College of Wooster

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Jacob Clark
Nikita Bhang
Trevor Dunn



Melania Climer
Erika Curka
James Greenshields

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.39, ACT 33, SAT 1,340
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Marching Band, Student Senate, drama, National Honor Society, varsity volunteering, Red Cross, Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America.
» **College choice:** Swarthmore College

Nikita Bhang

» **GPA, test scores:** 3.89, ACT 23, SAT 1,190
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track & Field, National Honor Society TRIO Upward Bound, Intensity Track & Field Club, Volunteered at Wayne Memorial Spooktacular, Hoover Elementary Spring Carnival, Student-athlete study tables tutor.
» **College choice:** Michigan State University

Trevor Dunn

» **GPA, test scores:** 3.62, ACT 24, SAT 1,070
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, TRIO Upward Bound, Student Senate executive president, dual shadow at University of Michigan Hospital, Varsity Soccer, Volunteer at YMCA Camp Store, Red Cross Blood Drive, St. Matthew Lutheran Church.
» **College choice:** Grand Valley State University

Melaina Climer

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.26, ACT 34, SAT 1,500
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Cross Country, National Honor Society, TRIO Upward Bound.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

Erika Curka

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.3, ACT 31, SAT 1,310
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Student Senate, National Honor Society, Ethics, Symphony Orchestra, Westland library volunteer.
» **College Choice:** University of Michigan

James Greenshields

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.0, ACT 29, SAT 1,310
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Varsity Baseball, National Technical Honor Society, Volunteer at Heartland Rehab Center.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan

LUTHERAN WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL



Carina Anderson
Maya Gaynier
Zachary English



Joseph Seta
Hannah Schneider
Joshua Schwaegerle

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.000, ACT 28, SAT 1,270
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, drama, track, cross country, Lutheran High Westland Thespian Group, and Yearbook Committee. Volunteers with her church and other local community organizations on a regular basis.
» **College choice:** Loyola University, Chicago

Maya Gaynier

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.092, SAT 1,230
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Student Council vice president, Honors Choir, Heritage Baptist choir and music leader for VBS program. Co-Valedictorian at Lutheran High Westland.
» **College choice:** Monroe County Community College, recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for full tuition

Zachary English

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.0385, ACT 29
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Varsity Baseball, Drama, and Chambers Choir. He is the Music Department president. Zach volunteers at his church as Worship Assistant, and is in the Brass Ensemble.
» **College choice:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Joseph Seta

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.0392, ACT 30
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Cross Country, Wrestling, Track, and Drama. He tutors middle school students.
» **College choice:** University of Toledo

Hannah Schneider

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.0769, ACT 32
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** Student Council treasurer, devotion group leader, Varsity Volleyball, Club Volleyball, Guardian Lutheran Church youth group, National Honor Society. She also earned Co-Valedictorian at Lutheran High Westland.
» **College choice:** Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana

Joshua Schwaegerle

» **GPA, test scores:** 4.0577, ACT 31, SAT 1,400
» **Extracurricular/volunteer work:** National Honor Society, Drama, devotion group leader, ushers at church, and helps working around Concordia grade school. Josh earned Salutatorian at Lutheran High Westland.
» **College choice:** Eastern Michigan University



Christina Harris of Livonia earned her degree in business administration, with high honors.

DOCTORS SEND MADONNA GRADS TO LIFE'S NEXT STEP

Livonia husband and wife physicians were the keynote speakers at Madonna University's 70th commencement ceremonies May 13 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Stella Salgado Evangelista, M.D., spoke at the 10:30 a.m. graduation exercise for some 400 doctoral, master's and undergraduate nursing and health graduates. Jose Limjoco Evangelista, M.D., gave the address at the 2 p.m. ceremony, to approximately 700 undergraduate students in the school of business and colleges of arts and humanities, education and natural and social sciences.

"We are honored the Evangelistas could share their secrets for success with our graduates this year and we are pleased to bestow on them honorary doctorates," Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo said. "Medical trail blazers, philanthropists and entrepreneurs, these accomplished doctors have achieved and led in a variety of endeavors and they are staunch supporters of Catholic higher education. The Madonna community is blessed to have them take part in this exciting day for our students."

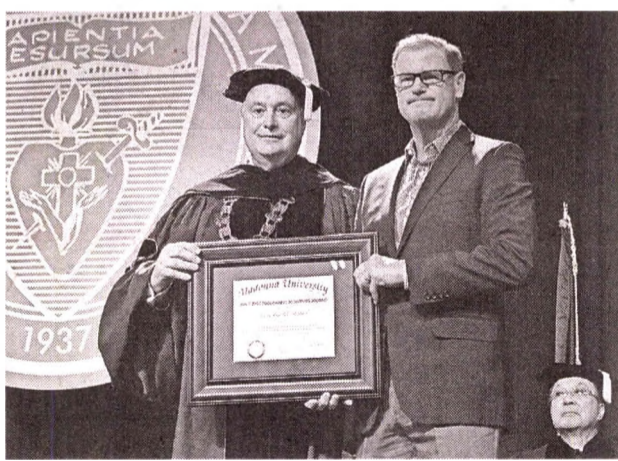
The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Timothy W. Turner, who graduated in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He went on to graduate from the Detroit Police Academy and to serve on the Wayne County S.W.A.T. team. He also worked as an undercover narcotics officer with the Michigan State Police Narcotics Cocaine Task Force.

Following his law enforcement service, Turner achieved an extraordinary 30-year career providing leadership, expertise and service in the insurance industry. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of RT Specialty, the wholesale brokerage operation of Ryan Specialty Group, a global specialty insurance organization.

The Evangelistas have worked to improve Filini-



Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., and Eileen M. Ashley, board chairperson, confer honorary doctorates upon Livonia physicians Stella Salgado Evangelista and Jose Limjoco Evangelista.



Tim Turner was honored as the university's distinguished alumnus.

no-American relations and to create jobs in Livonia and southeast Michigan. In recognition of their exemplary contributions to ethnic diversity, they were inducted into the International Institute Hall of Fame in 1990, the first Filipinos and the first couple ever to be inducted.

Both received the Asian American Hall of Fame Award in Medicine and Government Service and were named one of 20 outstanding Filipino-Americans in the United States by the Fil-Am Image magazine of Washington, D.C. They are the proud parents of six successful children, who have blessed them with four grandchildren. Their unwavering com-

mitment to the pursuit of excellence across many aspects of life is held together by their faith and love of God.

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was conferred upon servant of humanity, Stella Salgado Evangelista, who graduated magna cum laude in 1963 from the Cebu Institute of Technology and received a doctorate of medicine from the University of Santo Tomas in 1968. From 1983-93, she was chief of pediatrics at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She also served as president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America from 1993-94.

She was the first woman elected to the presidency and the first Filipino and first Asian to be

appointed to the Michigan State Board of Medicine, serving two terms from 1986-93. Stella Evangelista served as executive director and later president of the University of Santo Tomas Medical Association Alumni Foundation. A former member of the Michigan State Board of Pharmacy, she became a member of the Congressional Asian American Pacific Caucus.

An honorary doctor of international relations degree was bestowed upon Jose Evangelista, who has spent the last 13 years serving as honorary consul general of the Philippines, the highest ranking Philippine official in the state of Michigan. He also is a former chief of staff at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and a past president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America.

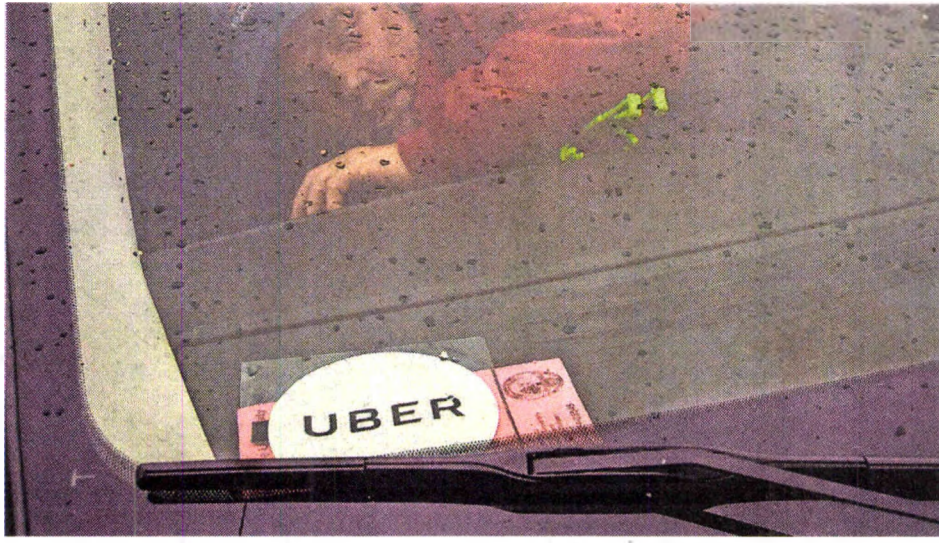
Since 1986 he has been the CEO of the J.S. Evangelista Development LLC, a construction and development company based in West Bloomfield. He also is president and CEO of the Royal Management Co. From 1994 to 2000, he served on the board of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation of the U.S. Department of Education.



Leah London of Ecorse and her mother Victoria Watts of Inkster earned a master's in nursing and a master's in pastoral ministry, respectively.



Graduates (from left) Tiffany Killian-Biddle, sign language studies interpreting, of Novi, and Jamie Jurado, general music, of Livonia, are all smiles.



The Uber tag in the window means that Jeff Fleshner is ready for business.

Uber driver finds success in non-traditional line of work

David Veselenak
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Jeff Fleshner gets to travel by helping others get where they want to go. The Taylor resident and IT professional at Madonna University in Livonia decided he wanted to make some extra cash two years ago and figured becoming an Uber driver was the way to go.

Now, with his van rocking 100,000 more miles than it did two years ago, Fleshner has done more than 5,000 rides for the service. The cash he gets from that allows him to take several vacations a year, something he wasn't able to do before.

"In the last year, we've gone to Philadelphia and Chicago twice — all of it paid for by what I made on Uber," he said. "I would just drive and put that money in an account."

"When I started driving for Uber, anytime I wanted to do something, I had money."

Uber, a ride-sharing service, connects riders and drivers using personal vehicles through the Uber app. The system collects fares from the riders and distributes them to drivers after taking a commission and other fees.

Fleshner and other ride-sharing drivers are following some new structures when it comes to driving in Michigan. A law passed last year took effect in March, making such drivers subject to the same regulations as taxi and limousine companies. That means drivers

must be 19 years old; have a valid driver's license issued from Michigan or another state; not have more than four moving violations or one major violation within the last three years; not be a listed sex offender; and not have any felony convictions within the last five years. Several other states have similar laws on the books.

"As transportation options continue to increase, we look forward to helping ensure the safety of all Michiganders who look for convenient and affordable ways to get around," CSCL Director Julia Dale said in a statement. "By vetting prospective companies, we're also helping protect those who want to earn extra income by providing rides."

Learn the surge

When it comes to driving, Fleshner will find himself typically in one of three cities: Detroit, Ann Arbor or East Lansing. That's where the best rates tend to come, especially on a weekend evening with a lot of people looking for a ride. Called a "surge," those instances tend to see rates begin to increase on a multiplying basis.

"A surge is caused when more riders have their app open in the area than drivers," he said. "That draws people that are close. Surges don't last long, except for Friday nights at 2 a.m."

That's why Fleshner loves driving from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. weekends in college towns. Not only that, but he'll routinely drive much shorter distances in



Jeff Fleshner drives for Uber as a second job.

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that time than he would out in the suburbs like Livonia, resulting in a better paycheck.

He's had his share of bad experiences out of those 5,000 rides. The worst, he said are the "drunk, arguing couples." Fleshner recalled two such rides he gave to such couples, including one that was nearly 25 minutes and resulted in him pulling over to tell them both to knock it off.

"I got back on the road and five minutes in they were back at it again," he said.

While he's not ever used the service

as a rider, Fleshner said he'll plan on driving for years to come as long as he's making money.

He makes enough money at Madonna University to pay his bills, but having that extra cash in his pocket is great for his traveling and for spoiling his grandchildren.

"I like it and I do it for a purpose. My grandkids benefit a lot from me driving," he said. "I'm not leaving much after I'm dead. Nobody's going to be fighting over my will."

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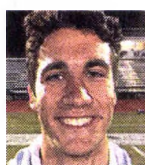
Novi boys track down regional title

Relay teams win at 400 and 3,200 to lead the way

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It's been awhile for the Novi boys track and field program. The Wildcats, fresh from winning their first Kensington Conference title since 2014 the previous week at Canton, added another big trophy to their 2017 collection on Friday night by capturing the MHSAA Division 1-Region 7 crown at Milford.

Although Novi won just two events, they scored more than their fair share in 15 others to earn their first regional



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crown in almost two decades. Novi finished with 107 points with Fenton (86), Walled Lake Central (69), Walled Lake Western (57.5) and Walled Lake Northern (54) rounding out the top five in the 14-school field.

"It's pretty cool to win this one, it's a lot bigger, so it's a good feeling for sure," said Novi standout distance runner

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The Novi boys track and field team celebrates after winning the Division 1-Region 7 title at Milford.

GIRLS SOCCER

Novi repeats as Kensington champion

Win puts KLAA Central champs in Association finals

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The team trainer was busy post game icing down and taping up the Novi girls soccer team, which resembled a M*A*S*H* unit, following their 2-0 conquest of Plymouth. Novi's battle cry for its walking wounded is "Next Woman Up" and that was never more evident Thursday night as the host Wildcats repeated as Kensington Conference champions at Meadows Stadium.

Novi (10-4-3) dominated the first half getting goals from sophomore forward Julia Stadther (unassisted) with 23:04 left followed by senior forward Bailey Baumbick's goal (from Vera Razburgaj) with 5:50 remaining.

Sophomore forward Lexi Whalen and senior forward Annie Fisher also each hit the crossbar during the opening half which could have made it worse. "I think we were all just staying together as a team," said Novi senior defender Gracie Backus, who left the field with a big ice pack on her elbow. "That's a big thing for us when we get early goals. It's easy for us to stay with each other and I think we did. Even though we hit the crossbar a few times, we scored those two goals and it really helped us pick it up a little more."

Plymouth (14-3-1), the KLAA South Division's top seed after sharing the title with neighbor Canton, was coming off a 15-0 win over



Backus

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Everybody gets in on the celebration for the six-time regional champion Northville girls track and field team.

Mustangs hold off Stark challenge

Frosh McNamara keys win over runner-up Lakeland

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It's been a smooth exchange as the baton continues to be passed in the Northville girls track and field program.

The Mustangs had to fill a gaping hole when three-event Division 1 state champion Chloe Abbott graduated last year and headed to Purdue. But freshman Clare McNamara has assumed the torch and Northville



McNamara

hasn't missed a beat after capturing its sixth consecutive regional title Friday night at chilly Milford High School.

Northville, the KLAA Kensington Conference champ, fended off a strong challenge by KLAA Lakes Conference champ White Lake Lakeland for the crown, 135-112.

Novi and Fenton tied for third with 61, while host Milford was fifth with 57 in the 13-school Division 1-Region 7 field.

McNamara has made quite a splash this season as a ninth-grader and that

was never more evident than Friday night when she took the long jump (17 feet, 8.5 inches), 400 dash (58.30) and anchored the first-place 4 x 200 relay (1:45.21), which also included Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum and Yasmine Affes.

McNamara almost helped add another win for the Mustangs in the 4 x 400 relay, but Milford's anchor leg Mallory Barrett, a senior headed to run at the University of Michigan, held off the talented freshman at the finish line. Milford's first place time was 4:02.48, while Northville's was 4:02.59.

"I knew it was going to be close,"

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BOYS GOLF

Shamrocks rule Oakland County, league

CC's Piot, Skinner lead way as medalists

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The Novi Detroit Catholic Central golf team added two more important pieces of hardware to its trophy case this week by winning Wednesday's Oakland County Division 1 tournament after earning its first Catholic League championship since 2014 two days earlier.

The Shamrocks, two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions, had four players break 75 — led by Michigan State signee James Piot, who shot 69 to repeat as medalist — in the Oakland County tourney held at Pontiac Country Club.

The Shamrocks posted a four-player total of 284 to lead the 23-school field. Clarkston (302), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (306), Birmingham Seaholm (309) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (310) rounded out the top five.

"James played a very solid round again today," CC coach Mike Anderson said. "Playing conditions were very difficult. The wind was swirling most of the round with gusts up to 30 mph. Driving the ball in play and controlling your distances on your approach shots was a necessity. James has won this event the last two years. This is a good course for



Catholic Central's James Piot took medalist honors at the Oakland County Division I Tournament with 69.

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him. It's very demanding off of the tee and he drives the ball very well."

Other CC scorers included Sean Niles, second (70); Sean Sooch, third (71); and Dyllan Skinner, tied for sixth (74). Georgia Tech signee Ben Smith also earned a top 10 finish with a 75.

Novi, meanwhile, placed 10th with 330, led by Derek DuBois (80), Michael Ulle and Ryan Welch (83 each) and Aakash Jajoo and Chris Fisher (84 each).

White Lake Lake placed 21st with 360 as Ben Cohen tied for sixth with 74.

Other scorers for the Eagles included Jesse Smothers (90), Justin Renhart (97) and Spencer Sienkiewicz (99). Jacob Brown added 104.

League champions

Senior Dyllan Skinner earned medalist honors with 69 as CC captured the Catholic League championship May 15 at the Oakland University's Katke Cousins Golf Course.

The Shamrocks shot 290 to win by a whopping 30 strokes, followed by Birmingham Brother Rice (320), Cran-

brook (328), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (329), Warren DeLaSalle (331), defending champion University of Detroit-Jesuit (334), Dearborn Divine Child (349) and Macomb Lutheran North (375).

Skinner was followed by Sooch and Piot with 73 each, while Sam Holland added 75. Niles and Smith shot 76 and 78, respectively.

"Dyllan battled back after a slow team start, but was able to get many of the strokes back when he played three par-5s in four holes," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. "He had two eagles and a birdie in that stretch. It was during this stretch that the team gained its momentum back."

Skinner, one of six seniors for the Shamrocks, has been a pleasant surprise so far this season.

"After averaging 79 last year, he is just under 74 this year and has been a real 'X' factor for our team," Dewling said. "His off-season work has paid off for him individually and has made our team that much more competitive."

DOUBLE-DUAL MATCH RESULTS

May 16 at Northville Hills
TEAM SCORES: Northville 175, Westland John Glenn 207; Northville 175, Wayne Memorial 224; Novi 175, John Glenn 207; Novi 175, Wayne 224.
Novi scorers: Jason Wenner, 39 (medalist); Jay Nalluri, 44; Ryan Pinho, 45; Peter Koomen, 47; Trevor Angell, 49; Alex Dickmann, 52.
Northville scorers: Maxwell Verab-Hatley, 41; Rishab Lanka, 44; Ryan Gallagher, 45; Jack Antilla, 46; Nick Wever, 47.

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SOCCER

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Wayne Memorial. But getting one against Novi's depleted defense, which was missing two starters, never materialized.

"Right now we're playing through it and the good thing is that we have a deep bench, got a lot of people that can step in," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "We had a couple of players that didn't play tonight."

While one of Novi's top scorers, freshman Avery Fenchel, was lost for the season on May 11 to a broken collarbone in a 3-1 win over Livonia Stevenson, the Wildcats seem to overcome their obstacles.

Baumick was back for only her second game after hurting her ankle early in the season.

"We have a really deep bench," Backus said. "We have some girls just wanting to play and get minutes, and even if it's for two minutes on the field. Because we have that deep bench, it's O.K. for us starters to have a break, and that's O.K. for us because we know we have great competition to come back."

Pheiffer, missing two players to a choir concert, is just able to plug the holes.

"They a great team, they play hard for each other, they step in to do a great job of filling in whether it's five minutes or 10 minutes," he said. "That's what you want and every game we have different people scoring goals for us. We're not relying on one person and sometimes people are playing a different position and don't miss a beat."

Novi's play in the first half was nearly flawless.

"We have been stressing just playing the ball quick," Pfeiffer said. "We have some very good technical players. When we play quick, when we play the ball to the feet, possess and not try and worry about getting behind them or playing the long ball in, that's when we play our best soccer. That's the way we



The Novi girls soccer team repeated as Kensington Conference girls soccer champs with a 2-0 win over Plymouth.

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came out the first half and what we did."

Meanwhile, Plymouth couldn't mount any consistent threat against Novi junior goalkeeper Callie Rich, who made five saves en route to the shutout.

"Disappointing loss, some good spots, some bad spots," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "We were missing a few key players. We have a couple people out. The energy needed to be better (second half). Effort and energy were a key, things we needed to change a little bit and the team play."

Despite the loss, Neschich saw some positives.

"I thought Gabrielle McCaslin was a bright spot," the Plymouth coach said. "She was strong and I thought Rivers (Smythe) played a strong game for us

tonight. But at the end of the day it wasn't a good day for the Wildcats."

The win puts Novi in the KLAA Association championship game 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 at Meadows Stadium against the Lakes Conference champ Brighton, which advanced with a 2-1 win over Walled Lake Northern.

Novi, which looks to repeat, has formed a tight bond with a new group of players following last year's MHSAA Division 1 semifinal run.

"There's never a bad day, never a bad practice," Backus said. "And even when somebody is having a bad day, we can always come to practice and have a smile on your face no matter what."

Meanwhile, Todd Pfeiffer got family bragging rights over his two nieces Breana, a junior, and Alyssa, a fresh-

man, whoboth play for Plymouth.

"We've had such a tough, tough schedule, not only just the competition but the number of games," Todd Pfeiffer said of his KLAA Central Division co-champion squad. "We've had stretches of five games in eight days, six games in 10 days . . . and the division we play in is by far one of the most competitive. And look at Plymouth. They had only two losses all year to Canton and Brighton, who are very good teams and they (Plymouth) are a very good team as well."

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COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Six Novi more athletes eye collegiate ranks

Wildcats have 21 student-athletes committed to play next year

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It's been a special year so far for Novi athletics with the spring sports tournaments just getting underway.

After winning two state championships and making five Final Four appearances, Novi athletic director Brian Gordon introduced six more student-athletes during a special national letter of Intent ceremony, bringing this school year's total to 21 seniors who have affirmed a commitment to participate in collegiate ranks.

Beginning next fall, three student athletes who attended Thursday's event at the school's Commons will compete in Division I sports including Emmy Robinson (Michigan State), rowing; Scott Sawyer (Central Michigan), track and field; and Jacalyn Schubring (University of Tennessee-Martin), soccer.

Other college bound athletes include basketball player Cara Ninkovich (Albion College), lacrosse player Katie McMas-



Among the latest Novi High college sports commits include (from left) Cara Ninkovich, Jacalyn Schubring, Katie McMaster, Emmy Robinson, Emma Hammelef and Scott Sawyer.

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ter (Otterbein College); and track and field athlete Emma Hammelef (Case Western Reserve).

Thursday's event was the third signing ceremony held at Novi High School this school year. Signings were also held on Nov. 9 and Feb. 1.

Earlier signees, who will compete at the Division I level include swimmer Camden Murphy (Georgia); soccer play-

ers Bethany Kopel (Indiana), Gracie Backus (Central Michigan) and Kyle Bandyk (Detroit Mercy); golfer Alexa Hatz (Detroit Mercy); and volleyball player Ally Cummings (Valparaiso).

Other signees are football players Anthony D'Annibale (Dayton) and Nathan Hankerson (Saginaw Valley State); soccer players Ben Noud (Marygrove) and Eric Rice (Northwood); swimmers

Emily Mayoras (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and Philip Billiu (Saginaw Valley State); lacrosse players Brendan Daschke (Madonna University) and Mariah Smythe (Siena Heights); and golfer Michael Ulle (Grand Valley State).

During the 2016-17 school year, the Wildcats girls volleyball and pom teams captured state titles, while the girls golf team was MHSAA Division 1 runner-up. The boys cross country, tennis, soccer and swim teams finished in the top four.

"This has been, from a wins and losses standpoint one of the most successful seasons because of the seniors — because seniors make teams — that Novi has ever had," Gordon said. "And we have yet to even begin our spring tournaments."

During Thursday's event, Gordon took time to pay a special tribute to Robinson, a senior co-op in the athletic department this year.

"We've had some great co-ops over the years and often times they're one of our athletes," he said. "Emmy has done an outstanding job of balancing academics, athletics and taking on the responsibility in our office, which is like no other co-op position in the school district."

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KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Marano aces title win test vs. Northville

Chiefs win 16th straight with 2-1 victory in Kensington final

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Canton pitcher Seth Marano proved to be the great escape artist in Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship game against host Northville.

The junior left-hander was Harry Houdini-like, working his way out of jams over the first five innings as the Chiefs earned their first conference title since 2013 with a 2-1 win over the Mustangs.

Marano, who scattered nine hits and a hit one batter over seven innings, helped give Canton its 16th straight victory.

Northville left nine runners stranded over the first four innings and came up scoreless before scratching out a run in the bottom of the fifth on an Aram Shahrighian sacrifice fly.

But that was the only run Northville would get as Marano retired nine of the final 10 batters he faced, including a one-two-three seventh as the Chiefs improved to 26-5 overall.

"I threw for an inning of relief in the regular season and I didn't do so well actually," Marano said of a 4-1 loss to the Mustangs on April 17. "I didn't really think about it, I just think about getting the next guy out. I just pay attention to the batter. I really don't worry about those guys on base."

Meanwhile, Canton's victory also secured a spot in Wednesday's KLAA Association final at home against Lakes Conference champion Brighton (20-3), which rolled past Walled Lake North-ern, 11-0.

Marano was effective changing up speeds throughout the game.

"They can hit fastballs really well, so I really started them off with off-speed and then kept it going there," Marano said. "During that stretch my strikeout pitch was my fastball most of the time."

Canton strung together three of its five hits against Northville starter Jon



Canton's Seth Marano pitched a complete game in a 2-1 win over Northville.

MARTHA MICHALAK

Michalak in the fourth inning to score both of its runs as Justin Mattson started the rally with a two-out single.

Ben Spencer followed with a hit-and-run RBI double and Lou Baechler followed with another RBI double to make it 2-0.

Marano then took care of the rest as the only run he allowed came in the fifth after an outfield error (ball lost in the sun) led to Shahrighian's sacrifice fly.

"I knew we had to get it together and nobody was scoring obviously," Marano said. "I knew two runs had to be enough. All the credit to the defense. They did a great job."

Canton coach Mark Blomshield

played the percentages in starting Marano, who did not allow a walk.

"We knew they had three lefties, so we kind of used that as a focus," the Canton coach said. "But he throws a lot of strikes. We've been in this situation before. If they beat us, they beat us, but you get in these games and you can't beat yourself. I just thought it was the best matchup with the lefties and his ability to command the strike zone."

It proved to be a frustrating afternoon for the Mustangs, the KLAA Central Division champs who slipped to 17-7 overall.

Northville got a 3-for-3 performance from eighth hitter Michael Lionas and a

2-for-3 outing from ninth batter Christian Williams, but left the bases loaded in the fourth as Marano got a strikeout to end the inning.

The Mustangs also had one runner picked off by Marano and another was caught stealing on a throw to second by Mattson, the Canton catcher.

"We get the lead-off runner on five out of seven innings and not being able to do much is tough to swallow," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "He (Michalak) had a couple of mistakes that got hit pretty hard, but outside of that you can't ask for anything more. Defensively we did a nice job. You can't look at any mistakes that anybody made and pin it on that. It was a good baseball game. This one hurts because we left so many on guys on base."

Marano proved crafty in the clutch. "The matchup kept coming around with the lefty-lefty and we felt confident with that," Blomshield said. "We just worked out of some jams and that's a great baseball program (Northville). We respect them a lot. They've won quite a few championships. We were just fortunate today and a heckuva a battle."

After scoring their only run in the fifth, the Mustangs went down quietly in the sixth and seventh innings.

"We did very well offensively, did what we hoped to do," Kostrzewa said. "We had multiple times to step up and get a big hit, or move a runner from third with a guy on third and less than two outs and we weren't able to do it early in the game. You can't do that for seven innings. You can't have that many base runners against a good team for seven innings."

The last time Canton captured the KLAA Association title was 2013 when the Chiefs defeated Brighton 2-1.

"This team just hasn't quit," Blomshield said. "We've won 16 games in a row, so they don't like to lose. We don't have any super all-stars, it's just a great team effort. Everybody chips in and it's somebody different every day. We have a lot of well-rounded ball players that find a way to get it done when they need it. We've done it 26 times this year and hope to make it 27 on Wednesday."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Northville splits on Armed Forces Day salute

Novi coach Rick Green gets 400th win against West Bloomfield

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Northville's baseball program saluted the military Saturday in its eighth annual Armed Forces Day event.

The Mustangs then played a pair of non-conference games defeating White Lake Lakeland in the opener, 7-0, before falling to West Bloomfield, 5-2, in the round-robin format which also featured Novi.

The event also included a 5K run-walk along with ceremonies honoring the country's armed forces.

"It's truly an honor to be able to use baseball as a way to pay tribute to all of the men and women, both past and present, who have given so much to our great nation," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Coach (Bill) Flohr and our Armed Forces Day committee did an outstanding job organizing and facilitating all of the days events."

Ryan Pumper pitched six strong innings allowing just two hits and two walks while striking out six. Connor Ziparo pitched a scoreless seventh to preserve the save in the Northville triumph over Lakeland.

Nick Prystash paced Northville's offense going 3-for-3 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Billy Flohr also went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Jack Sargent was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Losing pitcher Spencer Shorling gave up all seven runs on seven hits in four innings. Brett Ligenfelter finished up.

The Eagles were led offensively by Nathan Reuter, who went 2-for-3 with a double.

In the second game, West Bloomfield (15-14) defeated the Mustangs (19-8) in a game that was stopped in the bottom of the sixth inning because of rain.

Cameron Golny went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI to pace the Lakers' six-hit attack. Blake Barnes also contributed two hits an RBI.

Winning pitcher T.J. Newby went 5 2/3 innings allowing two earned runs on five hits. He walked four and struck out five. He also helped his own cause with two RBI.

Mike Lionas knocked in both runs for the Mustangs, while starting pitcher Jon Michalak took the loss allowing four



The Northville baseball team held its Armed Forces Day with games against Lakeland and West Bloomfield.

MARTHA MICHALAK

earned runs on four hits in 2 2/3 innings. Ben Schmidt went the next 3 1/3.

"We fell behind early and waited too long to start putting together some competitive at bats," Kostrzewa said. "Credit West Bloomfield for taking advantage of their opportunities. We struggled with walks, fell behind hitters, made a couple errors and they got some timely hits."

LAKELAND 3, NOVI 2: Junior Aaron Spry scattered eight hits over seven innings to lift White Lake Lakeland (18-9) to a victory Saturday over the host Wildcats (15-18-1).

Spry struck out three and walked one.

Cass Phillips went 2-for-3 and Grant Smith collected an RBI for the Eagles.

Losing pitcher Cam Czapski also pitched a complete game allowing one

earned run seven hits while striking out five and walked one.

Brian Wendt collected two hits, while Coleman Naylor and Evan Yokie each had an RBI for Novi.

NOVI 4, WEST BLOOMFIELD 1: Senior right-hander Alec Bageris threw a three-hitter over six innings to earn the victory Saturday as the host Wildcats (15-17-1) downed the Lakers (14-14) in a non-conference game.

Nate Lys came on to get the save as coach Rick Green earned his 400th victory.

"I was glad to see Al Bageris get the ball and get the win that game," said Green, who is in his 18th year.

Johnny Bean had two RBI, while Brian Wendt and Evan Yokie each collected two hits for Novi. Drew O'Connor also knocked in a run.

West Bloomfield starter Bryce Veasley, who went four innings, suffered the loss.

NORTHVILLE 9, WALLED LAKE

NORTHERN 4: Christian Williams and Aram Shahrighian each drove in a pair of runs lifting the Mustangs (18-7) to a victory on May 17 over visiting Walled Lake Northern (18-9) in a matchup of KLAA division champions.

Senior shortstop Kevin Morrissey also collected two hits and scored twice, while Michael Lionas contributed an RBI for KLAA Central champion Northville.

Winning pitcher Connor Ziparo went the first five innings allowing two earned runs on five hits. He struck out three and walked one before giving way to reliever Ben Schmidt, who gave up two earned runs on one hit.

Nick Powell led the Knights offensively with a solo homer and double, while Jack Powell also homered.

Northern starter Zack Northcott, who took the loss, gave up all nine runs on seven hits in 4 2/3 innings for the KLAA North co-champions.

NOVI 9, GRAND BLANC 0: On May 17, Drew O'Connor knocked in four runs and Nate Lys went 3-for-3 as the Wildcats (14-17-1) downed the visiting Bobcats (9-9) in a KLAA crossover.

Evan Yokie (2-for-3) and Nate Wicks also added two RBI apiece, while Tyler VanKirk and Brian Wendt also added two hits apiece.

Alec Bageris, who pitched the first three innings, earned the victory. Lys went the next 2 2/3 innings and Cam Czapski went the final 1 1/3 to combine on a seven-hitter.

NOVI 4, CHURCHILL 1: Pitcher Grant Pytel scattered four hits and four walks over 5 1/3 innings on May 15 leading the host (13-17-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Churchill (12-16).

Pytel, a sophomore, gave up one unearned run and struck out four.

Reliever Mitch Lys went one inning and Tyler VanKirk got the final out for the save.

Offense for Novi came from Evan Yokie (2-for-3, run), Nate Wicks (RBI double), Nate Lys (RBI) and Drew O'Connor (RBI).

Churchill starter Joe Wozniak, who went six innings, took the loss. He allowed one earned run on five hits and two walks while striking out three.

Dan Dawes had the lone RBI for the Chargers.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lakeland's ace keeps Mustangs off balance

Franklin Road Christian cruises to MIAC Red victory

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Hits proved to be plentiful on May 17 as host White Lake Lakeland out-slugged Northville, 7-4, in a KLAAs girls softball crossover between divisional champions.

The No. 7-ranked Eagles (24-5), the North Division champs, collected 12 hits scoring twice in the bottom of the third, two more in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

The Mustangs (19-8) tallied a run in the fourth and added three more in the sixth.

"Lakeland is a very good hitting team, they have the ability to hit to all fields," Northville coach Scott DeBoer said.

Winning pitcher Teresa Menzel scattered nine hits over seven innings. The senior held the Mustangs hitless through the first three innings. She struck out seven and did not allow a walk.

"Teresa Menzel did a nice job keeping us off balance early," DeBoer said. "We didn't make the adjustments early enough against her."

Top hitters for the Eagles included Elizabeth Langley (3-for-4, three RBI); Mary Zimmerman (3-for-3, two RBI); Rianna Koteles (3-for-3, two RBI) and Menzel (2-for-3).

Northville starter Hannah Laurin, who took the loss, went six innings surrendering seven runs on 13 hits, while striking out three.

Sarah Hige went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Makenzie Kamm was 2-for-3 for the Mustangs. Megan Swart, Madi Esposito and Alexis Koehler each added an RBI.

"Overall, I'm happy the way this

team continues to grind, we've played some excellent teams, and continue to learn from each opportunity," DeBoer said.

FRANKLIN ROAD 14, HURON VALLEY 7: On Saturday, winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi went all seven innings as Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-3, 8-1) kept its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title hopes afloat with a win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Nannoshi, a junior, struck out nine, while sophomore Haley Michals paced the offense going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

NOVI 6, LAKE SHORE 3: Senior Ally Cummings threw a complete game Saturday as the Wildcats (12-12) won their Pool I finale of the Michigan Challenge at the Canton Softball Center.

The senior right-hander allowed just five hits and struck out 10, while getting offensive support from Anna Mizerowski, who had two hits and an RBI.

OLIVET 10, NOVI 5: In the second round of the Michigan Challenge, the Wildcats (11-13) fell in Pool I to the Eagles as starter Ally Cummings went three innings in taking the loss at the Canton Softball Center.

Reliever Maria Gustitus pitched two scoreless innings, while Sophie Rallis had two hits and Allison Purcell two RBIs in a losing cause.

LAKELAND 16, NOVI 4: On Saturday, White Lake Lakeland (25-5) opened the Michigan Challenge at the Canton Softball Center with a run-rule victory over the Wildcats (11-12) as sophomore shortstop Elizabeth Langley went 3-for-3 with five RBIs and three runs scored.

Also contributing offensively were Rianna Koteles, who went 2-for-2, including a homer, double and two RBIs; Mary Zimmerman, solo homer; Chase Schultz, two-run double; and Lauren Castellon,

RBI. Winning pitcher Teresa Menzel went the first 2 1/3 innings allowing four runs on six hits. Schultz finished up allowing three hits to go along with three strikeouts.

Ally Cummings, who took the loss, was replaced by Maria Gustitus. The two combined to allow all 16 runs on 11 hits and seven walks, while fanning three.

Bella Rallis, Gustitus and Cummings each had two hits in a loss.

FRANKLIN ROAD 13, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3: Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-3, 7-1) rolled Friday to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Junior Haley Thrift worked the first four innings allowing three runs on two hits and four walks to earn the victory. She struck out four before junior reliever Kayla Nannoshi closed it out in the fifth.

Senior Rebecca Krause, along with juniors Gabrielle McKeever and Audrey Gowan each went 2-for-3 for the victorious Warriors.

NOVI 5, BRIGHTON 2: Ally Cummings threw a six-hitter on May 17 leading the Wildcats (11-11) to a KLAAs crossover victory over the host Bulldogs (13-14).

The senior right-hander went all seven innings allowing the two runs while fanning two.

Offensively, Bella Rallis paced Novi's 10-hit attack going 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Allison Purcell contributed two hits and an RBI.

Ashley Yarbery also drove in a run for the Wildcats.

FRANKLIN 10, NOVI 9: On May 15, Livonia Franklin (10-14) earned the Kensington Conference crossover victory over the host Wildcats (10-11).

Ashley Yarbery homered and doubled in the loss, while Ally Cummings went 3-for-4 and Ireland Whalen added two hits.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Canton blanks Mustangs for Kensington crown

Chiefs earn 5-1 victory behind frosh hurler Scott

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The third time proved to be the charm Monday for Hannah Zajdel and the Canton varsity girls softball team.

Zajdel, a junior catcher, came up empty in her first two at bats against Northville sophomore pitcher Hannah Laurin in the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game at Canton High School.

She came to the plate bound and determined to finally come through in the fifth inning of a still-scoreless game — with Olivia Grant and Izzy Dawson in scoring position (both had singled and were moved up a base on Nicole Dawson's sacrifice bunt).

"I knew I just had to score those runs because they meant the whole game, and I knew I had to get it play," Zajdel recalled.

Indeed she did, lacing a liner to center off Northville sophomore pitcher Hannah Laurin to score both Grant and Dawson to put Canton up 2-0.

It proved to be the winning blow in a 5-1 victory that upped the Chiefs' record to 19-2 overall and into the KLAAs Association championship game against Howell (25-1).

"I went up to them and said, 'Hey, this is what is at the next level, it's pressure, so get used to it,'" said White, recalling his pep talk to the team as the winning rally started to gather momentum. "I said, 'So just get in there and get a good swing on it.'"

"She (Zajdel) came through. She's probably been hitting it about as well as anybody on this team, she's making great contact."

White has a pretty good idea about what it takes to succeed at the colle-



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Canton's Morgan Stephens avoids a force-out tag by Northville shortstop Sarah Moos during the conference final.

giate level, as he formerly coached Madonna University.

For the Chiefs, who are ranked as an honorable mention all-state team, the clutch hitting and strong pitching (by freshman Shae Scott), the win over the pesky Mustangs (19-7) gives them the opportunity to repeat as association champions.

"I love pitching, it's my passion so I try to be good at what I do," said Scott, who also doubled in four at-bats. "I was just working my pitches, making them move. ... And I had my defense behind me."

Northville head coach Scott DeBoer

praised his team for battling against the Chiefs and is confident his team will be more than ready when districts begin June 3 against Walled Lake Western.

"You have to credit their pitcher (Scott), she's an excellent pitcher," DeBoer said. "And I thought Hannah Laurin held them in check. With one out in the fifth inning a ground ball was spinning and we didn't make the play and it kind of opened up for them."

"But hats off to Canton, they're a good club. We've improved a lot, we're very proud of our (KLAAs Central Division) championship and we're working for that district championship."

The Chiefs snuffed out any of Northville's infrequent rallies with strong play in the field.

Following a walk to Madi Esposito in the third, the Dawson sisters perfected an inning-ending double play, with second baseman Sydney tagging courtesy runner Maggie Petix and flipping to Izzy at first.

In Northville's fifth, with the game still 0-0, Hannah Dygert singled and Esposito walked again. But Scott got out off the inning when junior Kat Brady flagged down Alexis Kohler's line drive in left field and Izzy Dawson jumped to spear Makenzie Kamm's bid for a hit.

Canton's winning rally began quietly enough. With one out, a grounder by Grant spun away from Northville second baseman Abby Tolstyka.

"It was all or nothing, she (Tolstyka) blocked it, the ball was spinning," DeBoer said. "It's the effort you want."

Kohler was one batter away from escaping the jam, but Zajdel and Roberts ripped their back-to-back hits to for all intents and purposes seal Canton's conference championship. The final two runs of the frame came in on a wild pitch and an error.

The Mustangs avoided a shutout with a run in the seventh, with Dygert (2-for-3) smacking a base hit to left so score Megan Swart (who singled to open the inning).

The win was costly for the Chiefs, however. Senior third baseman Peyton Philbeck was hit on the left forearm by a pitch and immediately left the game. White said Philbeck might have suffered a fracture.

White moved his fielders around to compensate for the loss of Philbeck and sophomore Nicole Dawson entered the game and chipped in with a sacrifice bunt and a single.

"These kids have been doing it for us all year," White said.

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McNamara said. "I went out as fast as I could, stuck with her (Barrett) through the curve and gave it everything I had, just fell a little bit short. I hope we can do a little bit better at 'states' and come out victorious."

Abbott, who earned a trip this weekend to the NCAA East Regionals for the Boilermakers in Lexington, Ky., placed in three events at last week's Big Ten Championships including 200- and 400-meter individual events, as well as the 4 x 400 relay.

McNamara, meanwhile, also has Big Ten bloodlines as well. Her older sister Gina just completed her fifth and final season of eligibility as an 800 runner for the University of Michigan.

Gina just ran in her final meet collegiate meet at the Big Tens held last weekend at Penn State.

"She (Gina) just told me to do my best and everything, push forward," Clare said. "She gives me a lot of tips how to train, how to push and what exercises are good, which is really helpful."

Northville, meanwhile, was able to overcome Lakeland's super sophomore Grace Stark, who swept three individual events including the 100 hurdles (13.99), 100 dash (12.12) and 200 (24.99).

"Lakeland is a phenomenal team," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "I went over and congratulated (coach) John (Kababik). He's been coaching a long time and his sophomore Grace Stark is phenomenal. I told our kids it was going to be close. It was going to come down to the two mile (3,200) and 4 x 4 (1,600 relay). But all I ask if they competed. And our kids did that and

I'm pretty happy with the outcome."

Northville's strong distance corps once again sealed the victory as sophomore Olivia Harp (10:56.20), junior Ana Barrott (11:00.54) and senior Cayla Eckenroth (11:00.83) went one-two-three in the 3,200 run to rack up 24 points.

"That sealed the deal and we knew going in that's what we had to do," Dalton said. "Olivia (Clymer) from Lakeland was in there and the Pinckney girl Garcia (Isabella) would challenge those three and made the race honest, but I was happy with the way Olivia Harp broke the race open with 400 (meters) to go. She took off and really set the tone for that race."

Northville's lineup featured plenty of balance. The only event the Mustangs failed to score in was the 100 hurdles.

"I was happy with our field events across the board," Dalton said. "Abby Dunn, a freshman, scored big points for us in the 300 hurdles."

Walled Lake Central's Taky Ezell swept the shot put (38-6) and discus (133-11), while other field event regional winners included Novi's Hannah Hood-Blaxill in the high jump (5-5) and Hartland's Ellie Zimmerman in the pole vault (10-0).

Other individual winners on the track included Haley Rathwell (Milford), 300 hurdles (46.82); Barrett (Milford), 800 (2:14.76); and Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 1,600 (4:59.29).

Fenton took the 400 relay (50.73), while in the 3,200 relay Pinckney (9:28.92) edged out Northville (9:29.99).

Temperatures plummeted early Friday evening into the low 50s after being as high as 86 the previous day, which was a shock to some of the competitors.

"The conditions weren't great, it was really cold, but you've just got to run, you can't really change it and everyone

else is running in the same conditions, so you can't really complain," McNamara said. "I qualified with my events, so that's good. I was hoping to P.R. in some of my events, but with the conditions I really can't be upset with it."

Lakeland had eight individual state qualifiers, which equaled last year's total.

"Our second place finish to Northville was a byproduct of our effort to qualify as many girls as possible," Kababik said. "We are proud of every one of our athletes that competed in the regional. They are all a great group of kids."

Novi, meanwhile, made a strong showing tying for third led by Hood-Blaxill, who set a personal record in the high jump. Kate Prisky was also an additional qualifier in the long jump after injuring her knee at the conference meet.

"As excited today about the boys winning the regional, I'm equally as excited on the girls side," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "We've got a core group of seniors (boys and girls) that have really done a nice job along with some kids coming up that will be fun to watch. I'm looking forward to the next couple of weeks in the postseason with the (Oakland) County meet that we're hosting (May 26) and going to the state meet after that will be fun."

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 7 GIRLS TRACK MEET RESULTS

May 19 at Milford

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 135 points; 2. White Lake Lakeland, 112; 3. (tie) Novi and Fenton, 61 each; 5. Milford, 57; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 55; 7. Pinckney, 41; 8. Hartland, 39; 9. Walled Lake Central, 36; 10. Walled Lake Western, 22; 11. Brighton, 20; 12. South Lyon, 12; 13. Howell, 8.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Taky Ezell (WLC), 38 feet, 6 inches; 2. Emma Hammeleff (Novi), 36-9.5; 4. Justine Burt (Lake), 33-10.5; 7. Barbara Davis (N'ville), 32-10.5.

Discus: 1. Ezell (WLC), 133-11; 2. Sojourney Myers (WLW), 107-2; 4. Davis (N'ville), 99-4; 5. Burt (Lake), 98-7; 7. Karel Venegas (Lake), 94-10.

High jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-5; 2. Lily Mueller

(SL), 5-3; 6. (tie) Emma Sheehan (N'ville) and Sarah Herring (N'ville), 5-0 each.

Long jump: 1. Clare McNamara (N'ville), 17-8.5; 2. Sarah Daniel (Lake), 17-5; 3. Madeline Hall (Fenton), 17-2.25; 4. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 16-11.5 (AQ); 5. Shannon McGrath (Brighton), 16-11.5 (AQ); 7. Kate Prisky (Novi), 16-9.75 (AQ); 8. Lauren Alarie (Milford), 16-1.

Pole vault: 1. Ellie Zimmerman (Hartland), 10-0; 2. Hammeleff (Novi), 10-0; 6. (tie) Elise Daniel (N'ville) and Daryn Lobingier (N'ville), 9-3 each; 8. Lauren Graham (Lake), 9-3.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Grace Stark (Lake), 13.99; 2. Haley Rathwell (Lake), 15.53; 3. Alexa Cary (Milford), 16.32; 6. Brittany Moeller (Novi), 16.55; 8. Alexandria Pringle (Novi), 17.17.

300 hurdles: 1. Rathwell (Milford), 46.82; 2. Cassandra Campbell (Fenton), 46.87; 3. Taylor Stone (Novi), 47.72; 4. Moeller (Novi), 48.58; 6. Abby Dunn (N'ville), 49.64; 6. Morgan Phipps (Milford), 49.71; 7. Danielle Booth (SL), 49.74.

100 dash: 1. Stark (Lake), 12.12; 2. Marisa Sailus (Lake), 12.41; 3. Madeline Hall (Fenton), 12.60 (AQ); 5. Kayla Savage (Novi), 12.86; 3. Madeline Hall (Fenton), 12.60; 7. McCallum (N'ville), 12.98; 8. Marshall (N'ville), 13.11.

200: 1. Stark (Lake), 24.99; 2. Sailus (Lake), 25.55; 3. Affes (N'ville), 25.98 (AQ); 8. Savage (Novi), 27.84.

400: 1. McNamara (N'ville), 58.30; 2. Michelle Moraitis (Hartland), 59.46; 3. Sailus (Lake), 59.59; 5. Yasmine Affes (N'ville), 1:00.99; 7. Savannah Manley (N'ville), 1:02.52.

800: 1. Mallory Barrett (Milford), 2:14.76; 2. Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 2:17.44; 3. Jenna Keiser (Fenton), 2:19.02 (AQ); 4. Isabella Garcia (Pinckney), 2:19.21 (AQ); 5. Cambria Tiemann (Fenton), 2:19.23 (AQ); 6. Erika Rapp (Pinckney), 2:19.40 (AQ).

1,600: 1. Heiligenthal (Milford), 4:59.29; 2. Cayla Eckenroth (N'ville), 5:01.19; 3. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 5:01.27 (AQ); 4. Madeline Rehm (Lake), 5:01.78 (AQ); 5. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 5:04.19 (AQ); 6. Keiser (Fenton), 5:06.20 (AQ); 7. Katherine Ray (Novi), 5:17.80; 8. Rylee Lukes (Lake), 5:23.96.

3,200: 1. Harp (N'ville), 10:56.20; 2. Barrott (N'ville), 11:00.54; 3. Eckenroth (N'ville), 11:00.83 (AQ); 4. Isabella Garcia (Pinckney), 11:01.18 (AQ); 5. Olivia Clymer (Lake), 11:04.72 (AQ); 6. Lauren Parrell (Brighton), 11:06.73 (AQ); 7. Paige Saiz (Milford), 11:17.57.

400 relay: 1. Fenton (Cassandra Campbell, Hannah Chapin, Kiley Alfred, Hall), 50.73; 2. W.L. Northern (Avery Wisniewski, Brandi Kroll, Grace Markey, Anna Bauer), 50.84; 3. Lakeland (Daniel, Hannah Turnage, Rathwell, Stark), 50.92; 4. Northville (Claire Wan, Emily Anderson, Marshall, McCallum), 51.40; 6. Novi (Pringle, Neha Surapaneni, Moeller, Savage), 52.08; 7. Milford (Lauren Alarie, Phipps, Cary, Abby Knapp), 52.60; 8. South Lyon (Mueller, Zia George, Booth, Liberty Romanik), 53.02.

800 relay: 1. Northville (Manley, McCallum, Affes, McNamara), 1:45.21; 2. W.L. Northern (Wisniewski, Kroll, Markey, Bauer), 1:45.76; 4. Novi (Taylor Stone, Surapaneni, Pringle, Savage), 1:49.92.

1,600 relay: 1. Milford (Knapp, Heiligenthal, Breann Marsh, Barrett), 4:02.48; 2. Northville (Dunn, Manley, Affes, McNamara), 4:02.59; 3. Hartland (Lauren Smith, Samantha Fritz, Lindsey Strutz, Moraitis), 4:05.07; 4. W.L. Northern (Madeline Brennan, Kroll, Jones, Bauer), 4:05.64; 8. South Lyon (Chloe McKenzie, Emily Hudgens, Romanik, Booth), 4:21.01.

3,200 relay: 1. Pinckney (Allie Hartsang, I. Garcia, Rap, Mia Garcia), 9:28.92; 2. Northville (Barrott, Emily Assenamy, Harp, Eckenroth), 9:29.99; 3. Lakeland (Rehm, Lauren Garbovits, Clymer, Lukes), 9:42.19 (AQ); 4. Milford (Natalie Black, Nicole Grindling, Rebecca Bradsher, Saiz), 10:15.55; 6. Novi (Heather Blair, Jessica Lyoka, Pearl Kurian, Hadley Peterson), 11:08.44.

(AQ): additional state qualifier.

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HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

Northville, Novi advance in boys regional

Shamrocks down Okemos in non-leaguer, 16-3

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Just about everybody got into the act in Northville's 16-5 Division 1-Region 4 boys lacrosse win Friday over visiting Walled Lake Central at Tom Holzer Field.

Ten different Mustangs scored and Spencer Gonda won all 20 faces-off as they advanced to the regional semifinals Tuesday, May 23 to face rival Novi (10-8) at a time yet to be determined at North Farmington.

Leading scorers for Northville in-

cluded Ty Kilar (two goals, five assists), Cole Gingell (three goals, two assists), Zach Tardich (three goals, one assist), Kevin Conder (two goals) and Anthony Salamone (two goals).

Gannon Henke, Ryan Figueroa, Shane Alexander, Brandon Grizer each added a goal, while Jack Harris, brought up recently from the JV squad, notched his first varsity assist.

"It was a game in which we won, but more importantly we were able to give all of the guys that come to practice everyday and the JV players an opportunity to play and gain confidence," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "It was a total team effort and the boys were very supportive of each other, especially of guys that usually don't get

the opportunity to play and score goals."

Meanwhile, the Vikings finished the year 1-14 overall.

"We still have a big test ahead of us on Tuesday against Novi, our rival," Durham said. "We look forward to preparing for them and battling for the chance to play in the regional final."

NOVI 15, NORTH-HARRISON 5: Anthony Zugaro exploded for five goals and three assists, while Anthony D'Annibale also chipped in with five goals as the host Wildcats (10-8) captured their Division 1-Region 4 opener with a victory against sixth-seeded North Farmington-Harrison (9-9).

Other top scorers for third-seeded Novi included Ian Patterson (two goals, one assist), Nayan Makin (one goal, one assist), Scott Latham (one goal), Taemin Kim (one goal) and Chase Sparling (one assist).

Goalie Freddie Samson made seven saves for the Wildcats. **DETROIT CC 16, OKEMOS 3:** Junior Zach Downey got the start in goal and recorded seven saves as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-5) earned the non-league win May 16 over the host

Chieftains (9-8).

Joey Kamish, Pete Thompson and Nick Capatina each tallied three goals for the victorious Shamrocks.

NOVI 14, GRAND BLANC 6: On May 15, Chase Sparling led the way with five goals and one assist as the host Wildcats (9-8) downed the host Bobcats (9-8) in a KLA A crossover.

Other offensive contributions for Novi came from Anthony Zugaro (two goals, three assists), Nayan Makin (three goals, one assist), Nick Zamora (two goals, two assists), Scott Latham (one goal, one assist) and Luka Saicic (one goal).

Novi goalie Freddie Samson made 11 saves.

NORTHVILLE 10, BRIGHTON 9: On May 15, the one-two scoring punch of Zach Tardich and Cole Gingell carried the Mustangs (12-3) to a KLA A crossover win at home over the Bulldogs (12-6).

Tardich finished with three goals and five assists, while Gingell contributed five goals and one assist. Ty Kilar and Anthony Salamone also added one goal and one assist apiece.

Goalie Jeff Varner made 11 saves, while Nate Czarnota picked up eight ground balls.

Nate has been playing really well and has to help as Nate Holloway is injured," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "He is really helping on the wings for face-offs."

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KLAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Brighton rallies by Northville in girls lacrosse final

Bulldogs storm back for 20-12 win over Northville

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Brighton's girls' lacrosse players were in no hurry to leave the field Monday night.

Just one more photo with the KLA A Association championship trophy became two more photos, became three more, became ...

It had been five years since the program captured top honors in the KLA A and an excruciating one-year wait for most of the current players after coming so close a year ago.

Brighton avenged last year's one-goal loss to Northville on the same stage with a decisive 20-12 victory over the Mustangs in the KLA A Association championship game at Sloan Field.

"It means a lot, because I haven't won a KLA A championship," said Brighton senior Jordan Bloch, who scored five goals and three assists. "To win a trophy means the world to me. I'm excited to see what the future holds for us."

The game was more one-sided than expected. The teams' last two meetings were decided by one goal, with Northville winning, 9-8, in last year's KLA A final and Brighton winning, 13-12, on April 28.

"It feels so good," said Brighton junior Hannah Kelley, who had four goals and an assist. "Last year, we lost by one, so it was a disappointment. But this year we used that game. 'We need



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Brighton's Jessica Daniels (left) is checked by Northville's Kendall Wasik in the KLA A Association girls lacrosse final.



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Northville goalie Kat Weissert (right) gets in her defensive stance in front of teammate Gillian Croteau.

to win; let's go.' We pumped up the intensity, I guess."

For much of the first half, it appeared the game would be a blowout in Northville's favor.

After Brighton's Allison Falk scored just 11 seconds into the game, Northville took over and grabbed a 6-3 lead on a goal by Jessica Tardich with 10:28 left in the first half.

Brighton coach Katie Kozlowski called timeout at this point, a move that

altered the momentum of the game.

Coming out of the timeout, the Bulldogs scored the next six goals to take a 9-6 lead on Isabella VanBuren's goal with 3:04 left in the half.

"At the time, I had to speak to the girls about playing tighter defense," Kozlowski said. "Northville is very good at holding on to the ball and holding on to the very last second until they shoot. ... I also told our offense to settle down. Usually, when we get all ramped

up, we make silly mistakes and bad passes. We had to calm down, take a deep breath and tighten up on defense."

Northville got within two goals by halftime and again early in the second half, but got no closer. Brighton broke open a 10-8 game by going on a 7-2 run.

"They started winning some draws," Northville coach Dan Madigan said. "They were getting possessions and scoring pretty quick on us. That transition is what kind of turned it around for them."

Northville and Brighton could meet for a third time in the regional championship game at Novi.

Mackenzie Kelbert had four goals and three assists, Falk had two goals and two assists, and Jessica Daniels had two goals and an assist for Brighton (13-3).

Charlotte Beadoin had four goals and two assists, while Kendall Wasik added four goals and one assist for the Mustangs.

Other contributions came from Ally Blough (two goals, two assists), Emma Dietrich (one goal, one assist) and Jessica Tardich (one goal).

Goalie Kat Weissert made four saves.

"Brighton is a very physical team and we had trouble matching up against that," Madigan said. "The first half we were doing a good job of controlling the ball not forcing things, we were winning ground balls. In the second half they did a good job of controlling the draws and limiting our possessions, and capitalizing on theirs. We were getting great opportunities we just could not find the back of the net."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Shamrocks wrap up undefeated dual meet season

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The Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior track and field class celebrated its first undefeated dual meet season in four years with an 80-48 triumph May 15 over Dearborn Divine Child.

The Shamrocks, who captured 10-of-16 events against the Falcons, finished with a 5-0 dual record highlighted this season by a victory over defending MHSAA Division 2 champion Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep and a 75-53 win

over Birmingham Brother Rice.

In the triumph over Divine Child, individual field event winners for CC included Chris Bradbury, shot put (46 feet, 9.5 inches); Ryan Woebkenberg, discus (138-5); and Isaiah Popp, long jump (19-2).

Other winners on the track for CC included Hayden Kasdorf, 110-meter hurdles (16.13); Christian Kipp, 300 hurdles (43.76); Andres Andres, 100 dash (11.67); Mark Borek, 1,600 (4:28.10); and Ty Buckley, 3,200 (10:02.5).

The Shamrocks added victories in the 800- and 1,600 relays in 1:35.42 and 3:32.87, respectively, while the Falcons captured the 400 relay (45.73) and 3,200 relay (8:25.15).

Divine Child's Luke Hawver captured the 200- and 400 dashes in 23.66 and 54.09, while other firsts came from Luke Ciarelli in the high jump (6-2) and Drew Posh in the 800 (2:01.22).

Second place finishers for CC included: Woebkenberg, shot put (46-6.5); Nick Carey, discus (126-6); Popp, high jump (5-3) and 100 (11.94); Brendan

Smith, long jump (18-11.5); Kipp, 110 hurdles (16.4); Quinn Smolinski, 400 (54.89); and Matthew Diederich, 800 (2:04.68).

Also contributing third for the Shamrocks were: Bradbury, discus (124-5); Alex Bowling, high jump (5-0); Kasdorf, 300 hurdles 946.37; Nick Gessler, 800 (2:04.94); and Buckley, 1,600 (4:32.76).

The Shamrocks will compete Tuesday, May 23 at Livonia Ladywood in the Catholic League A-B Division meet.

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ner Scott McPherson said. "It's great because we're so top heavy and we're all really close. It's a fun year, a fun team."

MacPherson teamed up with the Landy brothers, John and Aric, along with Nathaniel Wood, to win the 3,200-meter relay in 7:59.20, almost seven seconds ahead of runner-up Milford (8:06.03).

The Wildcats' 400 relay team Leon Chen, John Stefan, Sean Pitcher and Nathan Hankerson won in a photo finish against Western posting a time of 53.50, while the Warriors were clocked in 43.52.

"That 4 x 100 (team) won on a lean and it was really fun to watch," Novi coach Marsha Reid said.

Scott Sawyer added seconds for Novi in the pole vault (13-0) and high jump (5-11), while Anthony D'Annibale was runner-up in the 400 (50.88).

Novi scored a total of 21 points in the 1,600 as MacPherson and Gabe Mudel finished second and third, respectively, with times of 4:21.97 and 4:23.20. Teammates John Landy and Blake Maday also came up with a fifth (4:25.77) and sixth (4:26.10).

MacPherson was edged at the wire in the 1,600 by Walled Lake Central's Jared Hill, who was clocked in 4:21.34. "And they were all within shouting

distance, so that was awesome to see," Reid said.

Hankerson (200, 22.67) and Pitcher (100, 11.32) also contributed thirds in the victory.

"We good all over the board," MacPherson said. "It's great. We're a very tight-knit team."

Individual champions in the field events included: Paul Forhan (Northern), shot put (52-4.5); Jacob Ogg (Milford), discus (145-5); David Vella (White Lake Lakeland), high jump (6-1); Michael Woolridge (Central), long jump 22-1; and Joe Albright (Northern), pole vault (13-6).

On the track, other regional champs included Jack Dodge (Western), 110 hurdles (14.81) and 200 (22.07); Zach West (Fenton), 100 (11.05) and 400 (49.93); Isaac Phillips (Milford), 300 hurdles (39.89); John Petruno (Western), 800 (1:57.10); and Dominic Dimambro (Fenton), 3,200 (9:20.59).

In addition to the automatic two top state qualifiers in the 3,200, seven others earned additional Division 1 finals qualifying times breaking the standard of 9:37.35.

Fenton captured the 800 relay (1:30.17), while Milford's foursome of Gunnar Gustafson, Phillips, Carson Jensen and Josh Deradoorian held off Pinckney for a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:23.98).

The day, however, belonged to the Wildcats, who fended off all challengers for the team title.

"Fenton was right there with us,

Walled Lake Central with us in terms of being well rounded," Reid said. "The kids definitely had to perform and do what they did today, so it was nice to see across the board. One of the things I said before was balance and having kids that can perform in all the events has been a key to our success this year."

Novi will savor its regional championship conquest, but two big meets remain.

Next up is the Oakland County Championship, which the Wildcats will host on Friday, May 26, followed by the MHSAA Division 1 finals on Saturday, June 3 at East Kentwood.

"It's huge, it's my senior year and I'm going to the state meet in the 4 x 800 and mile (1,600)," MacPherson said. "It's a big deal."

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 7 BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 19 at Milford H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 107 points; 2. Fenton, 86; 3. Walled Lake Central, 69; 4. Walled Lake Western, 57.5; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 54; 6. (tie) Milford and Pinckney, 50 each; 8. White Lake Lakeland, 48; 9. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 39; 10. Brighton, 29; 11. Northville, 27; 12. Howell, 20; 13. South Lyon, 13; 14. Hartland, 12.5.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Paul Forhan (WLN), 52 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Chris Bradbury (CC), 47-9.5; 3. Ryan Woebkenberg (CC), 46-2.5; 5. Sam Giese (CC), 45.1.5; 8. Ja'Quan Crawford (N'ville), 42-3.5.

Discus: 1. Jacob Ogg (Milford), 145-5; 2. Justin Klaus (Brighton), 140-4; 3. Andy Mattison (SL), 137-5; 4. Nicholas Del (Lake), 137-4; 5. Woebkenberg (CC), 133-5.

High jump: 1. David Vella (Lake), 6-1; 2. Drew Miller (Fenton) and Scott Sawyer (Novi) 5-11 each; 4. A.J. Costanzo (Milford), 5-11; 7. (tie) Braxton Blackwell (SL), 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Michael Woolridge (WLC), 22-1; 2. Cody White (WLN), 21-3.5; 3. Dylan Kutzleb (Lake), 20-11.5; 5. Brendan Ireland (Novi), 20-2.25; 7. Isaiah Popp (CC), 19-10.5.

Pole vault: 1. Joe Albright (WLN), 12-6; 2. Sawyer (Novi), 13-0; 4. Paul Johncheck (Lake), 12-6; 5. Brady Dettler (Lake), 12-3; 7. Joey Villaras (SL), 11-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jack Dodge (WLN), 14.81; 2. Chandler Wukie (WLN), 15.40; 5. John Stefan (Novi), 15.88; 6. Hunter Joy (Novi), 15.92; 8. Hadien Kasdorf (CC), 16.04.

300 hurdles: 1. Isaac Phillips (Milford), 39.89; 2. Max Zawisa (Brighton), 39.99; 4. Carson Jensen (Milford), 40.51; 6. Brendan Ireland (Novi), 41.75.

100 dash: 1. Zach West (Fenton), 11.05; 2. Similoluwa Oyinlola (WLC), 11.3; 3. Sean Pitcher (Novi), 11.32; 7. Brandon Kearney (N'ville), 11.5; 8. Justin Smith (Lake), 11.55.

200: 1. Dodge (WLN), 22.07; 2. West (WLC), 22.57; 3. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 22.67; 6. Justin Smith (Lake), 23.47; 8. Pitcher (Novi), 24.56.

400: 1. West (Fenton), 49.93; 2. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 50.88; 8. Nolan Knight (N'ville), 53.43.

800: 1. John Petruno (WLN), 1:57.10; 2. Nicholas Couyoumjian (N'ville), 1:57.94; 4. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 1:58.43; 6. Dakota Giles (Milford), 2:01.84.

1,600: 1. Jared Hill (WLC), 4:21.34; 2. Scott MacPherson (Novi), 4:21.97; 3. Gabe Mudel (Novi), 4:23.30; 4. Harrison Grzymkowski (Lake), 4:23.85 (AQ); 5. John Landy (Novi), 4:25.77; 6. Blake Maday (Novi), 4:26.18.

3,200: 1. Dominic Dimambro (Fenton), 9:20.59; 2. David Mitter (Howell), 9:24.88; 3. Andrew Bond (Fenton), 9:29.41 (AQ); 4. Ben Cracraft (N'ville), 9:29.89 (AQ); 5. Mudel (Novi), 9:33.18 (AQ); 6. Ryan Talbot (Pinckney), 9:33.92 (AQ); 7. Drew Wenger (Lake), 9:34.96 (AQ); 8. Luke Moore (Lake), 9:36.13 (AQ); 9. Harrison Grzymkowski (Lake), 9:36.86 (AQ).

400 relay: 1. Novi (Leon Chen, Stefan, Pitcher, Hankerson), 43.50; 2. W.L. Western (Dodge, Ben Reilly, Randall Harris, Justin Thomas), 43.52; 6. Detroit CC (Kasdorf, Andres, Popp, Lockhart), 45.43; 7. Northville (Andrew Hezemy, Enzo Rodriguez, Kearney, Covington), 45.77.

800 relay: 1. Fenton (John Sage, Keegan Pombier, Josh Maher, West), 1:30.17; 2. Pinckney (Connor Showch, Nick Cain, Grayson Kelly, Alex Wasyl), 1:30.24; 3. Novi (Hankerson, Chen, Nisarg Dharia, Pitcher), 1:31.87; 4. Detroit CC (Andres, Quinn Smolinski, Robert Kinney, Kyle Lockhart), 1:34.72; 5. South Lyon (Ian Goins, Brenden Lach, Brendon Goins, Blackwell), 1:35.50; 7. Northville (Connor Bragg, Demetri Zervos, Knight, Benair Covington), 1:36.70.

1,600 relay: 1. Highland (Gunnar Gustafson, Phillips, Jensen, Josh Deradoorian), 3:23.98; 2. Pinckney (Showch, Cain, Grayson Kelly, Alex Wasyl), 3:24.25; 6. Detroit CC (Andres, Smolinski, Kinney, Lockhart), 3:34.78; 7. Northville (Kearney, Evan Ferrante, Knight, Couyoumjian), 3:35.29; 8. Novi (Wood, MacPherson, Aaron Baird, D'Annibale), 3:35.92.

3,200 relay: 1. Novi (John Landy, Aric Landy, Wood, MacPherson), 7:59.20; 2. Milford (Gustafson, Giles, Luke Sakkinen, Deradoorian), 8:06.03; 3. Lakeland (Grzymkowski, Cody McComas, Luke Perry, Wenger), 8:06.52 (AQ); 6. Detroit CC (Matthew Diederich, Alex Bowling, Nick Gessler, Joseph Saval), 8:27.81.

(AQ): additional state qualifier.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Madonna names new coach

Steinbarger takes over reins for Crusaders

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Madonna University announced in a press release Thursday that Rachel Steinbarger has been hired as its new women's basketball coach.

Steinbarger comes to MU after helping the University of Great Falls in Montana advance to the quarterfinals of the NAIA tournament for the second straight year under head coach Erin Legel.

Steinbarger replaces Carl Graves, who stepped down following 11 seasons after posting a 166-162 record with the Crusaders, including three Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference runner-up finishes and 11 consecutive trips to the WHAC playoffs.

Steinbarger will also serve as an MU senior women's administrator in addition to her duties as women's basketball coach. She will also act as the liaison to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, assist in student-athlete eligibility and conduct student-athlete exit interviews.

She begins her dual role June 5.

"I am beyond excited and thrilled to have the opportunity to be part of such a great university like Madonna," Steinbarger said via email in the MU press release. "Having the opportunity to be a head coach in the NAIA has always been a dream and I am thankful God has blessed me with this opportunity."



Rachel Steinbarger takes over the Madonna University women's basketball program.

Prior to her stint at Great Falls, Steinbarger spent a year at Lancaster Bible (Pa.) College, where she posted a 24-6 record, a program record that still stands, to go along with an NEAC South Division title in her only year as head

coach. She was named NEAC Coach of the Year after a third-place finish in the National Christian College Athletic Association Division II Tournament.

Steinbarger began her coaching career as an assistant coach at Franklin

(Ind.) College, where she finished with a two-year record of 35-18 while placing second both seasons in the Heartland Conference.

Steinbarger was a four-year starter and a co-captain while competing for Indiana Wesleyan University. IWU finished 115-26 record during her career and advanced to the NAIA tournament all four years, including two quarterfinal appearances and one final four.

She was an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participated in three school-sponsored mission trips during her undergraduate career. She holds a master's degree from Liberty (Va.) University in Christian ministries with an emphasis in leadership and a bachelor's degree in sports and recreation management from Indiana Wesleyan.

Madonna's last postseason appearance in the NAIA tournament came under Marylou Jansen during the 2002-03 season.

"(Steinbarger) has proven that she can win at multiple levels and we feel she can take the women's basketball program to the next level," MU athletic director Scott Kennell said in the release. "Her student first approach and defensive philosophy are qualities that we feel will move the program forward. Rachel's success both playing and coaching prove she knows what it takes to get to the national tournament and our hope is that she can make Madonna a perennial contender."

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REGIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Northville nets seventh straight crown

Mustangs win all eight flights; Novi runner-up

It was a dominating display last Friday by the Northville girls tennis team to say the least.

The Mustangs, the 2016 MHSAA Division 1 runner-up and 2015 state champion, captured their seventh straight regional title by winning all eight flights in straight sets against host Novi, which also will make its 11th straight state finals appearance Friday-Saturday, June 2-3 at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Northville won all possible 24 points in the Regional 2 tourney getting singles titles from junior Shanoli Kumar (No. 1), senior Joanne Gao (No. 2), sophomore Renee Torres (No. 3) and freshman Tori Mady (No. 4).

The Mustangs yielded only 11 games in four doubles finals getting titles from junior Serena Wang and sophomore Sophie Zhuang (No. 1); junior Neha Chava and senior Maya Mulchandani (No. 2); sophomores Connie Gao and Andrea Nam (No.3); and senior Alexandria Petix and Madison DeYoung (No. 4).

All signs point toward a state finals battle between defending state champion Midland Dow and the Mustangs. Last year Dow won by three points, 33-30, while in previous season (2015) Northville won by five points over the Chemics, 33-28.

"Obviously it's the best team I've seen play this year," said Novi coach Jim Hanson, whose team took second behind Northville with 16 points. "From top to bottom they have depth and that's exactly what you need if you're going to win a state title. You just can't have two or three good flights and expect to win a state title, you've got to get contributions from everybody and they have all season long. They'll be one of the favorites."

Northville is expected to be seeded in at least six of the eight flights in Midland.

"Northville has a legitimate shot and they've played well all season long," Hanson said. "In the tournaments they've been in this year they've pretty much dominated. They came close last year. These kids have that have that experience of being in a race for a state title and they barely lost last year. They've come back very determined. They have a very, very good chance of winning the title."

Gao (19-1) and Mady (27-1) have only two losses between them, while Torres is 25-2 and Kumar 17-7.

In doubles, Chava and Mulchandani are 26-0 overall, while Wang and Zhuang, along with Petix and DeYoung, are both 28-1 overall coming off their first losses of the season in a 4-4 dual match tie on May 17 at home against Bloomfield Hills.

Both those Nos. 1 and 4 doubles matches went to three sets.

"They were so upset, but afterwards both (doubles) teams came to me at



The Northville girls tennis team captured its seventh straight Division 1 regional title Friday at Novi.

regionals and said that's the best thing that ever happened to them because they now know what they need to do to win," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "And I said, 'that's awesome.'"

Meanwhile, Connie Gao (21-3) and Nam (23-5), have solidified the No. 3 doubles spot for the Mustangs.

Jones, in the midst of her fifth season, likes the direction her team is headed going into Midland. Only two seniors graduate (Joanne Gao and Petix), but the future is now.

"What I really like, of course, is their determination to win," Jones said. "We're right there this year and next year we should be poised again. We've got all these kids coming back and we should really be in good shape for next year."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' got regional runner-up finishes from sophomore Jamie Fu (No. 1), freshman Jordana Krstovski (No. 2), junior Katie Xie (No. 3) and sophomore Michelle Wang (No. 4).

Novi's second-place doubles team at the regional included senior Jessica Lyпка-Ashley Zhou (Novi), No. 1; senior Alexis Malecki and junior Katie Valade, No. 2; senior Teja Mogsala and junior Brittany O'Connell, No.

3; and junior Alexis Felcher and senior Sasha Tretyakova, No. 4.

Novi is coming off a 14th-place finish at last year's Division 1 finals.

"A top 10 finish would be a good finish for us, but it depends in the draw," Hanson said. "We might have a couple of kids seeded. We've had a good season. We're young. We've got four seniors in the top 12. We've got a good group of kids that we can build on. We've got room for improvement. We haven't peaked. It just depend how much work they do in off season."

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 2 GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
May 20 at Novi H.S. & Novi M.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 24 points; 2. Novi, 16; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 7; 4. Brighton, 5; 5. (tie) White Lake Lakeland, Hartland, Howell and Walled Lake Central, 1 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) defeated Jamie Fu (Novi), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Kumar def. Maria Raneses (Brighton), 6-2, 6-0; Fu def. Sasha Aksechik (WLC), 7-5, 6-0.

No. 2: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Jordana Krstovski (Novi), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Gao def. Amanda Reilly (Hartland), 6-1, 6-0; Krstovski def. Tessa Von Bernthal (WLN), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3: Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Katie Xie (Novi), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Torres def. Emily Vaillencourt (Brighton), 6-1, 6-0; Xie def. Sarah Strange (WLN), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 4: Tori Mady (N'ville) def. Michelle Wang (Novi), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** Mady def. Morgan Myers (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Wang def. Kylie Strange (WLN), 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Jessica Lyпка-Ashley Zhou (Novi), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Wang-Zhuang (N'ville) def. Kayia Behm-Julia Soliak (WLN), 6-0, 6-0; Lyпка-Ashley Zhou def. Isabelle Beecker-Raquel Putrus (Lakeland), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 2: Neha Chava-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade, 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Chava-Mulchandani

def. Libby Dabeko-Paige Osgood (Brighton), 6-1, 6-0; Malecki-Valade def. Aria Frawley-Grace Jovanich (WLN), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 3: Connie Gao-Andrea Nam (N'ville) def. Teja Mogsala-Brittany O'Connell (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Gao-Nam def. (WLN), 6-0, 6-1; Mogsala-O'Connell def. Megan Byrne-Madison Melby (Howell), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Alexandria Petix-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Alexis Felcher-Sasha Tretyakova (Novi), 6-0, 6-3; **semifinals:** Petix-DeYoung def. Sarah He-Elle Burwitz (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Felcher-Tretyakova def. Anastasia Guskikh-Kalyn Fuelling (WLN), 6-2, 6-1.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 4, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4
May 17 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Tia Mukherjee (BH) defeated Shanoli Kumar, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Caroline Allen (BH) won by default; **No. 3:** Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Madison Narens, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4; **No. 4:** Tori Mady (N'ville) def. Jenna Silverman, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Alex Bernard-Maddie Fox (BH) def. Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Neha Chava-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Alandria Bellamy-Lauren Walkon, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 3:** Connie Gao-Andrea Nam (N'ville) def. Nicole Toussaint-Ellen Burke, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kaela Bernard-Lauren Ruby (BH) def. Alexandria Petix-Madison DeYoung, 1-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Northville's dual match record: 8-0-2 overall
NOVI 9, BRIGHTON 0
May 17 at Novi

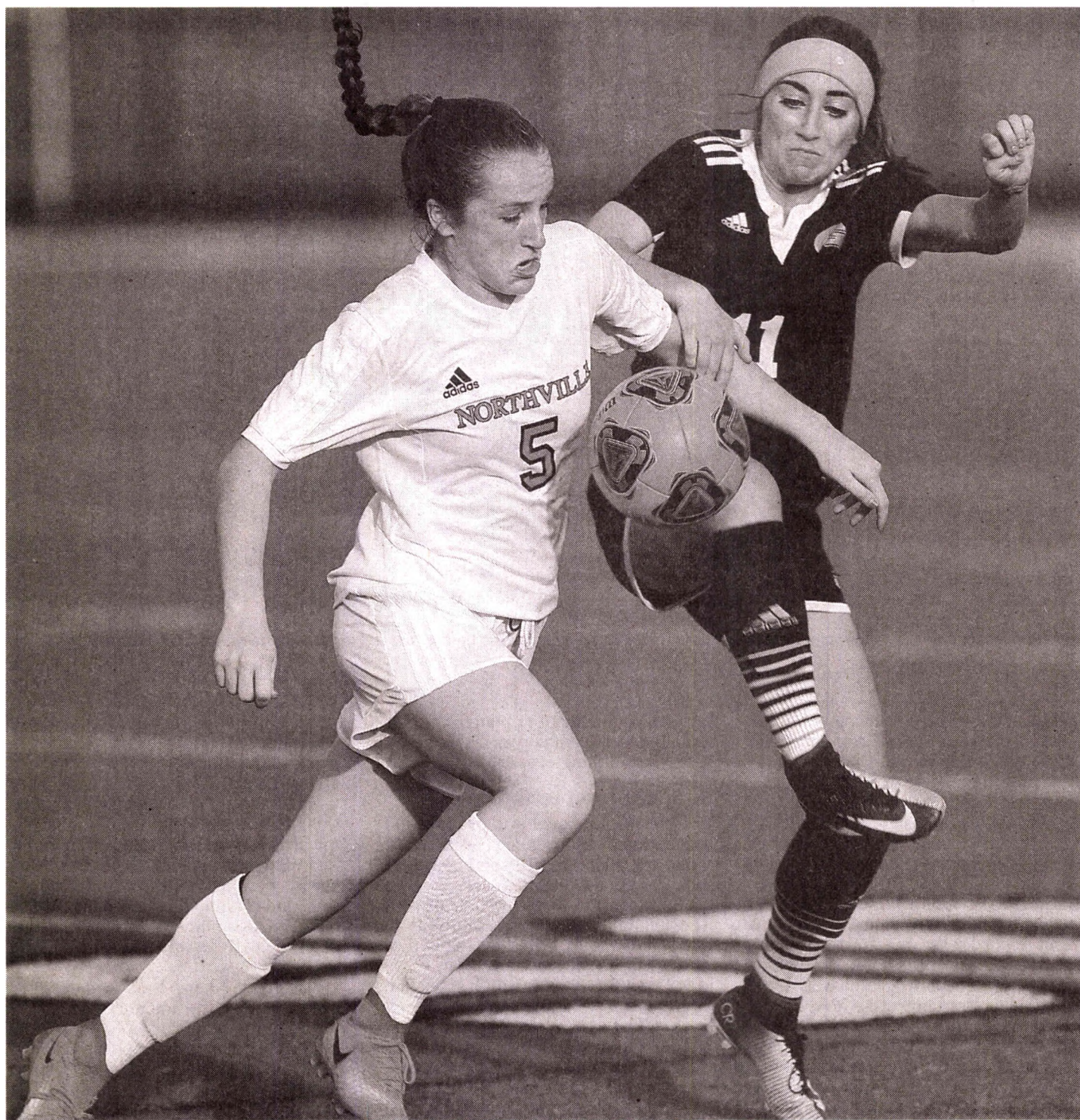
No. 1 singles: Jamie Fu (Novi) defeated Maria Raneses, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Maggie Le, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Michelle Wang (Novi) def. Emily Vaillencourt, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Catherine Xu (Novi) def. Morgan Myers, 8-3; def. Maddy Gillis, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Jessica Lyпка-Ashley Zhou (Novi) def. Olivia Cooper-Rider-Mackenzie Barrett, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Paige Osgood-Libby Dabeko, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Teja Mogsala-Brittany O'Connell (Novi) def. Jaden DeHate-Monique Sizeland, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Alexis Felcher-Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Ellie Burwitz-Sarah He, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 5:** Scarlett Chen-Elizabeth Yang (Novi) def. Taylor Shultz-Marie Hines, 8-0; def. Olivia Wuench-Holly Walkman, 8-3.

Novi's dual match record: 9-3 overall

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Northville's Sarah Noonan (left) and Stevenson's Ashley Benvenuti battle for possession.

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Novi nails down top seed in KLAA Central

Northville defuses John Glenn in crossover, 8-0

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Senior night couldn't have worked out better Tuesday night for the Novi girls soccer team.

The host Wildcats clinched a share of the KLAA's Central Division title and the top seed in the upcoming Kensington Conference championship final with a 3-0 win over South Lyon at Meadows Stadium.

All three goals for Novi (9-4-3, 7-3) were scored by seniors as Annie Fisher scored what proved to be the game-winner with an unassisted goal with 31:15 left in the first half.

Fisher notched her second of the game with 32:21 left in the second half with Gracie Backus and Bailey Baum-

bick drawing assists.

Vera Razburgai put it away with goal from Emmie Takada with 23:56 remaining.

Novi outshot the Lions (5-7-2, 3-7) by a 9-1 margin as goalkeeper Rileigh Nielson and Callie Rich combined on the shutout.

With the win and co-division champ Livonia Stevenson (13-1-4, 6-1-3) tying Northville, 3-3, the Wildcats clinch the Central's top seed (21 points) and will face KLAA South top seed Plymouth (14-2-1, 9-1) for the Kensington Conference championship 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at Meadows Stadium.

Novi earned the top seed based on goal aggregate, 4-3, after splitting its two division games against the Spartans, who won the first meeting, 2-1, but lost the second, 3-1.

"It is always nice to win on senior night, but tonight was extra special with the team clinching a share of the KLAA Central Division championship

with the win," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "The girls continued to play some great soccer tonight, limiting South Lyon to only a few scoring opportunities. It was a great team effort on both sides of the ball and hopefully we will continue to get even better as we get ready for the state tournament in a couple of weeks."

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 3: The Mustangs (8-6-4, 5-3-2) played spoiler in the KLAA Central Division race on Tuesday night at Tom Holzer Field by tying visiting Livonia Stevenson (13-1-4, 6-1-3).

With 17 minutes to play, Northville's Sarah Noonan got inside the 6-yard box and scored off an assist from Megan Krygier to give the Mustangs a 3-1 lead.

But the Division 1 No. 4-ranked Spartans roared back scoring on a pair of penalty kicks with Audrey Kopitz with 6:49 and 3:13 remaining. The first foul was called on Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione, while the second was a trip on the box.

After a scoreless opening half, Northville's Tara Beason made it 1-0 on a 22-yard strike from Noonan. Nine minutes later, Sydney Schembri made it 2-0 off an assist from Noonan.

But Stevenson's Abby Werthman just the deficit to 2-1 just 90 seconds later off an assist from Kopitz. Castiglione made three saves, while Stevenson keepers Mackenzie Filer and Haley Demers combined for six.

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US OPEN CUP

Bucks upend Indy Eleven to advance

U-M's Atuahene scores game-winner in 1-0 win

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The Michigan Bucks continued to be a spoiler when it comes to the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup.

The defending Premier Development League champions pulled off another "Cupset" on Wednesday night when they defeated last year's North American Soccer League spring champion Indy Eleven, 1-0, in a second-round match inside Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Ghana native Francis Atuahene (University of Michigan) scored the game's only goal to send the Bucks to round three of America's oldest soccer tournament beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30 at Ultimate where they will host another Division 2 pro side in St. Louis FC.

It was Atuahene's second game winning goal in a week. It came in the 35th minute as he blew by an Indy defender and slotted home a right-footed shot that went under Indy keeper Keith Cordona to give the home side a 1-0 lead. Florida native Jordan Snell drew the assist.



JAY DUNWELL

The Bucks' Francis Atuahene scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Indy.

The Bucks improved their record to 10-9-1 all-time against pro teams in the US Open Cup. Wednesday night's match was also a Division 4 record 28th time the Bucks played a US Open Cup game and was their 15th win overall (15-11-2).

"The guys looked like pros tonight and definitely belonged on the field with

Indy Eleven," Bucks coach Demir Muf-tari said. "We learned some very important info about our team that will help us in the PDL season and hopefully will help us have a solid game against the next pro team we play in two weeks (St. Louis FC)."

Down a goal, Indy applied pressure on the Bucks' back line and goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) was forced to make three second half saves to register his third shutout in the three games so far this season.

The Bucks maintained most of the possession during the final 10 minutes of the game to keep the pressure off the newly shaped back line that was missing center back Nick Walker due to injury.

Bucks injuries forced Muf-tari to make changes all over the park and the team responded well.

The Bucks learned that the winner of the third-round matchup against St. Louis FC will host the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer on June 14.

In 2012, the Bucks defeated the Fire with a 3-2 overtime victory in Pontiac for their second-ever victory over an MLS opponent.

For ticket information on the Bucks' third round US Open Cup match against St. Louis FC, visit www.buckssoccer.com.
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COLLEGE SIGNING

YOST GETTING HER CHANCE

Churchill honors student to have opportunity to play Division I hoops at Central

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Annie Yost made up for lost time and she has a spot on a Division I women's basketball team as her reward.

The Livonia Churchill senior forward recently signed to play at Central Michigan University, but she didn't even know she wanted to take that route when her junior year ended.

"What Annie was able to accomplish in such a short period of time is amazing," Chargers varsity girls basketball coach K'Len Morris said. "She really didn't have her heart set on playing college basketball until the end of her junior year."

"Once she put her mind to it, Annie became a gym rat and started putting in the work that she needed to put in and everything else just followed suit."

Yost, who stands 6-3, was going to college regardless of basketball or not. She holds a 4.1 grade-point average and wants to pursue an engineering degree.

Pursuing rebounds and putbacks weren't exactly at the top of her wish list until senior year rolled around. During 2016-17, she overcame an ankle injury to post several double-double performances while leading Churchill to a solid season.

And with some encouragement along the way, Yost — who has an academic scholarship at CMU, having been accepted into the honors program — finally went to the university for a tryout.

She then passed the audition, as John Lennon once said.

"I have full tuition for my academics," said Yost, whose parents are Kitty and Tom Yost of Livonia. "I'm just walking on the team. I went down there for a visit and tryout and they told me I was on the team."

Yost added with a laugh that she already chose a uniform number and received a packet from the team for summer training.

"I've been here for a long time, and I've had good coaches like K'Len," Yost said. "He got in touch with a lot of coaches for me. I've been working really hard here, and I know Division I basketball is going to be way harder."

"But I just think the Churchill program definitely taught me about hard work."

With the Chippewas, Yost will need to hold her own against physical post players in the Mid-American Conference. Hence, her plans on being a regular visitor to the gym in the next few months.

"I mean, there's going to be some people taller than me," she continued. "But I am definitely going to have to adjust because of the speed of the game. ... I think I'll be able to get to the next level."

Morris has no doubts about that.

"Annie is a very quiet kid but when she puts her mind to something, she has the work ethic to be very successful at whatever she wants to do," Morris emphasized. "As long as she keeps her drive and work ethic I think Annie is going to have a great career at CMU."

"I think the coaches there are going to be very happy with their decision to bring Annie on board."

Yost said she was honored to be one of three Churchill players signing to play college basketball. Shae Smith will play at Concordia University while Kennedy Carrier is slated to go to Schoolcraft College.



DAVE CUMMINS

Getting in position for a rebound during a 2016-17 game is Livonia Churchill's Annie Yost.

WATER POLO

New club in town caters to water polo

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

There's a new club in town. The Detroit Water Polo Club splashed on to the scene in January and is starting to make waves among area fans. The idea is to not only develop players, but to promote the sport and make it an alternative activity for young athletes.

The club aims to teach the sport year-round to anyone willing to learn, with the hopes of producing more competitive players by the time they reach high school.

"I've only done one year of coaching at Seaholm and the guys work really hard and the swimming talent in this area is just fantastic. I mean it's top-notch," said Seaholm head coach Joshua Stephens, a Toledo native who played college water polo at the U.S. Naval Academy. "So they know how to work hard and they're good athletes and everything, but they just don't play (water polo) enough."

"This club's first step is to get the athletes playing more. It's just that simple. The next level of that will be to develop talent at a younger age. So instead of somebody never seeing a water polo ball until they're a freshman in high school, now all of a sudden we're seeing seventh- and eighth-graders playing the sport at this club level."

"The sport is growing and we want to grow with it," he added. "In California, kids start playing at the age of 5 or 6 and learn the game. By the time they get to high school, they are amazing water polo players."

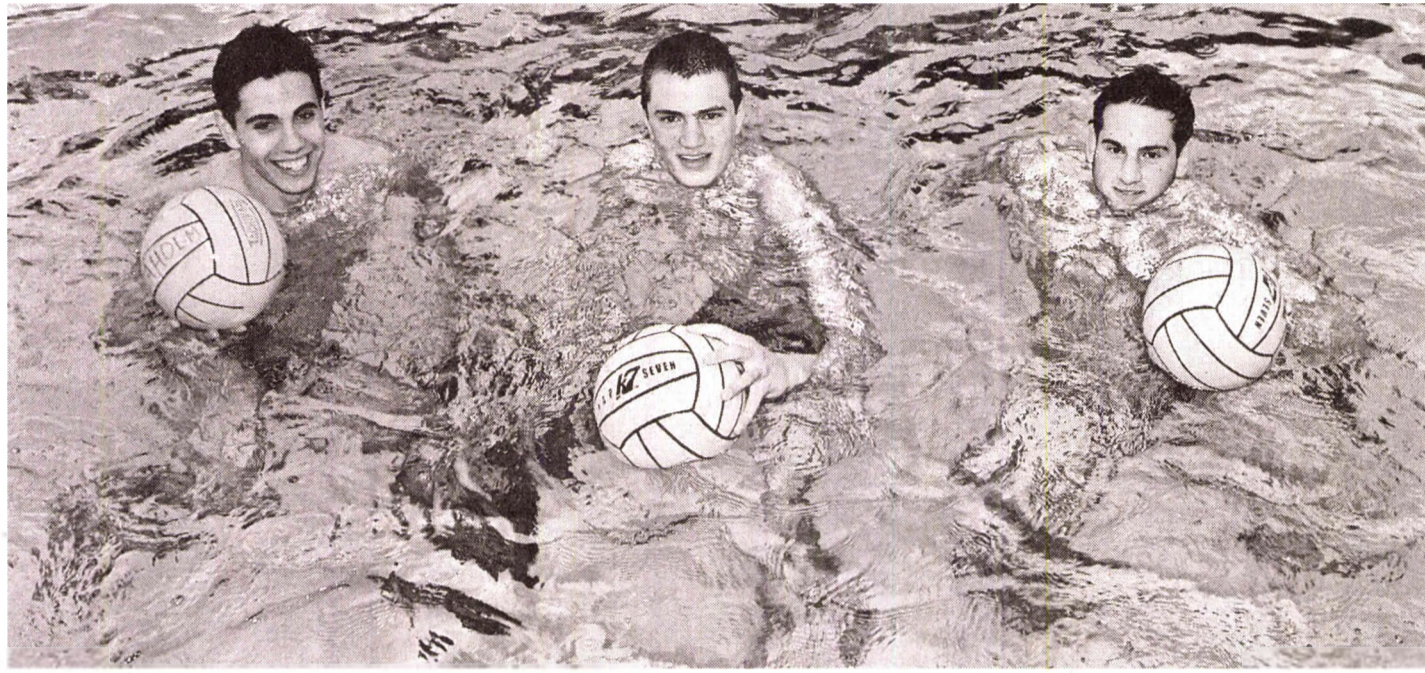
Developing young players

The Detroit Water Polo Club is the brainchild of Stephens and Groves boys water polo head coach Bob Sala.

Sala and Stephens figure developing young players at the club level will aid the competitive balance of their respective high school teams on a state-wide basis.

Seaholm and Groves have advanced through the state tournament at the district level on a consistent basis, but have stalled out once the tourney's regional phase begins. They eventually fall to higher-level programs from Ann Arbor, Rockford or the Grand Rapids areas, all of which have youth development clubs.

Last fall, for instance, Seaholm and Groves both advanced to the regional, but did not qualify for the eight-team



MARTY BUDNER

Seaholm water polo players (from left to right) Zach Gusho, Jack Wischmeyer and Joe Perham are participants in the newly-formed Detroit Water Polo Club.

state championship tournament. Rockford, which was ranked No. 1, won the state title by defeating Okemos.

"I felt like we were making progress each and every year and I felt like my focus towards the team was bringing good results," said Sala, a 1991 Groves graduate who has coached the Falcons the past six years. "But I felt, by and large, the state of Michigan, the west side particularly, and the Lansing and Ann Arbor areas were starting to pass us by in terms of the level at which their high school programs were at."

"We want to compete with them and we don't want to get left behind by all these other schools," he added. "I thought it was a shame (our) kids would stop after 12 weeks of their regular (fall high school) season and they didn't pick up a ball again until the fall."

The Detroit Water Polo Club opened in January and the first winter session catered to the high school girls who were out of season in both prep swimming and water polo. The spring session brought in the boys. The summer session will commence next month and will be open to both high school and middle school students.

For the time being, the club is only open to male and female athletes of all talent levels who reside in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. As the club

grows, administrators plan to open to polo players from across Oakland County and the metro area.

Interest level is high

The ultimate goal is to provide an educational experience year-round for boys and girls ages 5-18 and masters polo for players 18 and older.

Sessions are currently held at both the Seaholm and Groves state-of-the-art pools and both coaches are thrilled with the response they've had so far.

"The interest on the high school boys side has been phenomenal," Stephens said. "For the high school girls, it's actually quite a bit more than what I thought we'd get. We had 20 athletes here for the winter and I think we'll have at least that many, if not more, for the summer. Next summer, the goal is to send a couple of teams out to California to compete in the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics."

"We want the sport of water polo to get bigger in Michigan and the only way that will happen is if places like Bloomfield Hills has a team and even Royal Oak and Farmington Hills or wherever," he added. "I believe it is possible just because of the depth of swimming talent in the area. It is not that much of a nudge to make them water polo players."

Sala is looking forward to the day when the Detroit Water Polo Club grows to include competitive teams at all age levels.

"This is the right time for a club like this," Sala said. "What we're moving towards is being able to develop, not just player talent in the area, but coaching talent in the area so we can staff this kind of thing and have a couple hundred kids in the program from the little ones all the way up to the masters program."

"Josh and I know the X's and O's of the sport. Just the amount of sheer learning that's needed to be done. Nobody is born with water polo skills. Everybody grabs the ball with two hands immediately. Nobody just grabs it with just one. I love the challenge of teaching the kids."

"And I'd like to give a shout out to the district athletic directors — Tom Flynn at Groves and Aaron Frank at Seaholm — who have really embraced this," he added. "They have given us these facilities to use, which are second to none. The kids are delighted to be here and Seaholm and Groves are good places to be."

For more information on the Detroit Water Polo Club, go to www.detroit-waterpoloclub.org.

COLLEGE FISHING

Bass anglers ready to take national stage

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When it comes to fishing, the one-and-done rule doesn't apply to these three area anglers.

Although the thought of turning pro is alluring, South Lyon's C.J. Hatten and Jake Dorony, along with Livonia's Anthony Gilmore, are currently satisfied being hooked on competing at the collegiate level.

Hatten, who graduated from South Lyon High School in 2015, and Gilmore, who graduated from Livonia Stevenson High in 2014, are Schoolcraft College Bass Fishing Club teammates who will compete later this month in the Fishing League Worldwide College Fishing National Championship on Wheeler Lake in Decatur, Ala.

Dorony, an environmental science major at Lake Superior State University who graduated from South Lyon in 2014, just completed his junior year and has also qualified for the FLW College Fishing Nationals with partner Hunter Sharporn (from Grand Haven).

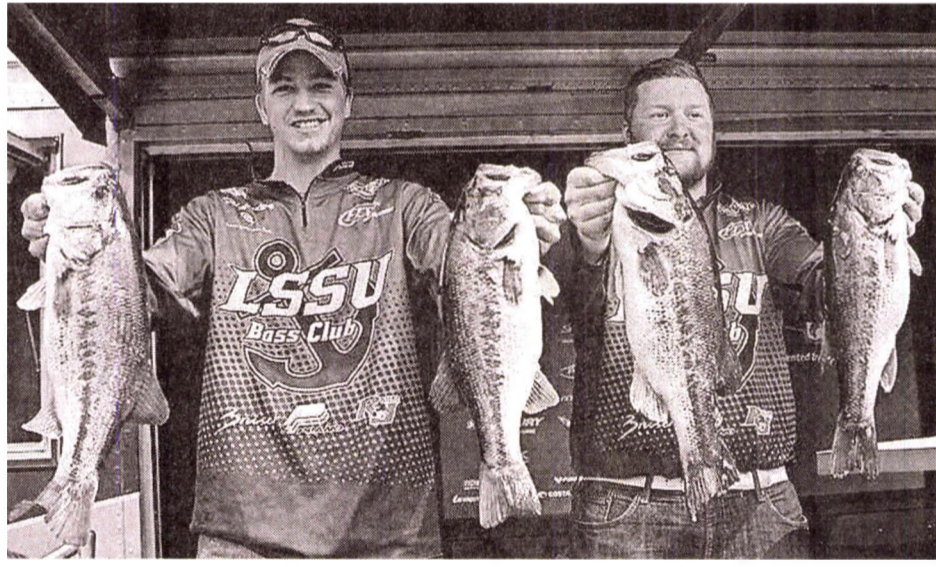
First taste

"When I was younger, I used to watch the college fishing on TV," Gilmore said. "Going to back-to-back national championships and actually being pretty successful in college fishing ... I never thought I'd be able to do that. It's pretty cool."

Last July, Hatten and Gilmore earned a spot in the 2017 FLW College Fishing Nationals by tying for first in a qualifying tournament held at Lake Chautauqua in Jamestown, N.Y. And April 29, the Schoolcraft duo earned another berth in the 2018 nationals by placing sixth out of 87 teams in the Northern Conference qualifier at Place Smith Mountain Lake in Roanoke, Va.

The bass anglers will have high expectations entering the nationals, but when it's all said and done, "it's just fishing" to them.

"A lot of teams now take it way too serious," said Hatten, who is two-time B.A.S.S. junior state champion. "Anthony and I always make sure to be serious, but have fun while we're doing it. It's what we like to do and we just like to have fun."



South Lyon's Jake Dorony (right) and Lake Superior State teammate Hunter Sharporn are headed to nationals.

Teaming up

The Schoolcraft connection was made when Gilmore and Hatten were members of the same Michigan Bass Anglers youth club for 10 years.

"We fished in clubs and the big thing for the tournaments is just the competition factor, so we're just both super-competitive people," Hatten said. "And just to bring that part to fishing, it has just brought it to another whole level for us. It's been really awesome."

Gilmore has tournament fished since he was 11. He began traveling to out-of-state tournaments with Hatten when he was 17.

Gilmore founded the Schoolcraft College Bass Fishing Club after attending Adrian College for one semester. In 2015, he signed up through Schoolcraft's student activities club.

"I found out C.J. was going there and I said, 'Dude, we should fish together,'" Gilmore said. "Didn't know we'd do this well."

High school days

Gilmore already had a strong track record prior to entering college as he earned a top 10 finish in the TPF Outdoors Grand Lakes O' the Cherokee's

2014 National Federation High School National Championships in Grove, Okla. He was also the Lake Erie High School and Central Conference champion that year as well.

Gilmore's biggest catch to date in a bass tournament is 8 pounds, 14 ounces (Guntersville, Ala.), while Hatten's is 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

"Obviously, we want to win. There's no doubt about that, because how often do you get to fish in a tournament that big with that much media coverage and stuff like that?" Gilmore said. "I think the key to any kind of tournament fishing, honestly, on any level, is just keeping an open mind because stuff changes. Everything changes throughout the day — might pull more current, might drop the lake. It might be completely different than days of practice. Might be completely different conditions ... just keep an open mind, follow your gut and just go fishing, pretty much."

Scouting the lake

A week before the nationals, Hatten and Gilmore will haul their Triton TR-21 bass boat to Alabama and get the lay of Wheeler Lake waters.

"We've done a little bit of research, but not much," Hatten said. "The week

before, we'll look into it. There's multiple baits. We use jigs or drop shots, different kinds of techniques."

Meanwhile, Dorony has competed in multiple bass fishing tournaments at the college level, having qualified for the FLW Nationals for the second time. He and Sharporn have been instrumental in Lake Superior State earning a No. 1 team ranking by bassrankings.com.

Dorony and Hatten grew up just five minutes apart in South Lyon and were both members of the Lions golf team. (Hatten was also a member of the South Lyon bowling team.)

"The key to success for us is to keep moving, keep trying new things," Dorony said. "We have two teams (at Lake Superior). Recently, it's just been teamwork. It goes with C.J. and Anthony, too. We usually just try and keep in contact and give each other information about what we've been doing and how we've been successful out there and we can piece it together as a team."

Proper lures

The teams will all use artificial lures during the three-day event in Decatur.

"We think that the main patterns in Alabama are going to probably be shallow water, so we're hoping for all hollow body frogs, soft plastic stick baits or stuff like that for typical soft water patterns," said Dorony, whose biggest catch was a 5-pound bass at the Lake of the Ozarks tourney in Missouri. "We've fished lakes in the area, but not Wheeler Lake."

Dorony plans to return for his senior year at Lake Superior and compete another year in fishing, but would like to explore the professional ranks someday.

"I think it would be a really cool thing to do," he said. "But it's just the whole money factor. It takes a lot of money to travel and everything. So that's what college does for us. It's given us another platform to try and get our name out there and, possibly, sponsors for once we graduate."

Hatten, who plans to go into the welding trades after earning his associate's degree at Schoolcraft, would love to fish on the same lake as Louisiana native Greg Hackney, a three-time Elite Series champion and the 2014 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year.



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10 NUMBERS THAT CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR RETIREMENT

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In the complex world of retirement, focus on the key numbers — the ones that provide guidance on how to plan, how much to save and how to invest for the future.

- 1 YOUR SALARY**
The amount workers should aim to save for retirement increases by age, according to Fidelity Investments' savings formula. By 30, the goal is to have saved the equivalent of your annual salary. By 35, savings should be two times your pre-tax annual income; three times by 40; four times by 45; six, seven and eight times your salary for ages 50, 55 and 60; and 10 times by age 67 — all in order to have enough money to replace pre-retirement income through age 93.
- 2 52%**
Percentage of workers who say they and/or their spouse have never tried to calculate how much money they'll need to retire, according to an Employee Benefit Research Institute's Retirement Confidence Survey. (A retirement calculator can tell you where you stand.)
- 3 \$23,500**
Maximum amount the IRS allows savers younger than 50 to plow into tax-favored retirement savings accounts in 2017 — up to \$18,000 in a workplace plan such as a 401(k) and \$5,500 in an IRA.
- 4 50**
Minimum number of birthday candles required to make catch-up retirement savings contributions. Those 50 and older are allowed to contribute an extra \$6,000 to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored account and an extra \$1,000 to an IRA.
- 5 \$1,360**
Current average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker.
- 6 8%**
Percentage the monthly Social Security benefit goes up each year you postpone taking benefits beyond your full retirement age up to a maximum increase of 24% for those born in 1960 or later.
- 7 \$0**
Amount in fees seven in 10 401(k) plan participants polled by AARP said (erroneously) they paid.
- 8 1.2% (\$1.20)**
Average amount an employee pays in 401(k) fees, including administrative and investment expenses, per \$100 invested in a small company 401(k) plan (with \$1 million to \$10 million in assets) versus 0.52% total fees for large company plans (\$100 million to \$250 million in assets), according to a BrightScope/Investment Company Institute report.
- 9 \$155,000**
Amount a median-income working couple could lose to 401(k) fees over a lifetime, according to public policy group Demos.
- 10 \$10**
Amount extra per week a 35-year-old earning \$50,000 would need to save to increase their retirement account contribution by 1% and have an additional \$71,000 by the time they retire.

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Some online jobs just aren't worth it

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At best, online jobs let you make money without requiring you to commute. At worst, these gigs trick you into giving up money and personal information. And, somewhere between these extremes, online work can waste your time.

Learn how to spot scams and fruitless assignments when searching for online jobs or receiving convenient — if mysterious — opportunities in your inbox.

Be wary of job posts that include any of the following:

A PROMISE OF EXCLUSIVE GOVERNMENT LISTINGS

The Federal Trade Commission and Better Business Bureau websites caution against posts that offer special access to certain government jobs or guarantee placement for a fee. Info for available federal positions is public and free at usajobs.gov.

THE EMPLOYER IS TOO EAGER TO HIRE YOU

Even if you're a qualified candidate, the BBB suggests avoiding employers that offer you a job on the spot, without an interview. Similarly, question employers advertising that no skills are required for the job, says Nick Loper, head of Side Hustle Nation, a blog and community of entrepreneurs.

"Because, realistically, what employer wants that?" he says.

IT DEMANDS CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT INFO

Ostensibly, the company wants this information to run a credit check or set up direct deposit. It could also steal your money.

COMPANY OVERPAYS YOU

Here's a common scheme, according to the BBB: With your banking information, the fraudulent employer "accidentally" overpays you with a fake check. Then it requests that you deposit the check and wire the difference to the company. As the BBB says on its web-



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site, "No legitimate job would ever overpay an employee and ask for money to be wired elsewhere."

YOU MUST PAY UPFRONT

The FTC warns against employers and placement firms that require you to shell out for training, certification, inventory or other expenses in return for a gig. That job may never happen. Asking for money upfront is bad enough. If the employer requests the payment via wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card, run.

THE GIG DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT

"One of the biggest things job seekers should pay attention to when searching for online jobs is their gut," says Brie Weiler Reynolds, a senior career specialist at the job website FlexJobs, which offers telecommuting, freelance, part-time and flexible work opportunities. Many of the people she has talked to who have been scammed said they felt uneasy about the job at some point but continued anyway.

So, you've waded through the fraudulent job ads and found a trustworthy employer that pays. That doesn't necessarily mean the opportunity is worth your time. Learn how that compensation translates into an hourly rate. For example, if you earn a certain amount for each task, how many of them would you complete in an hour? Then determine the value of your time and effort to see how this new opportunity compares.

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FIVE REASONS TO LOVE A MOTORCYCLE VACATION

GARY MCKECHNIE SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

I've been riding motorcycles since I was a teenager because I knew I preferred motorcycles over automobiles. It would be another 20 years before it struck me why I felt this way. While riding across the nation on a series of bikes to write a motorcycle guidebook (*Great American Motorcycle Tours*), my wife, Nancy, followed me in a car.

En route from Yellowstone National Park to Deadwood, S.D., we traveled across a huge swath of Wyoming. On a back road I was floored when we entered a canyon bordered by towering walls, a rushing river and majestic pines. The road skipped like a stone, with pitches and drops that lasted for about 10 or more miles and, after being spat out on the eastern edge, I pulled over, ran to where Nancy had parked, and flipped up my visor. She lowered the window and turned down the radio.

"Did you see those cliffs?" I asked. "That river sounded like a cannon. And the scent of those pines was incredible."

"What?" she asked blankly. It turns out that even though we had traveled the exact same road at the exact same time, she had missed it all. The car's roof blocked her view of the high cliffs, the radio drowned out the sound of the river, and with the windows up and air conditioning on, she never smelled the perfume of the pines.

Becoming part of nature is just one reason why I love motorcycle vacations. Based on my 40 years of riding, here are five more.

ADVENTURE

Aside from a brief instant at a particular wonderful college keg party, I've only had one true out-of-body experience in my life. It came when I was riding across Death Valley.

I'd left Las Vegas a few hours earlier and was approaching the middle of the no-man's land between Furnace Creek and Stovepipe Wells. In a massive stretch of emptiness, suddenly the bike was on its own. I was floating above the desert watching myself riding across a landscape that stretched unbroken from horizon to horizon. Seconds later I was back on the bike, still riding but wondering where I had been.

It was an incredible experience to add to decades of others: riding through a blizzard that whipped up in my path and then coated me in ice and snow; adopting an angle known as the "Kansas Lean" as fierce winds tried to turn me into tumbleweed outside Dodge City; riding through Yellowstone National Park and wishing I was in a car when a mother grizzly and her cubs sauntered along the roadside.

Road travel can be mundane. Motorcycling is not.

DISCOVERY

Shared among experienced travelers is the well-worn cliché that traveling is the journey, not the destination. Perhaps no other mode of transportation gives that quote more of a boost than motorcycles.

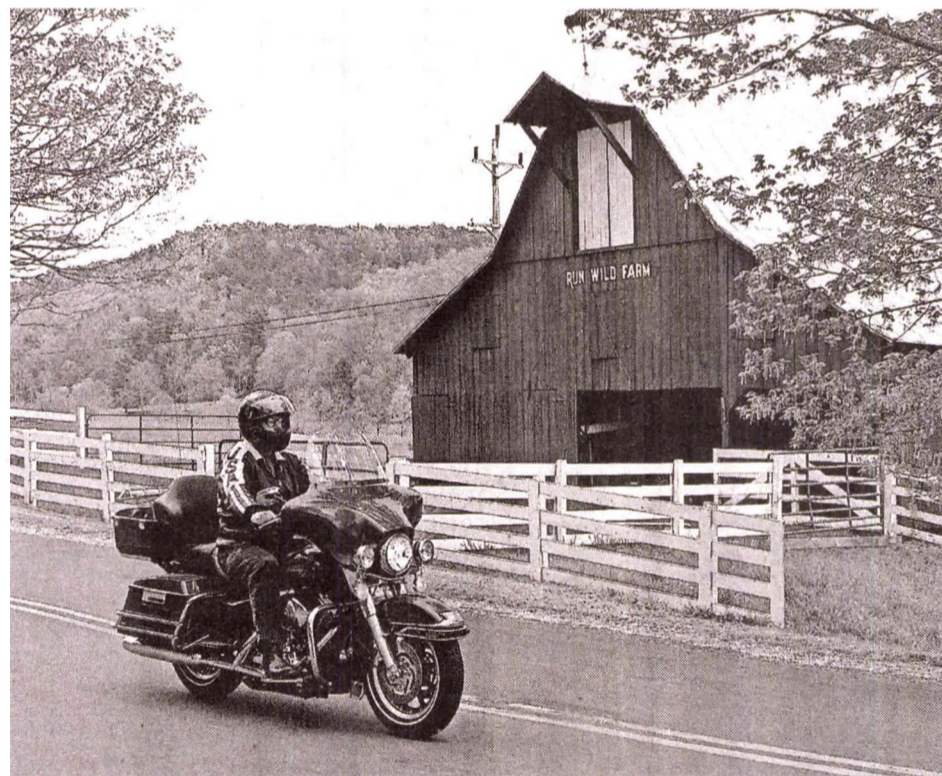
On a motorcycle, the idea of traveling from Point A to Point B is anathema. An average rider could rack up 400-plus miles in a day, but most will keep it down to around 200. Why? Because they're reserving extra hours to actually see where they are.

Sometimes I forget that lesson. It happened once in Oregon when I was determined to ride straight through from Cannon Beach to Florence. When Nancy asked to stop in Tillamook to visit their famous cheese factory, I was furious to think my schedule would be thrown off.

Minutes later, though, I was fully absorbed in the mechanics of manufacturing cheese and ice cream and we lingered for well over an hour. That was the reminder I needed to return to the journey. Rather than racing the clock,



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Virginia's Run Wild Farm is an apt name.

the rest of the day unfolded like a dream. I scrapped my map and switched to a longer route that took me to an enchanting peninsula, a historic lighthouse, an airship hangar, spellbinding waterfalls and a cave filled with sea lions. Any time I find I'm focused on the destination, I recall this day and return to the journey.

CAMARADERIE

For the life of me, I can't recall pulling up at a service station and sparking a conversation with someone driving the same minivan as I am. It's different on a motorcycle.

Pull up at a general store, a diner or scenic overlook and if there's someone else on a motorcycle, odds are you've found a friend who'd like to discuss your bike, where you've been, and where you're going.

Depending on where you're traveling, the farther you are from home the more intrigued others are by your journey. Sure, no one's impressed by my Florida tags in Orlando — but if I'm riding through Colorado, it seems everyone (and not just motorcyclists) wants to chat and live vicariously through my travels.

NATURE

For many riders, sometimes nothing is really something. On a motorcycle, nature pulls you into the countryside to help escape dense city traffic and clogged interstates. Soon you'll find yourself beside a meandering river, in a valley, or speeding past farms where the aroma of pastures is oddly invigorating.

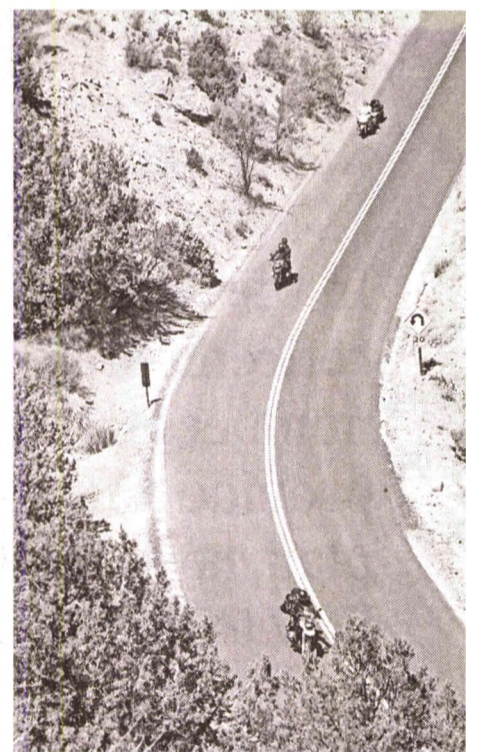
One of my favorite rides is in the middle of America. Namely, Kansas. Riding along US 24 in the northern section of the state, I was about 20 miles from the last town and about 20 miles to the next. Where there was a gentle rise in the otherwise flat landscape, I stopped. With the bike shut off, I was cloaked in pure silence. I turned in a slow circle and saw there was no one in this picture but me. Calculating the distance to each horizon, I was alone in 1,600 square miles of America.

It's good to get away.

STRESSLESS

Thomas Wenski — well, make that Bishop Thomas Wenski of the Orlando Catholic Diocese — told me he bought a motorcycle to ride to each of his parishes.

"There is that spiritual pleasure in rid-



One of the most picturesque roads skips through Zion National Park in Utah.

ing a motorcycle," he said. "You can smell the countryside and experience things that you don't get inside of a car. And it gives you time to center yourself and to think. It's a way to set aside problems and relax. It's a healing experience that makes you better able to tackle your problems when the ride is finished."

Actor Peter Fonda, in a foreword written for my book, put it this way:

"A motorcycle is the only way to see America. If you ride, you already understand how the feelings of freedom and nature are enhanced. When traveling by car or plane these feelings are missing. Gone.

"When I travel by motorcycle, I feel the wind and see the endless skies and stop when I want and where I want, fetching my rod from the saddlebag and fly-fishing for an hour or two. Hours don't matter, really, because on the road I develop a more natural use of time and never feel as if I have to be anywhere.

"I have a friend who joins me each year on a long run from Los Angeles to Montana. While a motorcycle may be just a vehicle, it is also the instrument we use to experience life, to explore, to discover new people and places, and to affirm our friendship."

Truth.

FOOD

Religious communities encourage healthier living

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BALTIMORE - As members of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church in Baltimore take turns reading Scripture aloud from the Book of Daniel in the Bible, a nutrition educator at the back of the room cuts cucumbers, apples and watercress in a rhythmic motion, filling the air with a fresh and crisp aroma.

"Your healthiness and your holiness all goes together," says the Rev. Harold L. Knight to the attendees, summarizing the passages in which Daniel and his men refused to eat royal food and wine, despite it possibly insulting the king and risking their lives. Instead, the men used their faith and opted for vegetables and water for 10 days.

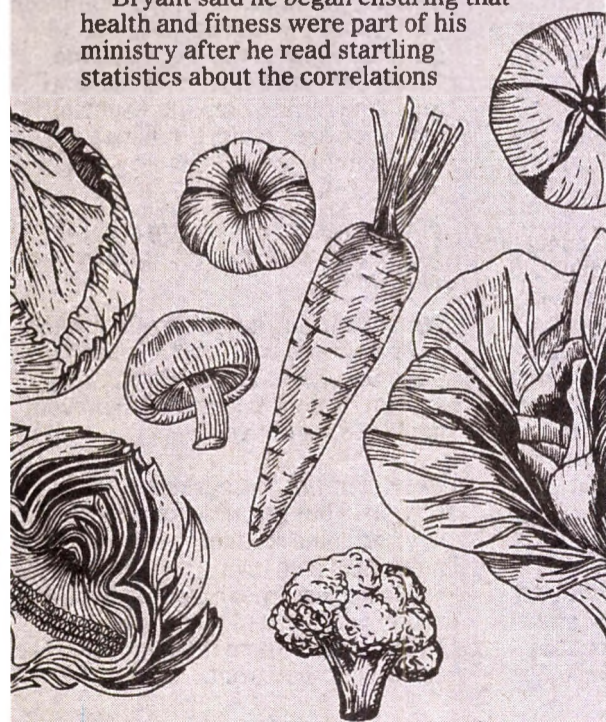
"At the end of the 10 days, they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food," the Bible stated, and they were blessed for their sacrifice.

The evening Bible study — part Scripture-based lesson, part food demonstration and tasting — is a course hosted by the Baltimore Food and Faith Project, a Johns Hopkins Medicine Office of Community Health initiative that helps faith communities educate their congregants on healthier eating habits within a Christian framework.

"Some have an understanding of Christianity that is centered only around their spiritual state and what happens to them after they die," said the Rev. Heber Brown III, pastor of the church for nine years. "But ... salvation and Christianity is just as much concerned about our physical, emotional, psychological health, as it is our spiritual health."

Fitness and religion

Bryant said he began ensuring that health and fitness were part of his ministry after he read startling statistics about the correlations



FAITH

between obesity and religion.

A 2011 study done by the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine followed 2,433 participants, ages 20 to 32 in 1987, for 18 years, later finding that "high frequency of religion participation" was associated with higher levels of obesity between young adulthood and middle age.

Seeing obesity and diabetes within his congregation, Bryant decided to tackle the issue by launching a fitness challenge in March, calling on his congregation to compete against Southern Baptist Church in East Baltimore for an East-West fitness showdown.

The competition lightheartedly pits church members against church members, pastors against pastors, choirs against choirs, in a race to engage in the most fitness activities and shed the most pounds.

Maintaining good health is also a priority in Islam, according to Haris Qudsi, a senior seminary student at the Islamic Society of Baltimore in Catonsville, one of the largest Muslim community centers in the state.

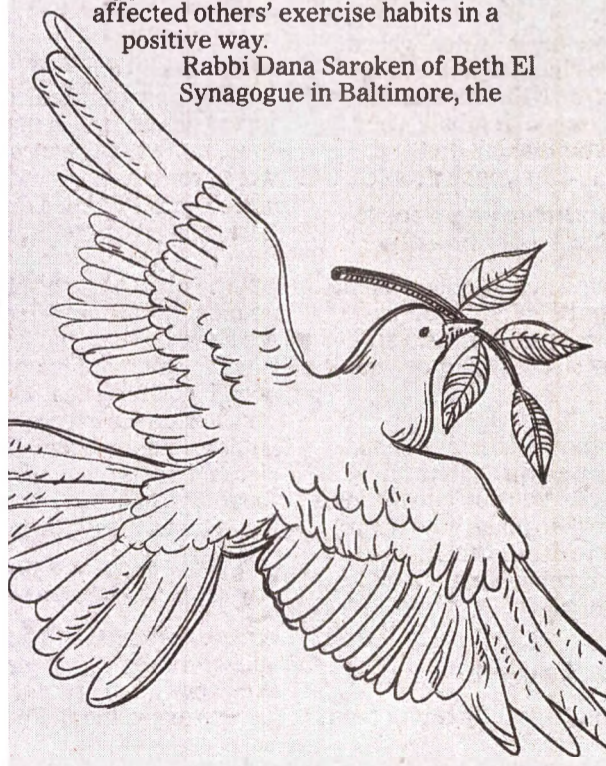
"From the beginning, conceptually in Islam, one of the main tenets is the understanding that all things in the world, whether they be even of our own bodies, they are given to each individual person as a trust from God. They're not necessarily owned by us," said Qudsi, who leads prayers at ISB.

"You have a certain responsibility for upkeep and maintenance, and in that vein, we have those programs because it's important that we take care of these bodies, that we live healthy lives."

Easier as a community

A 2011 study published in the Psychology of Sport and Exercise Journal revealed that the exercise habits and support shown from loved ones often affected others' exercise habits in a positive way.

Rabbi Dana Saroken of Beth El Synagogue in Baltimore, the



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founder and spiritual director of the synagogue's The Alvin and Lois Lapidus Center for Healing and Spirituality, agreed.

"Community matters. Together, we can get to places that we never could on our own," Saroken said of the center, which is also known as The Soul Center.

The center, a "judgment-free, accessible space" for those seeking to build their spiritual needs with a Jewish foundation, offers a host of mind, body and spirit initiatives through a Jewish lens, Saroken said.

"Our bodies are a gift from God, and we need to treat them as holy, which is a huge idea that people struggle with and this whole idea of taking care of ourselves," she said.

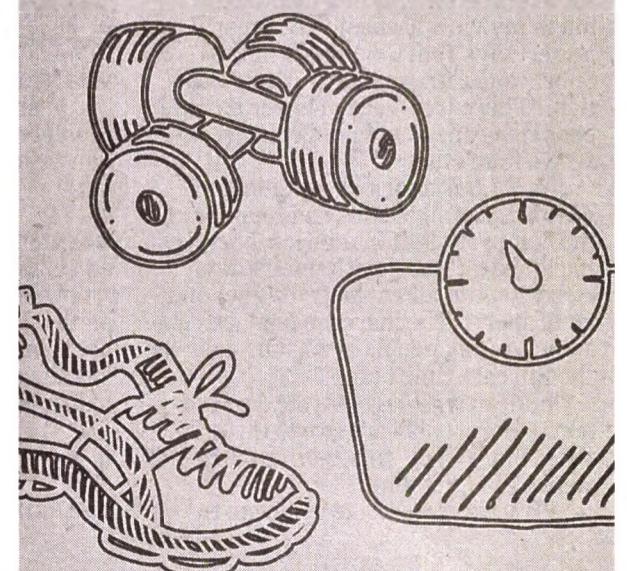
Food and Faith Project

While many faith communities focus on health, Adrian Mosley, administrator of the Johns Hopkins Medicine Office of Community Health, said food is one of the biggest obstacles.

"They want fried chicken. The macaroni cheese is abundant. The sweet potato pie with marshmallows and collard greens," said Mosley, who for nearly 25 years has been hosting the Food and Faith Project, emphasizing a healthy "ground-to-the-plate" method.

Members often come in, using soul food recipes that deplete foods, like collard greens, of nutrients. The project's staff introduces them to recipes based on the African heritage diet pyramid, a plant-based diet that prioritizes whole grains, leafy greens, legumes and vegetables over dairy and meat, and strives to preserve nutrients with shorter cook times and natural spices. Faith comes in when addressing the difficulties of healthy eating and changing bad habits, Mosley said.

"When you have temptation, what do you use? What are the things you use to overcome that in other areas of your life?" she said. "It's really trying to get them to think about why taking care of the body is so important."





Second-graders play a game during physical education class in South Bend, Ind.

ROBERT FRANKLIN, AP

Kids' inactivity creates health 'time bomb'

Data: Fewer than 25 percent of children are active three times a week

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The percentage of children ages six to 12 who were physically active three or more times a week had its biggest drop in five years and is now less than 25%, new data show.

Making matters worse, households with incomes less than \$50,000 have much higher rates of inactivity than families making more than \$75,000 annually, an analysis by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association and PHIT America found. In fact, low-income Americans are getting more inactive while high-income Americans are becoming more active.

The level of inactivity increased from about 33% in 2012 to nearly 37% in 2016 for families making less than \$50,000 per year. Meanwhile, inactivity levels for those earning more than \$75,000 dropped from 22% to nearly 19%.

"This is very concerning at several levels (with) long-term implications for societal costs, including health care, but in my view it's basically a moral issue," says Tom Cove, CEO of the Sports and Fitness Industry Association. "There is no reason lower income people in America should be more inactive than others."

Jim Baugh, a former president of Wilson Sporting Goods and founder of the non-profit PHIT America, analyzes the Physical Activity Council's data every year to glean the trends beyond team sports. The increase in inactivity among young people is what he calls the "health care time bomb."

Children who have physical education (PE) in school are two to three times more likely to be active outside of school, Baugh found.

"PE is the grassroots program for all

activity in America," Baugh says. "It's the real solution to the health care crisis."

Former National Football League players Herschel Walker and Roman Oben were doing their part recently on Capitol Hill to lobby for legislation that would give adults and children a financial incentive to be more active. The Personal Health Investment Today (PHIT) Act would allow the use of "Pre-Tax Medical Accounts" to pay for physical activity expenses for adults or children.

Walker, 55, won the Heisman Trophy as college football's best player in 1982 and was a member of the 1992 Winter Olympics two-man bobsled team. Oben, 44, played offensive tackle 11 seasons for four NFL teams, including the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who won Super Bowl XXXVII.

Walker is a business owner, whose holding include chicken processing plants. Oben is the NFL's director of youth and high school football. They answered questions about diet and fitness, especially for young people.

Q When should young people start trying to get healthy?

WALKER: I started in high school doing 750 push-ups and 2,000 sit-ups a day. I didn't bother with the weights. I still don't. So I'd say start as early as you can.

OBEN: Playing football (in high school and college), you go through training from an early age. You don't go through all that hard work to make poor health decisions later in life. So health decisions are a habit you get into. Good habits are important.

Q How do you stay fit?

WALKER: I expect this is different from



JOSHUA MITCHELL
Former NFL star Herschel Walker visits Capitol Hill.

what you will normally hear, but this is me: I eat one full meal a day, usually just at dinner time. I may have some soup, salad and bread, and that just works for me, along with my pushups and sit-ups. I've been doing this for a long time and no complaints.

OBEN: I played (in the NFL) at about 305 pounds. I am about 6-foot-4. I try to watch what I eat, and if there's something I want that I know may not be good I look for a healthy substitute. And I try to ride the exercise bike for about half an hour each day. That burns calories and helps the heart rate. But it's tough. I'm at about 280 now. I'm trying to get down to my "prom weight."

Q How should a young person choose the best approach?

WALKER: You have to find what's best and works for you. Everybody, and every body, is different. So you may have to experiment. For instance, I'm

always interested in finding alternatives to red meat. You can really do a lot with chicken, if you don't get stuck on having it one way, like fried, all the time. There are plenty of alternatives to candy, like fruit. So always keep your eyes open for healthy options.

OBEN: You'd be surprised what you can do in everyday life that will help you stay active and get fitter or stay fit. You can walk to the store instead of driving. Bike for a longer distance instead of a car. If you see a game of pickup basketball, you can jump in.

Q Any tips that might surprise high school students looking to get fit or stay in shape?

WALKER: Sleep is very important and often overlooked.

OBEN: Eight hours of sleep a night is my goal. I find that that keeps my mind clear throughout the day, helps me focus, get done what needs doing. It may take some discipline, especially when you are young. But here's a tip: turn your phone off! Give your mind a break.

Q How should young people reach and maintain their best weight?

WALKER: Doing anything other than sitting around is better for your body. Getting some exercise like playing a sport with your friends will help you get to the weight you want.

OBEN: The best resource is their schools. They are in schools most of the day and some students get two of their meals there, so trying to (get) their schools to have healthier food options and trying to get physical education back will help them maintain and reach the weight they want.

BOOK REVIEW

'DREAMING THE BEATLES'

WE LOVE THEM YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

Writer lets his fanboy fly in Fab Four homage

KIM WILLIS
USA TODAY

The '70s were a peculiar time to be a Beatles beginner.

The Fab Four were acrimoniously divorced, with John, Paul and George prone to sniping at each other in interviews. (Ringo, always the peacemaker, managed to stay on friendly terms with everyone.) Paul McCartney and Wings hovered high on the charts with such unremarkable hits as *Silly Love Songs*. And fans were so fixated on their desire to bring The Beatles back, they couldn't appreciate the extraordinary fact that the band had ever existed to begin with.

That's where *Rolling Stone* writer Rob Sheffield parachutes into the story, laying claim to the moptops for a new fandom whose gateway would be dog-eared copies of Nicholas Schaffner's 1977 *The Beatles Forever* bio and 2 a.m. reruns of *Help!* rather than the historic *Ed Sullivan Show* appearance or LSD-enhanced listens to *Sgt. Pepper*.

Sheffield's charming new collection of essays, *Dreaming the Beatles: The Love Story of One Band and the Whole World* (Dey Street, 368 pp., ★★★★★ out of four), begins with the familiar premise: Four Liverpool chums make a go of it as a group, climb to the topmost of the poppermost, and break up dramatically at the height of their powers. Then here's where the story gets really interesting: Everyone on Earth rejects that ending. Somehow, The Beatles just keep getting bigger.

"Our Beatles," the author marvels, "have outlasted theirs."

ROB SHEFFIELD

DREAMING THE BEATLES
THE LOVE STORY OF ONE BAND AND THE WHOLE WORLD



Paul McCartney, left, Ringo Starr, John Lennon and George Harrison celebrate *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* in 1967.

Sheffield, whose previous books include the excellent *Love Is a Mixtape: Love and Loss, One Song at a Time*, is fired up about this concept. So fired up that entire chapters are devoted to irresistible arguments for the brilliance of Ringo Starr and Paul being the most Beatlesque Beatle, all written in a loose, genial mix of cool trivia, endearing (if occasionally off-topic) asides and hardcore nerding out.

The effect is that of tucking into a corner booth with a full pitcher and a bunch of buddies to debate whether "I think I'm gonna be sad" is the most portentous John Lennon lyric ever or why

we still obsess over the identity of the Walrus when virtually all of us, as Sheffield notes, have heard *I Am the Walrus* more times than John possibly could have.

"The Beatles invented most of what rock stars do. They invented breaking up. They invented drugs. They invented long hair, going to India, having a guru, round glasses, solo careers, beards, press conferences, divisive girlfriends, writing your own songs, funny drummers," Sheffield writes in one of many smart insights. "They invented the idea of assembling a global mass audience and then challenging, disappointing,

confusing this audience."

If you buy into his post-split perspective that *Rubber Soul* should be your favorite album, or that George Harrison wrote "fabulously sulky songs," you'll have a fantastic, joyous time reading *Dreaming the Beatles* from cover to cover.

Sheffield's observations reach a fever pitch of enthusiasm when he declares, "Being born on the same planet as The Beatles is one of the 10 best things that's ever happened to me."

But for once, the writer might be underestimating how much we love them. Because it's easily one of the top 5.

10BEST: Scratching that buggy itch

Here's a simple way to add a buzz to your next family vacation: Wing it to an insect zoo. These creepy crawly conservatories are finding new fans, with New York's American Museum of Natural History recently announcing plans for a \$340 million insectarium. "There's a mystery to insects and an innate fascination for children," says Gene White, an entomologist with Rentokil Steritech, a pest control company. He shares some favorite buggy sites with Larry Bleiberg for USA TODAY.

INSECT ZOO OREGON ZOO, PORTLAND

This display, which opened earlier this year, offers a chance to see and interact with insect superstars such as the Madagascar hissing cockroach, the Mexican red-kneed tarantula and the giant African millipede, which can reach as long as 9 inches. "I call them monster millipedes. For an insect, they're just absolutely huge," White says. oregonzoo.org

INSECT ZOO LOS ANGELES NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

With residents including the white-eyed assassin bug, this permanent exhibit seems destined for a Hollywood thriller. The museum also sponsors such events as its 31st annual Bug Fair, May 20-21, offering insect hunts, puppet walks and cooking demonstrations with bug chefs. "It's a fun day for everyone," says White, who says he can whip up a mean batch of "bugaboo" brownies made with mealworm flour. nhm.org

INSECT VILLAGE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, SEATTLE

For some kids, about the only thing as cool as bugs are robots. And this science center delivers with giant mechanical insect displays — along with terrariums and a butterfly garden. "It helps children and adults understand how invertebrates are put together," White says. The staff also runs an ongoing walking stick amnesty program, accepting public donations. Although popular as pets and in classrooms, Indian stick bugs are considered an invasive species. pacificsciencecenter.org

INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Bug nerds, this may be your nirvana. This museum boasts the largest collection of praying mantises in the western hemisphere, along with an

equally impressive display of dung beetles, one of White's favorite creatures. While most of the insects are pinned in display cases, there also is a discovery center with plenty of live specimens. cmnh.org

ROSINE SMITH SAMMONS BUTTERFLY HOUSE & INSECTARIUM TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDEN, DALLAS

With daily butterfly releases, there's always something aflutter at this two-story 7,000-square-foot garden located on the state fair grounds. The pupae arrive weekly from farms in Asia and Central and South America. "They have a great variety of tropical and near-tropical butterflies," White says. texasdiscoverygardens.org

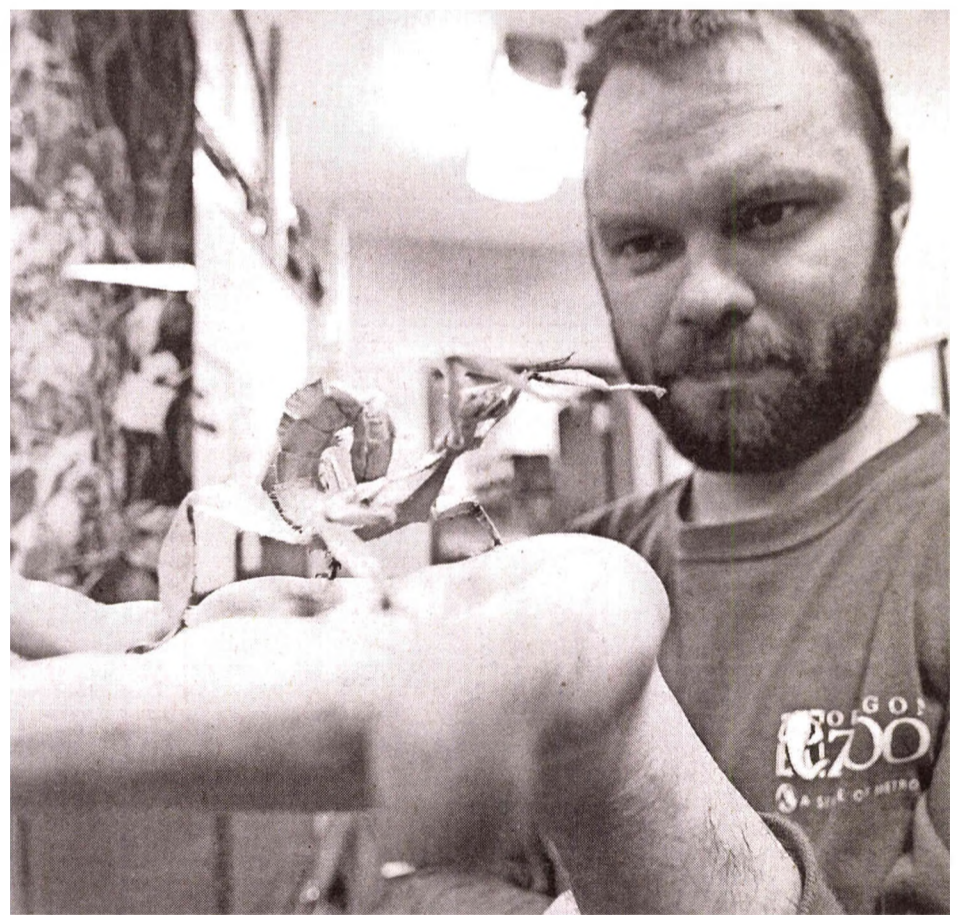
FLORISSANT (COLO.) FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Long before dinosaurs ruled the Earth, bugs were crawling its surface. This site, about 35 miles west of Colorado Springs, preserves one of the largest collections of insect fossils in the world. Families can explore 15 miles of trails and hunt for bugs in exposed fossil beds, or they can take part in free Monday morning yoga hikes, which, no doubt, include a praying mantis pose. nps.gov/fffo

INSECTARIUM MUSEUM OF LIFE AND SCIENCE, DURHAM, N.C.

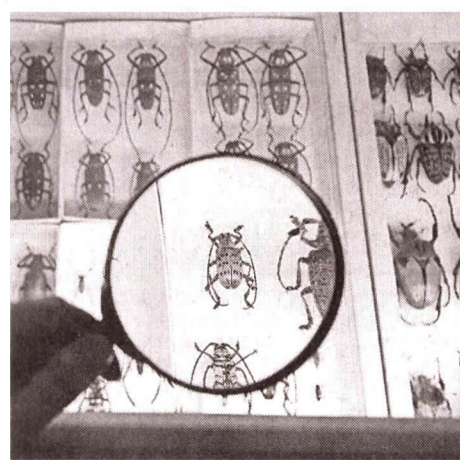
Some visitors might want to put their hands over their heads when wandering through the open-air exhibit of giant orb weaver spiders. "They're very impressive," says White. Other attractions include daily insect feedings and a caterpillar "munch cam." lifeandscience.org

INSECTROPOLIS TOMS RIVER, N.J. This Garden State monument to garden creatures proudly calls itself a bug-



MICHAEL DURHAM, OREGON ZOO

The new Insect Zoo at the Oregon Zoo in Portland offers a chance to see and interact with creepy array of bugs and invertebrates.



INSECTROPOLIS.COM

Insectropolis in Toms River, N.J., calls itself a bugseum.

seum, with imaginative exhibits exploring insects' bizarre worlds. "They have things like mud tube crawl spaces kids can crawl through," White says. It also accepts donations of living bugs that

visitors (or their parents) might not want to keep at home. insectropolis.com

BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

The nation's largest butterfly pavilion doesn't limit itself to flying insects. There also is a 3-D theater, and tropical fish, honey bees and spiders, including native species. "A lot of people believe the desert is barren, and it's just not," White says. butterflywonderland.com

INSECTARIUM AND BUTTERFLY PAVILION PHILADELPHIA

For 25 years, Philly kids have been gleefully grossed out at this site, where they can touch, eat and learn about our multilegged friends. Earlier this year, it opened a butterfly pavilion, which follows the creatures' life cycle from egg to larvae to pupa to free-flying adult. "It really makes for an interesting day out," White says. phillybutterflypavilion.com

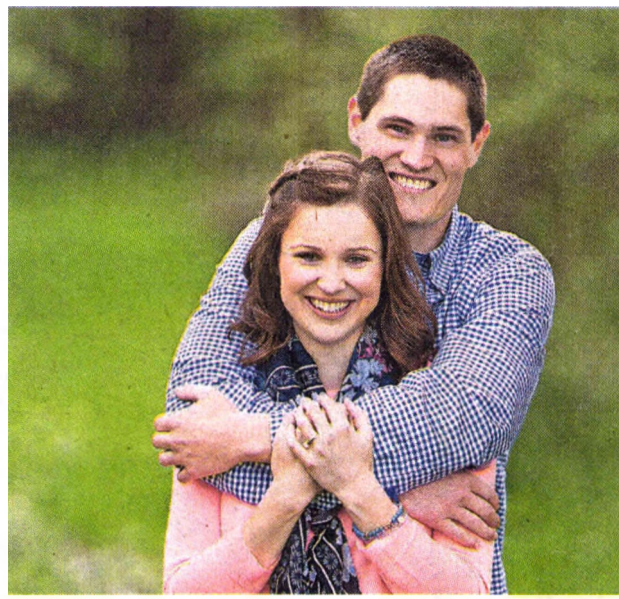
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Shuart-Stern

Clark and Jennifer Shuart of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Shuart, to Dan Stern, son of Mark and Gretchen Stern of Northville.

Molly Shuart graduated from Northville High School in 2011. She then graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in science in 2015. She is currently a medical student at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She hopes to be a primary care physician at the end of her training.

Dan Stern graduated from Northville High School in 2010. He then graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in science in 2014. He is currently a veterinary



Molly Shuart and Dan Stern.

student at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He hopes to specialize in small animal cardiology at the end of his training.

Molly and Dan are high school sweethearts who currently reside in Okemos, Michigan. They are planning a May of 2018 wedding.

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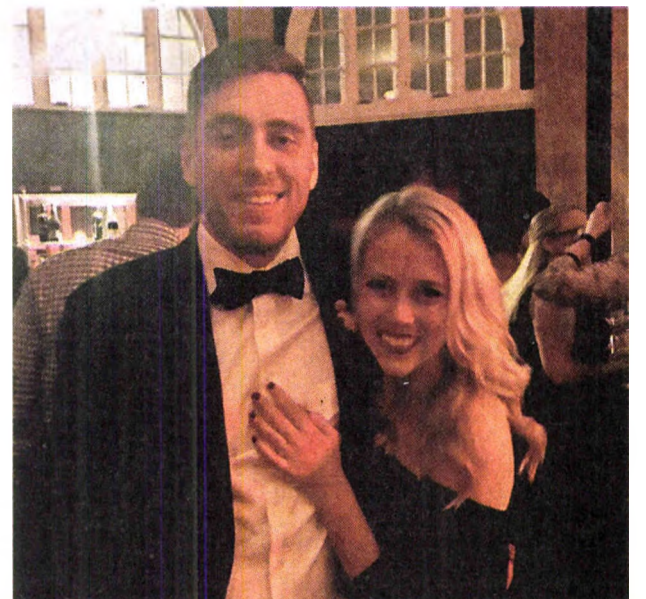
Snyder-Young

Jeffrey and Theresa Snyder of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Elizabeth Snyder, to Paul William Young of Northville.

The future bride, a 2007 Northville High School graduate, earned her master of social work from Wayne State University. She also received a bachelor of arts in Spanish and art history from Albion College. She currently works as a clinician with Potomac Behavioral Solutions in Washington, D.C.

The future groom, also a Northville High School graduate, received a bachelor of arts in online journalism from Central Michigan University and is currently employed as

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Paul Young and Susan Snyder.

a digital retention strategist with the Washington Post and president of Detroit Music magazine.

A June 2017 wedding is planned in Detroit for the couple.

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Atkinson



Thelma M., age 88, passed away May 21, 2017. She was born April 8, 1929 in West Fork, Missouri, daughter of the late William and Cora Cook. Her passion in life was her family. They were the light of her life and she was known for her love and generosity towards them. Thelma is survived by her children: Larry Atkinson and Karen Wiater; her grandchildren: Rob Atkinson, Brianna Wiater, Faith Wiater; great-grandchild Michael Atkinson and her siblings: Fay (Richard) Devost and Carter (Nancy) Cook. She was preceded in death by her son Kenneth in 1989; her grandson Jerry in 2010 and her brothers: Glen Cook and Clay Cook. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25 from 4:00PM-8:00PM with a funeral service being held on Friday, May 26 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in Oakland Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas, Memphis, TN 38105. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Martin



Paula Elaine died peacefully on May 19, 2017 after a valiant battle with cancer. She worked with handicapped children in Waterford Schools for over 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Michael; sister, Terri Ritchie; her sons, Shannon and Chad (Cassie) Bigler; two beautiful granddaughters, Brooklyn and Vivian Bigler; stepsons, Scott, Joseph and Jeremy Martin as well as many dear extended family members and friends. Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 11 AM. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 5-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to a her grandchildren's education fund. For further information phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com.

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Williams



Mary T. of Davison, MI, age 91, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Westlake Health Campus in Commerce, MI. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 2 PM Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 404 North Dayton Street, Davison, MI 48423; Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. The family will receive visitors 1-2 PM Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, www.greynuns.org, or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, in Mary's memory. Mary was born in Buffalo, NY on December 30, 1925, daughter of the late Thomas and Emily (Wick) Jones. Mrs. Williams attended High School at Holy Angels Academy and received her Registered Nurse Degree from The Sisters Hospital in Buffalo, NY. She lived in Buffalo, NY before moving to Davison, MI in 1969 with her family. Mary was active on the Davison Beautification Committee, the Optimists Women's Club, St. John's Gardening and a long time nurse at Wheelock General Hospital in Goodrich, MI where she retired in 1991. She recently relocated to Waterford Twp., MI to be closer to her Michigan family. Mrs. Williams is survived by her 3 daughters, Suzanne (Robert) McDonald of Libertyville, IL, Linda (R. Andrew) Shallman of Highland, MI and Carol (John) Pavetto of Wichita, KS; 7 grandchildren, Allison, Keegan, Kelly, Andrea, Cailin, Giovanni and Dominic; many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, David R. Williams in 1997. Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com



Galli-Hooper

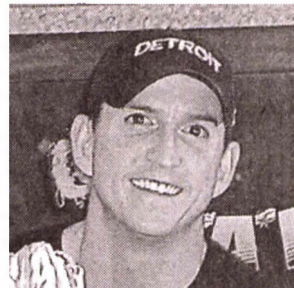


Kathleen 69, beloved wife of F. Perry Hooper, mother and grandmother died peacefully, following a period of declining health, Monday, May 15, 2017 at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. She was born on July 10, 1947 and was the daughter of Lawrence and Dolores (Kuehnel) Theobald. She will be forever missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband F. Perry Hooper; her sons, Thomas Bowen (Denise) and Ronald Bowen (Carol); her step-children Celeste Showers, Janise Kilgore, Alex Galli, Marc Galli (Mary) all of Michigan and Sherry Gagne, Juliann Rackliff (Butch) of Maine; her brothers Larry Theobald (Diane), Robert Theobald; sister in law's Carol Ciupa, Mary Jane Theobald and Judith Theobald; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. A Memorial service will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2017 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, MI 48116. Visitation 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and funeral service at 10:30 a.m.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



Wolfe



Michael Todd Age 44 May 14, 2017 Dear son of Elaine Wolfe and the late James Wolfe. Loving brother to Scott (Kim) and Uncle to Ben and Emily. Passed suddenly in his home. Grew up in Northville, graduate of Northville High School and Eastern Michigan University. Resident of Garden City. Todd was selfless in his acts of kindness. A free spirit, blessed with many friends and family. Friend to every living creature. He had simple tastes and loved spending the day on his motorcycle. Services were held Tuesday, May 23. In lieu of flowers, please consider registering with the gifttofemichigan.org

AREA EVENTS

and Howell.

Cobbs, who lives in Oakland County, is running on a platform of rebuilding Michigan's infrastructure and schools. He is pledging to listen to Michigan citizens and to restore trust in government.

Cobbs graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1970. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and served in the U.S. Navy from 1972-73. He later worked as a police officer while earning a law degree at Wayne State University Law School. After being hired by Xerox, he built the Xerox Professional Services Division and became a global vice president for the corporation. He has been married for 36 years and he and his wife, Lisa, have two children and one grand-daughter.

His website is: www.billcobbs2018.com/. All area Democrats are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, call 810-229-4212 or email livcobs@gmail.com.

Flag Day run

Pull out your running shoes and get in shape for the Flag Day 5K run/walk coming to Salem Township, 8 a.m., June 3. Before coming out to celebrate the parade and fireworks, get the morning started with some heart-pumping fun while you run or walk a 5k (3.1 miles) through Salem. This event is being presented by Salem PTO to benefit Salem Elementary school.

Registration is \$10 and is available race day starting at 7 a.m. or by mail to Salem Elementary PTO, 7806 Salem Road., Northville, MI 48168. For more informa-

tion contact Amy Hartman at dougamyh@aol.com or 248-486-0933.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center hosts its next spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m., Friday, June 2, at the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street in Milford.

Homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. Held the first Friday of the month through June.

For more information: Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, 248-685-9008

Playdate at Milford Library

The Milford Public Library hosts Playdate at the Library Wednesday, May 31, from 10-11 a.m.

The Youth Staff will get the fun started by reading a book and singing a song. Then we will continue the music for free play time. Duplo blocks, puzzles, toys, and board books will be available in the Community Room with a corner just for babies and toddlers. No registration.

The Milford Public Library is located at 330 Family Drive in Milford.

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, 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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How to find a summer job – and make it permanent

BY MARY LORENZ
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Looking for a little extra cash during the summer? According to CareerBuilder's Summer Hiring Forecast, 41 percent of employers plan to hire seasonal workers for the warmer months. While the majority of employers have finished their seasonal hiring, there's still time to land a summer gig – if you're strategic about it.

"Start utilizing your network now," advises Sarah Glasser, campus recruiting manager at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm. Reach out to everyone from your friends and family to your college's alumni network and even previous employers, all of whom may know of opportunities to which they can refer you. Also, consider jobs outside of your typical industry, which can be a great way to expand your skills. Finally, view every opportunity as a networking event. "Be willing to put yourself out there and connect with new people [wherever you go]," Glasser says. "You never know who you're going to meet or who they may know!"

Going from summer help to full-time hire
For those looking for a gig that will last longer than their tans,



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there's good news: The vast majority of employers who plan to hire seasonal workers (79 percent) will consider offering those hires a permanent position. Try these expert tips for turning a summer job into a year-long (and beyond) position.

Dress (and act) for success. "If you want to turn a temporary job into one that's permanent, be sure that both attendance and punctuality are perfect," says Megan Trzcinski, director of office services at LaSalle Network. If you want to truly stand out, get in a few minutes early and offer to stay late if necessary.

It's also important to dress the part, she says. "As the saying goes, dress for the role you want, not the role you have, and it's true in this case. Notice the way the rest of the staff dresses and how they present themselves, then follow suit."

Be proactive. If you've finished a project and find yourself with some downtime, don't just wait around until someone gives you a new assignment. Take the initiative to ask for another project, Trzcinski advises. This will differentiate you from temporary workers who might not be as proactive.

conversation with your supervisor or HR. "If you notice that the company posted a permanent role you think you'd be good for, that's another great opportunity to spark the conversation."

Ask for feedback. Before asking your boss about a permanent position, make sure you're doing a good job first. "If you haven't had any feedback over the course of the assignment, don't assume you're doing great," Trzcinski says. Ask for feedback on your performance and what you can be doing differently or better. Then take immediate action on that feedback. This will show that you are open to criticism and committed to improving.

Keep an open mind. Don't limit yourself to a permanent spot on your team. You may find an open spot on another team that interests you. Just make sure to go to your direct supervisor before applying for it, says Trzcinski, "so they don't think you're purposefully going around them."

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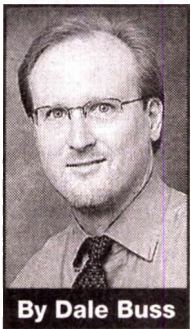
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ALL-NEW 2018 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY WILL BOOST BRAND IN U.S., AIDED BY 'EXPERIENCE TOUR PERU' MARKETING



By Dale Buss

Land Rover has been buffing its off-road chops in the brand's marketing lately, and now the sibling brand of Jaguar is raising the bar.

A new off-road competition is giving

consumers a chance to win one of four spots on the Land Rover Experience Tour Peru 2017, where winners will drive the new 2018 Land Rover Discovery SUV in an extreme, six-day off-road expedition through mountains, jungles and desert.

The new marketing campaign and rollout of Discovery should add even more momentum to an unprecedented period of growth for Jaguar Land Rover in North America — and worldwide.

Ford couldn't figure out how to optimize the potential and the unique British character of either the Land Rover or Jaguar brands, especially after putting both marques under the broader

umbrella of a luxury brand group. So prospects for Jaguar Land Rover didn't look great when Ford sold it off to India's Tata Group in 2008, at the nadir of the Great Recession.

But Tata has managed Jaguar Land Rover back to greater glory than ever and now is reaping rewards, assisted by the long surge in the U.S. luxury auto market, strong sales in emerging foreign markets, and now the long-comeing recovery in Europe.

Last month in the United States, Jaguar Land Rover sales increased by 35 percent from a year earlier, to 8,441 vehicles, making it the best-ever combined sales month in April for the brand — and the best since 2002. Year to date, Jaguar Land Rover sales were up by 24 percent in the United States.

"We are thrilled to have had a record-setting April sales month for Jaguar Land Rover based on a strong product offering and our dedicated retailer network," said Joe Eberhardt, president and CEO of Jaguar Land Rover North America.

But most of those gains were produced by Jaguar vehicles, which



Land Rover's new Discovery is great for a day at a Great Lakes beach

sets up the importance of the new Discovery seven-passenger SUV. The brand is just beginning to bring the vehicle to U.S. showrooms, and so its marketing efforts are gearing up.

The all-new Discovery replaces the LR4 and features radical new design language for the full-size, optional-seven-passenger SUV and all-new levels of refinement, passenger technology and driver-assistance options.

The Land Rover Experience Tour Peru 2017 will entice brand owners and fans who are participating in trials at the three Land Rover Experience Centers in the U.S., with one winner selected from each center such as the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N.C.

Each trial challenges participants to drive an off-road course designed by Land Rover driving instructors and to be judged on their precision in tackling

obstacles as well as on their speed to complete the course safely.

What must they drive around and through? "Side tilts, articulation holes, downhill descents (and) off-chamber cones" await the intrepid winners, as Land Rover notes in a press release. Needless to say: If you don't even know what half of those off-road pitfalls are, don't bother applying.

"Creating this competition," stated Kim McCullough, brand vice president of Jaguar Land Rover North America, "provides an opportunity for us to showcase the unique features of the new Land Rover Discovery and engage with adventure-minded individuals."

The Peru tour will be the ultimate test drive for one group of winners this fall. It will involve overlanding more than 500 miles from Cusco, through legendary Machu Picchu, as well as Pitchari and Satipo, ending in

Huancayo. A second group of winners will take over and drive almost 400 miles over the Peruvian mountains and through the desert to Pisco.

Leading the campaign these days is a new TV ad ("Serenity in the Storm") featuring Sir Ben Ainslie, a massive dust cloud, Discovery and the Land Rover BAR sailing team.

No doubt the trip will produce more material to add to the brand's momentum behind the all-new 2018 Discovery.



Seeing the open sky through Discovery's sunroof panorama

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The bride-to-be earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Economics at the Cox School of Business at SMU. Jordan is employed by Koan Health in Dallas as a Senior Business Analyst.

The prospective groom is a 2008 graduate of Catholic Central High School. Ryan earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Accounting at the Cox School of Business at SMU. He has also achieved the Certified Public Accounting designation. Ryan is employed at Deloitte & Touche in Dallas as a Strategy & Operations Consultant.

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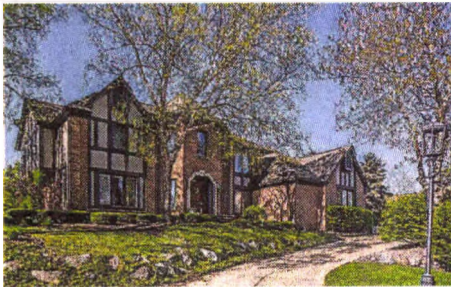
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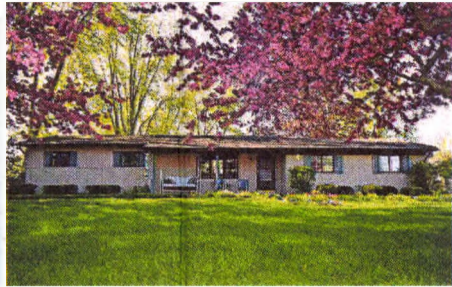
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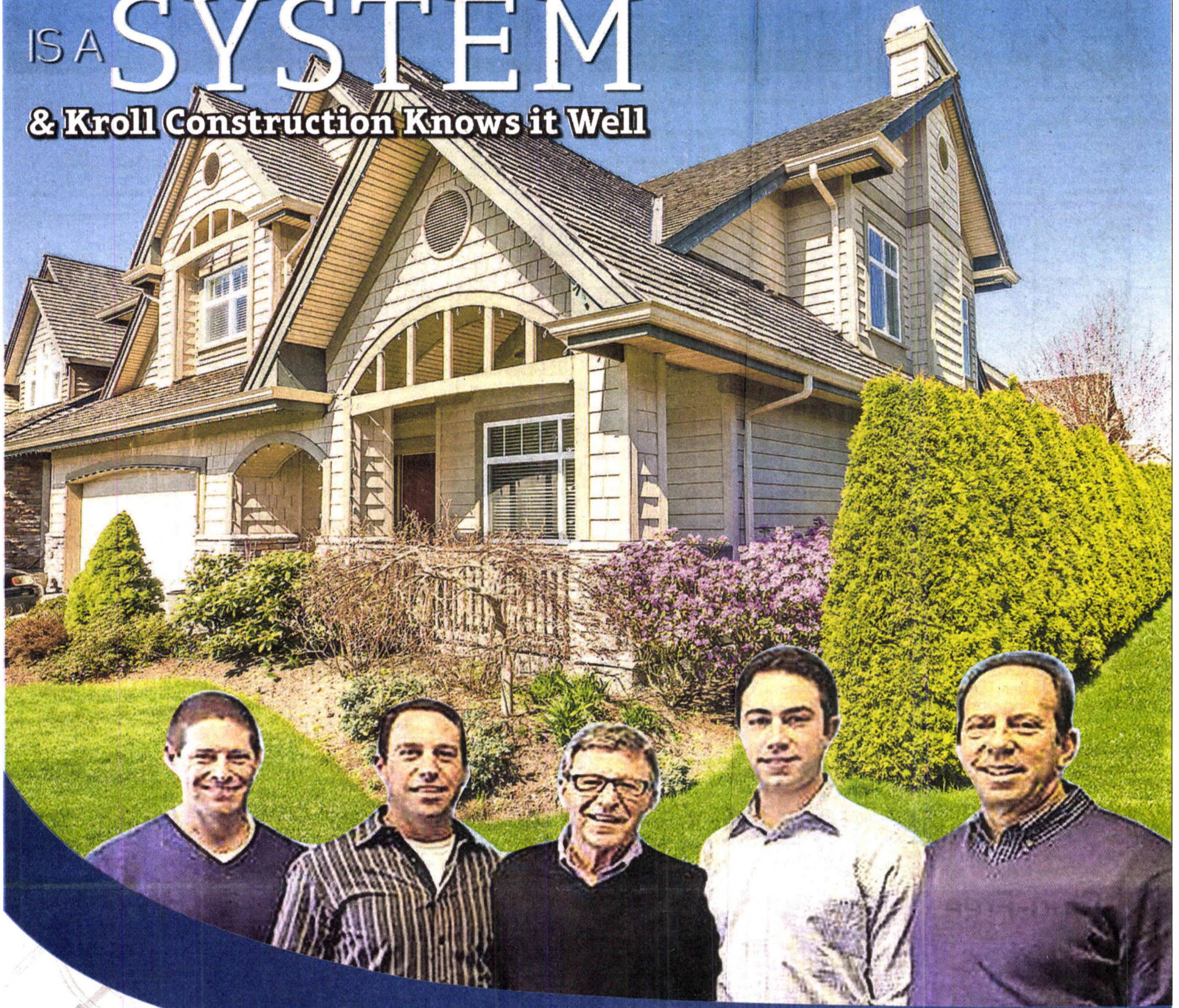


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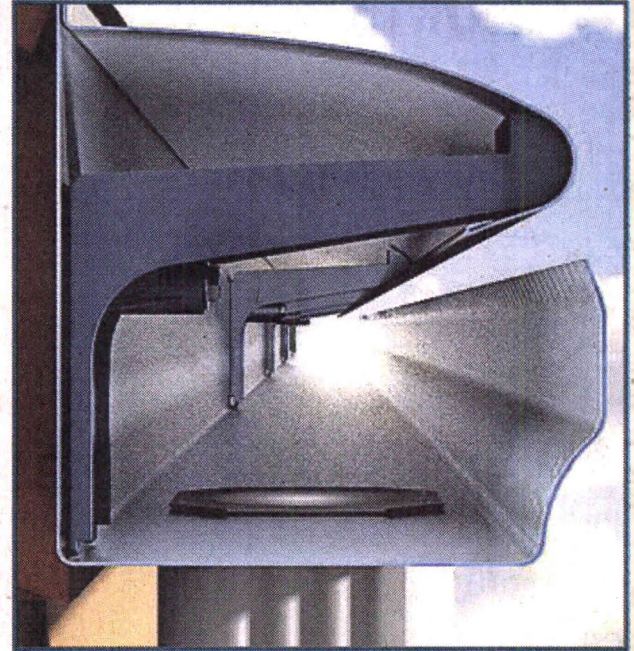
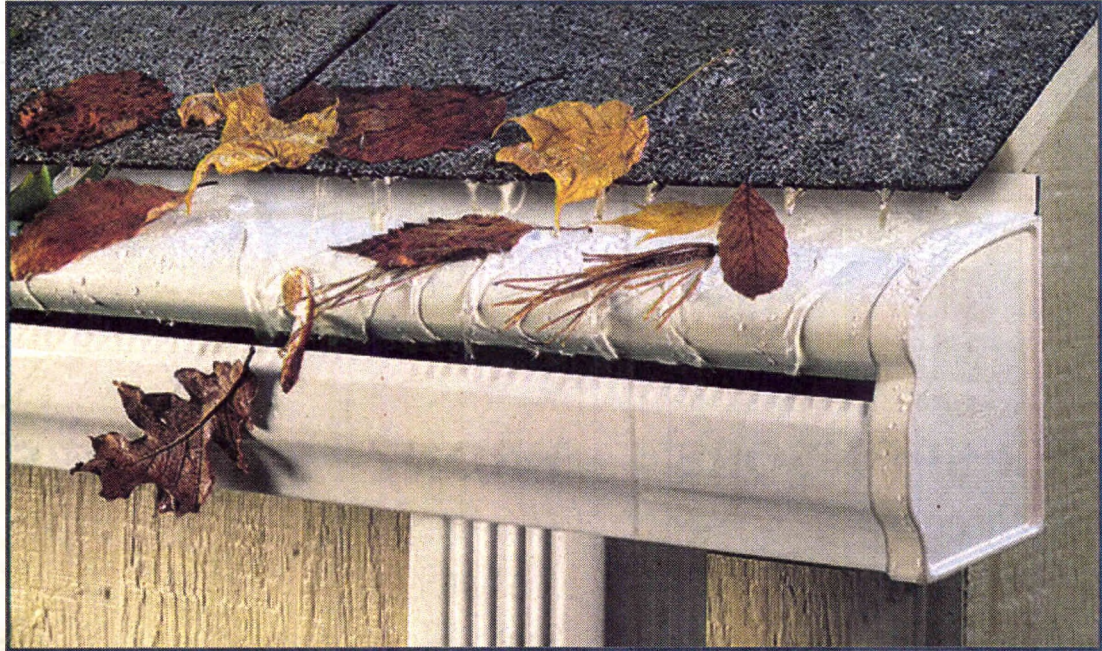
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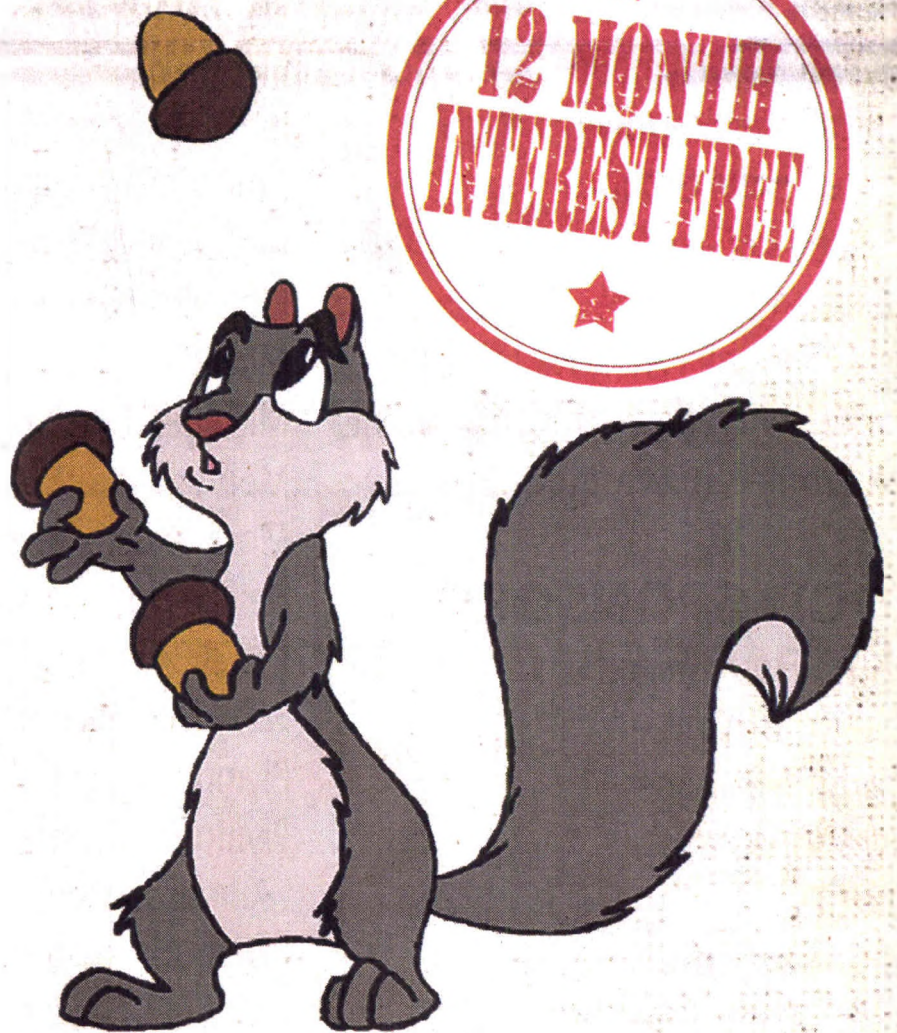


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