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Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (\$75 for men), may be returned to the Novi Police Department.

The course takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile Road. It fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a concealed pistol license.

The classroom portion takes place in the morning and, after lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or earplugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-348-7100.

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Drowning victim, 3, recalled as 'outgoing,' 'intelligent'

Matt Jachman
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A 3-year-old old who drowned along with his father in Novi last week was remembered as a bright, outgoing boy from a close-knit family and his father was recalled as a cheerful man who obviously loved his son.

Ananth Surepalli, who had turned 3 in February, died May 30 after apparently falling into

the swimming pool at the Glens of Northville apartment complex. Nagaraju Surepalli, 31, also drowned in an apparent attempt to save his son. The two are survived by Surepalli's wife and Ananth's mother, Bindu.

"It's a horrible, horrific tragedy," said Dawn Trembath, director of the Northville Cooperative Preschool, which Ananth had attended two mornings a week for about eight months.

Trembath said Ananth had been enrolled since October and had overcome significant separation anxiety to blossom into an outgoing boy who was gaining independence.

"That was just really rewarding as a teacher to see and I know his mother was just thrilled," she said. As part of the school's cooperative arrangement, Bindu Surepalli assisted regularly in the classroom.

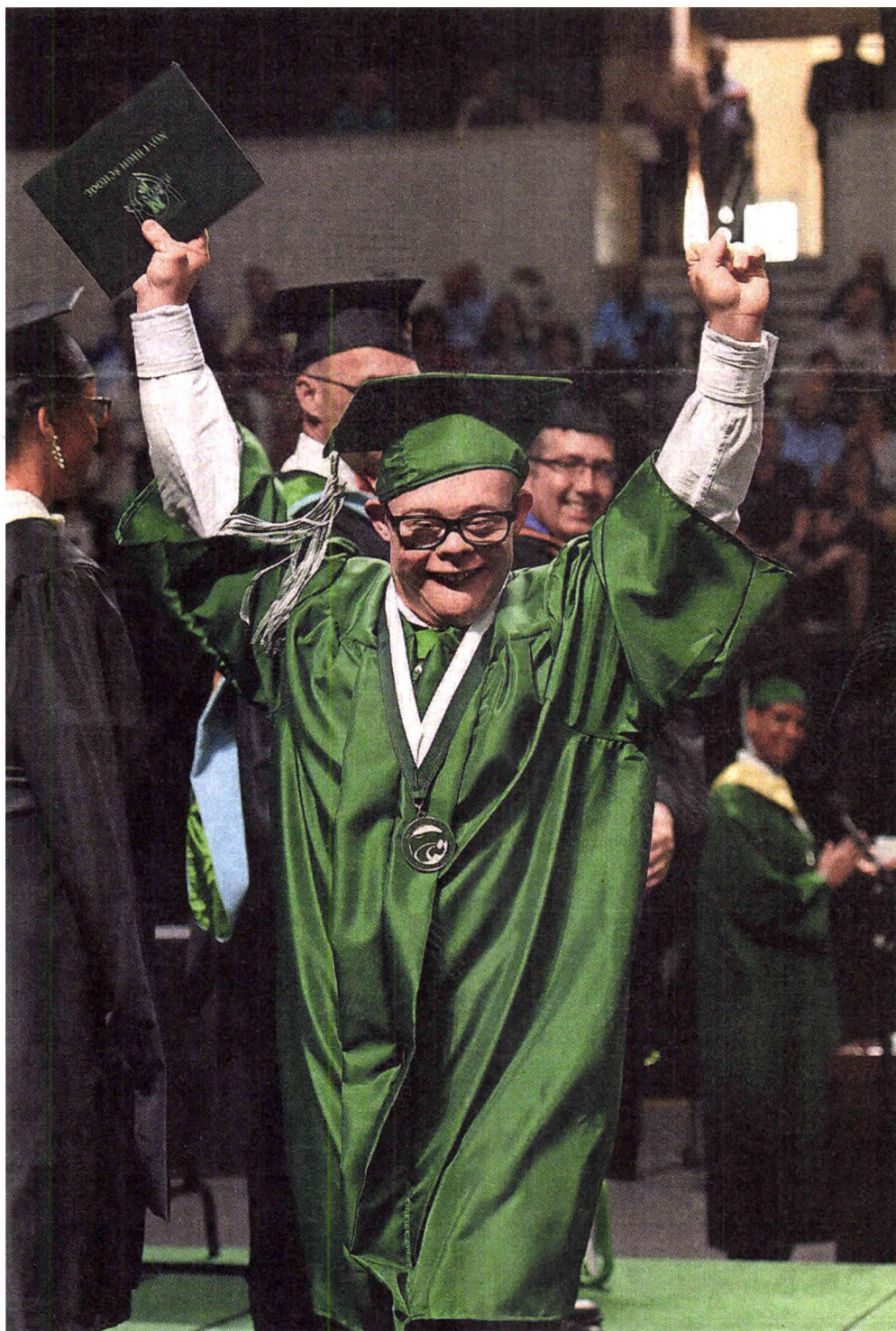
The family was very close, Trembath said. The Surepallis had no other children.

"He was very intelligent," Trembath said of Ananth, who was called Anan at school. "It was clear that his parents just idolized and adored him."

The Surepallis were from the city of Guntur in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. Nag-

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GRADS TAKE LIFE'S NEXT STEP



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Robby Heil raises his hands in celebration as he walks off the stage June 3 after receiving his diploma from Novi High School. For more photos from graduation, see page A15 and go to www.hometownlife.com.

CC takes second at quiz bowl national tourney

Detroit Catholic Central High School joined 300 of the top high school quiz bowl teams in the nation May 27-28 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis for the 2017 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, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since 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.

Catholic Central sent four teams to the competition. The 'A' team was captained by Austin Morton, joined by Robert Crawford Will Lamarra, and Robert Mansueti. The 'B' team was captained by Josh George, joined by Lance Bassett, Jonah Fanning and Nathaniel Pascual. The 'C' team was captained by Sean Gillikin, joined by David DeBacker, Ian Mascarenhas and Frank Womac. The 'D' team consisted of Robert Dedvukaj, Charles Hilu, Colin Stewart and Parker Stogdill. The teams were coached by Christopher Gismondi, assisted by Ben Herman.

The 'A' team finished in second place, the best performance by any team from Michigan. The 'B' team finished in 41st place. The 'C' team finished in 41st place. The 'D' team finished in 144th place.

The field featured 304 teams from 37 states and China. Catholic Central entered four of the 15 Michigan teams competing.

The Catholic Central 'A' team began the preliminary rounds with a four-game winning streak, defeating Onalaska from Wisconsin, Darien 'B' from Connecticut, LASA 'B' from Austin, Texas, and Great Neck South from New York. It finished the preliminary rounds with a 8-2 record, which qualified it for the playoffs.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Thomas and Mary Waling were married June 6, 1942.

Waling

Thomas and Mary Waling, residents of Milford from 1956-92, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary June 6. They were married June 6, 1942, in Detroit during World War II. While living in Milford, they were very active at St. Mary's Catholic Church-Our

Lady of the Snows. They are both in their 90s and have seen decades of changes. They celebrated this memorable occasion with family and friends. They had six children (five living and one deceased, Tom Jr.), 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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The Catholic Central 'A' and 'B' teams faced each other in round 12, with the 'A' team winning, 560-250.

The 'A' team defeated Naperville North from Illinois, 385-375, during round 24 and suffered a narrow loss to the even-

tual champions, Hunter 'A' from New York, N.Y., 410-400, during round 25.

The 'A' team's shot at the title ended when it lost to Hunter 'A' from New York, N.Y., in round 26.

In round 22, Catholic Central 'A' did beat eventual champion Hunter 'A' by a score of 435-390.

Lifelong Northville resident honored at Mill Race Village

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the recently installed new/old Victorian-style drinking fountain at Mill Race Historical Village honored the memory of lifelong Northville resident Clancy Ely, who died two years ago at age 80. His wife Phyllis did the honors June 2 at the Historical Society's Members Preview Party. Society board member Bill Stockhausen gave a brief review of Clancy's life and his many contributions to the Northville community.

Clancy was born in 1935 in the old Sessions Hospital on West Main Street in Northville. He contributed to the community in many ways over the years: he was on city planning commission, beautification commission, was president of the chamber of commerce, organizing member of the Northville Jaycees who ran the July 4th parade and fireworks for many years and a board member of the Michigan Petroleum Association.

Clancy was the third generation of the C.R. Ely and Sons Co., who started a coal and ice business in the 1920s and built the building on North Center Street that was just torn down two weeks ago. After World War II, the business phased out of coal and ice and started supplying home heating oil. Clancy joined the family business in 1956 and worked there for 40 years, until he retired in



Phyllis Ely and Bill Stockhausen helped unveil the new drinking fountain at Mill Race Village in memory of Clancy Ely.

1996. The last use of the building was by the Begonia Brothers. Today, people get natural gas for heating their homes through a pipe in the ground and then pay a bill to a faceless conglomerate corporation. Back then, Clancy knew all of

his customers by name and had friendships with many of them. Because Clancy was so much a part of the history of Northville, Phyllis felt that the appropriate memorial to him would be a period drinking fountain, similar to the one she

enjoyed as a kid growing up in Big Rapids. And the perfect place would be at Mill Race Historical Village where visitors and their dogs could stop for a moment and refresh themselves while they enjoyed the buildings of Northville past.

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araju Surepalli, a software engineer for Infosys Technologies who was in the U.S. on a work visa, had recently finished an assignment as a contractor for Adient in Plymouth Township.

Trembath said Nagaraju Surepalli supported the preschool by participating in non-classroom events, like fundraisers and cleanup days.

"They were just super-nice," said Robert Pelon, a former Northville Co-operative board member whose son Miles, 3, was friends with Ananth. Nagaraju always wore a smile, Pelon said.

Pelon said he had noticed Ananth's progress at the school in recent weeks and that Trembath had worked closely with the family to help ease the boy's fears. The preschool term recently ended with a celebratory picnic, he said.

"He couldn't leave his mom's side at the beginning of the year and, at the end of the year, he could do a whole day without her," Pelon said of Ananth. "It's probably one of the coolest things I've seen at that school."

Pelon said the preschool is organizing a scholarship fund in Ananth's name for the children of people, like the Surepallis, who have traveled from a foreign country to work in the U.S.

A GoFundMe account last week quickly raised more than \$150,000 for Bindu Surepalli, in part to pay for expenses related to transporting her son's and husband's remains to India, where other family members live.

Infosys released a statement Friday that read: "We are saddened by the loss of our employee Nagaraju Surepalli and his son. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the family of the deceased. Infosys

will provide all the necessary support to the family in the immediate aftermath of this tragic event." Spokesman Pete Daly said the company would have no other comment.

According to a Novi Police Department report, Bindu Surepalli told police that her husband and Ananth had left for the pool at about 3 p.m. that afternoon. They had not planned on going in the water, police said.

The city's emergency dispatch center received a call at 4:24 p.m. May 30 about two people in the water and an officer was at the complex in about two minutes, Police Chief David Molloy said. People at the scene had already pulled Surepalli and his son out of the water, Molloy said, and had begun lifesaving efforts that were continued by police and firefighters.

The pair were pronounced dead at Providence Park Hospital some time before 6 p.m.

The deaths were later ruled accidental drownings by Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa J. Dragovic's office.

Ananth's Radio Flyer tricycle was found in the pool, along with toy cars that apparently belonged to him. A cellphone belonging to Nagaraju Surepalli was found near a lounge chair on the pool deck.

The police report said that, according to Bindu Surepalli, her husband was not an experienced swimmer and that their son had just begun swimming lessons. The maximum pool depth was marked at five feet, the police report said, but the water's depth was measured at six feet.

Nagaraju Surepalli was listed at 5 feet, 4 inches on his driver's license and an autopsy report noted his height at 5 feet, 2 inches, the police report said.

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Class of 2017: 7 tips to help you get a jump on adulthood

From budgeting to investing to shopping for insurance, life is a series of choices

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College prepares students to be everything from accountants and teachers to government workers and health care technicians, but not all students learn basic money management skills. Here's advice for this year's graduates on how to succeed financially.

1 Use a tried-and-true budgeting strategy

A regular paycheck, however small, can feel like a windfall for those used to surviving on a student's budget.

The 50-30-20 rule can be a helpful guideline for using your take-home pay wisely.

Spend about 50% on necessities including rent, groceries and transportation. Use up to 30% for wants such as takeout, concert tickets and online subscriptions, but minimize those expenses if you have a lot of debt.

Put the remaining money toward savings and paying off debt, targeting the highest-interest payments first.

2 Check your credit regularly

Credit is an indicator of your trustworthiness with money. Lenders, landlords and some employers check it before issuing loans or credit cards, leasing apartments and offering jobs.

There are two important measures of credit: reports and scores. Checking these indicators regularly will help you spot mistakes and areas for improvement.

A credit report documents your history of paying bills and debts; go to annualcreditreport.com to request a free copy. Credit scores are based on the information in credit reports; you can get a free credit score online.

3 **Negotiate your salary and bills**
Make sure you're getting paid fairly by researching how other companies

compensate for similar roles. Check the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook and Pay Scale's Salary Data & Career Research Center, and cite that data when speaking with prospective employers. Cable, cell-phone, Internet, gym and medical bills can be negotiated, too. When talking to providers, try phrases such as, "I wish to cancel" and "My budget can't afford it," says Jim Rasmussen, a certified financial planner and co-founder of One & Done Financial.

4 Understand your student loans and repayment options

It's essential to know the types of loans you have — federal, private or a mix — because each loan type has different repayment options. Look up loans issued by the Department of Education by logging into your Federal Student Aid account. If you don't see them there, they're private loans.

Federal loans are eligible for loan forgiveness and income-driven repayment plans, which tie borrowers' monthly payment to their income. Private loans lack those perks, but borrowers with good credit may be able to refinance to get a lower rate.

5 Set aside some graduation money

Experts recommend having three to six months of living expenses stashed for emergencies. If you receive any monetary gifts at graduation, use those funds to get started. Aim for \$500 initially; adding a reasonable amount of your

pay-check each month can help. Keep the money in a savings account that's separate from your checking and earns some interest; that way you won't be tempted to spend it, and the amount will grow over time.

6 Comparison-shop for insurance

Get quotes from multiple companies before purchasing any type of insurance. Use an independent agent or

compare rates online, and re-evaluate your provider regularly.

"It's not about loyalty," Rasmussen says.

"Companies' rates typically increase and cycle; therefore, you can save thousands by checking the marketplace each year to see if your rates are competitive."

7 Harness the power of compound interest

Retirement may feel like a lifetime away, but post graduation is the best time to start saving for it.

Thanks to compound interest, you'll earn more money over time if you start investing in a retirement account in your 20s than if you start in your 30s. Plugging some examples into a compound interest calculator illustrates this:

▶ A 22-year-old who invests \$100 a month will have \$226,304 by age 65, assuming a 6% rate of return and annual compounding.

▶ A 32-year-old who invests \$100 a month will have \$117,535 by age 65, using the same assumptions.

Starting earlier allows more time for earned interest to grow. In this example, the 22-year-old invests just \$12,000 more than the 32-year-old over time and has nearly double the amount of money at age 65.

Saving for retirement may not be doable right away, but — like the rest of these tips — it's a healthy habit for new graduates to aspire to.



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South Lyon man receives first bachelor's degree from Schoolcraft College

David Veselenak
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It didn't take long for Ken Damphousse to sign up to enroll for his bachelor's degree once his alma mater began offering them.

The South Lyon resident re-enrolled at Schoolcraft College in 2015, just a month after hearing the Livonia school would offer bachelor's degrees in culinary arts.

"They sent me a letter in July of 2015 and I was signed up in August," he said. "I was on a fast track."

Less than two years later, Damphousse made history: He's the first person to graduate from Schoolcraft College with a bachelor's degree.

Damphousse had always wanted to go back and get his bachelor's degree — he earned his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College back in 2008 — but seeing the high cost of tuition made him wait.

"I decided the universities were out of my budget," said Damphousse, a former Livonia resident who graduated from Stevenson High School in 2005. "I just didn't have a solid plan for that."

He's worked as a sous chef and executive chef in the retirement community industry since college. But he found himself wanting more. He wanted to advance and be more in the business side of his work rather than the cooking side. He said working as a chef has been a great experience, but he's wanted something more.

"While that's a great career for some people, it



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Ken Damphousse at Schoolcraft College's commencement earlier this spring. Damphousse is the first student to graduate with a bachelor's degree from the Livonia-based college.

wasn't for me," Damphousse said. "If I went in and pursued education, it would open more doors for me."

Those doors opened after Schoolcraft College got the approval in 2015 to offer bachelor's degrees. A law passed several years ago by the state opened the door for two-year colleges to offer four-year degrees in very specific areas. Culinary arts was one of them.

Earning such a degree, Damphousse said has enabled him to learn more about the business

side of his line of work, a path he'd like to go down in his professional life.

"It's either a road block or they lack the knowledge of running a business," he said. "They can cook all day long ... but when it comes to managing their time and business operations, I feel like that's something that's not a focal point in culinary degrees at community college levels."

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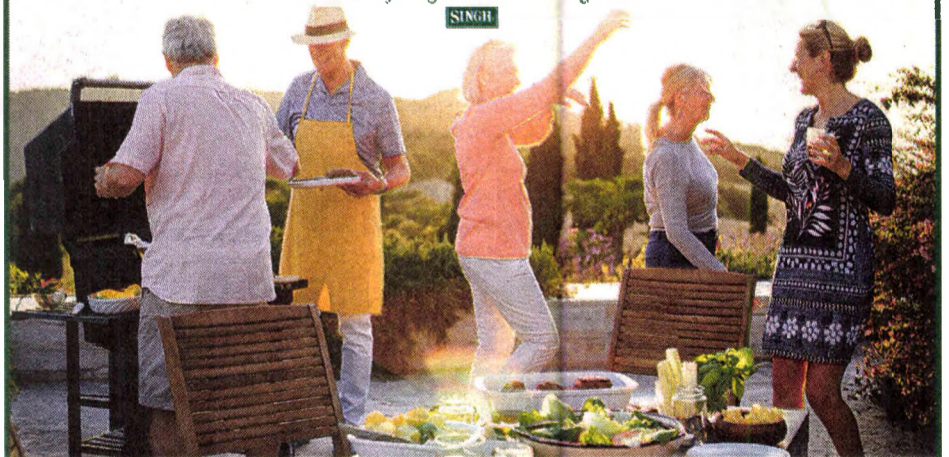
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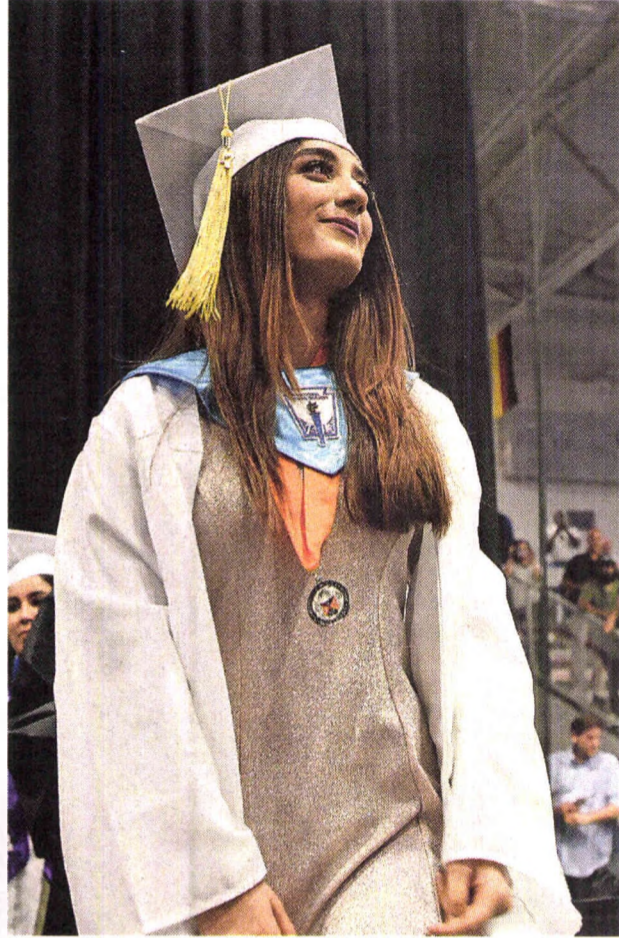


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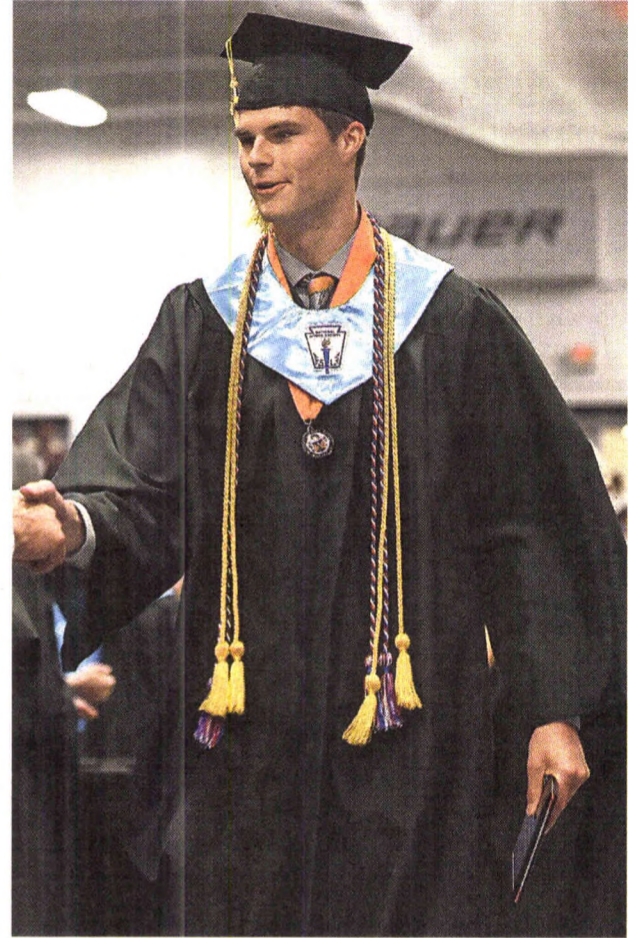
Congratulations to the Northville High School Class of 2017. The new graduates attended commencement Sunday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township. Find more photos online at hometownlife.com.



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Northville High Principal Tony Koski welcomes another graduate.



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Rose Bandvar hears her name called as she receives her diploma from Northville High.

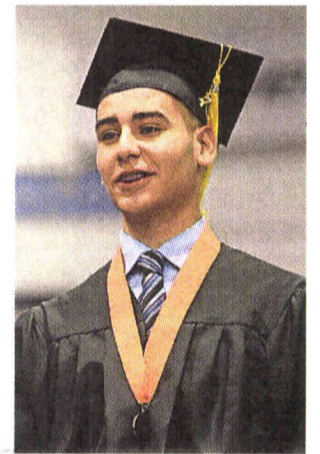


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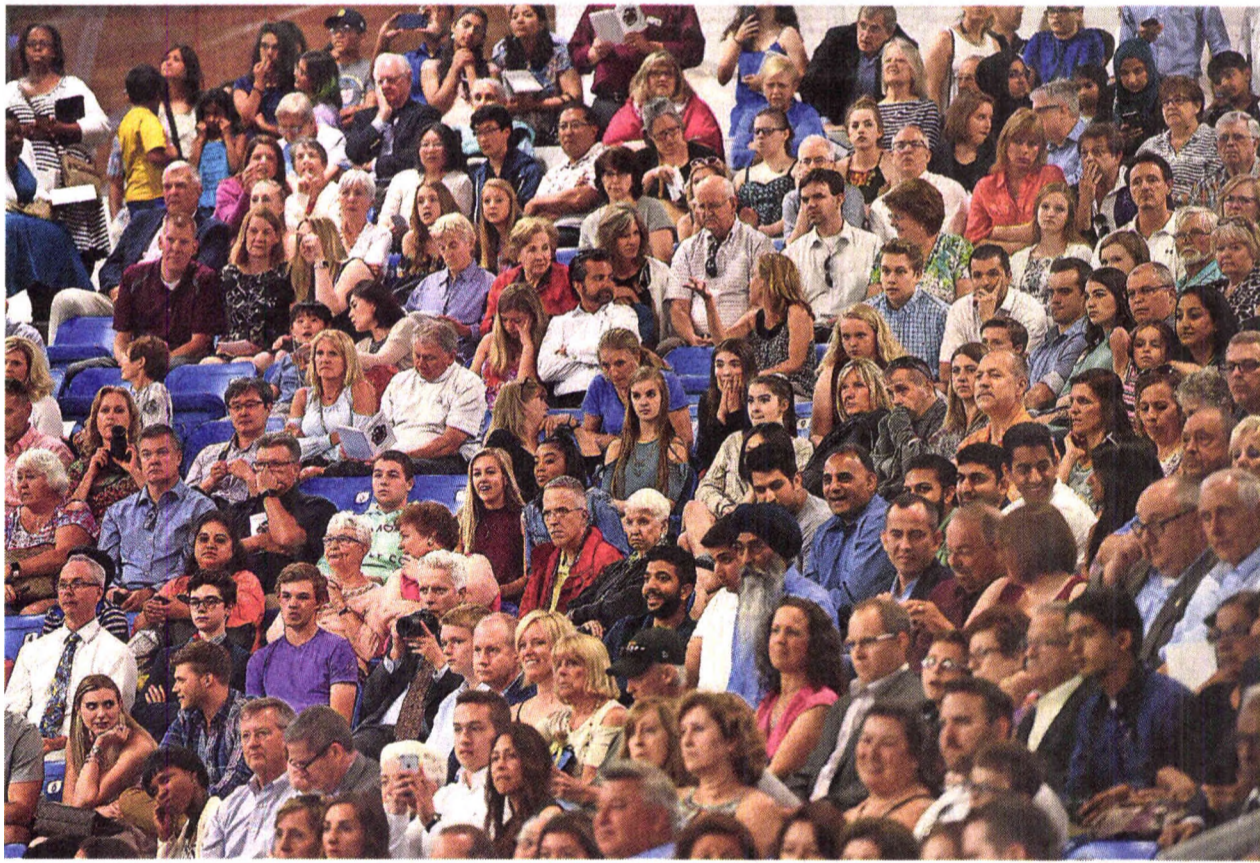
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Soon-to-be Mustangs graduates await their diplomas.



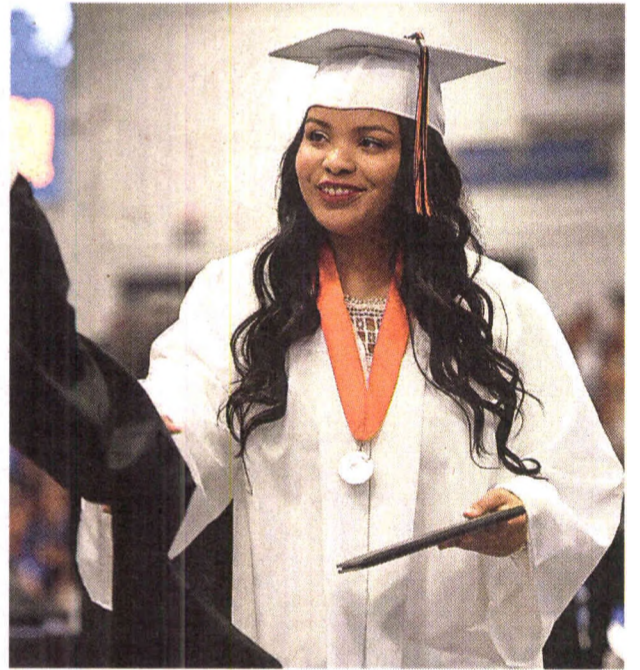
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Samantha Cantie was the student speaker for the commencement exercise and spoke about "Passions and Empathy."



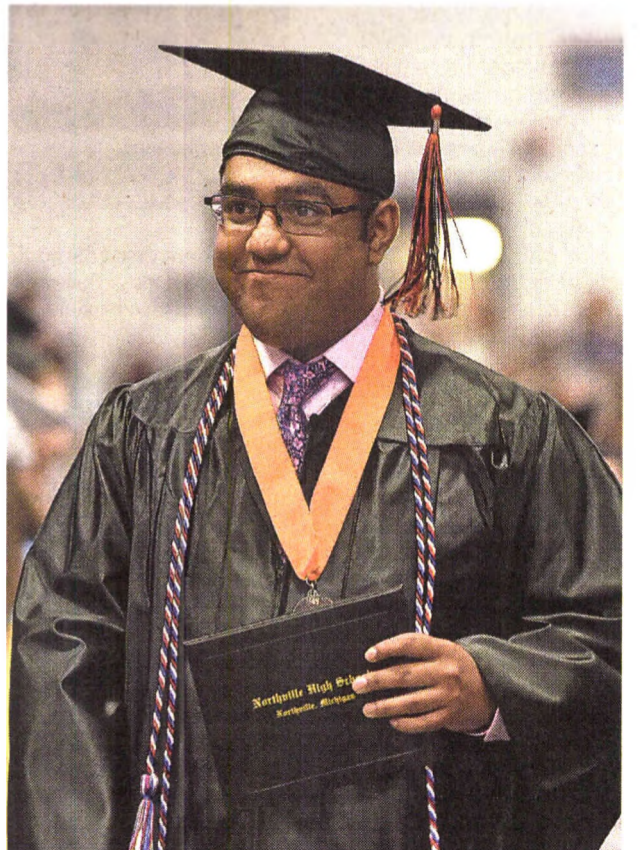
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Omar Rabbah smiles after receiving his diploma.



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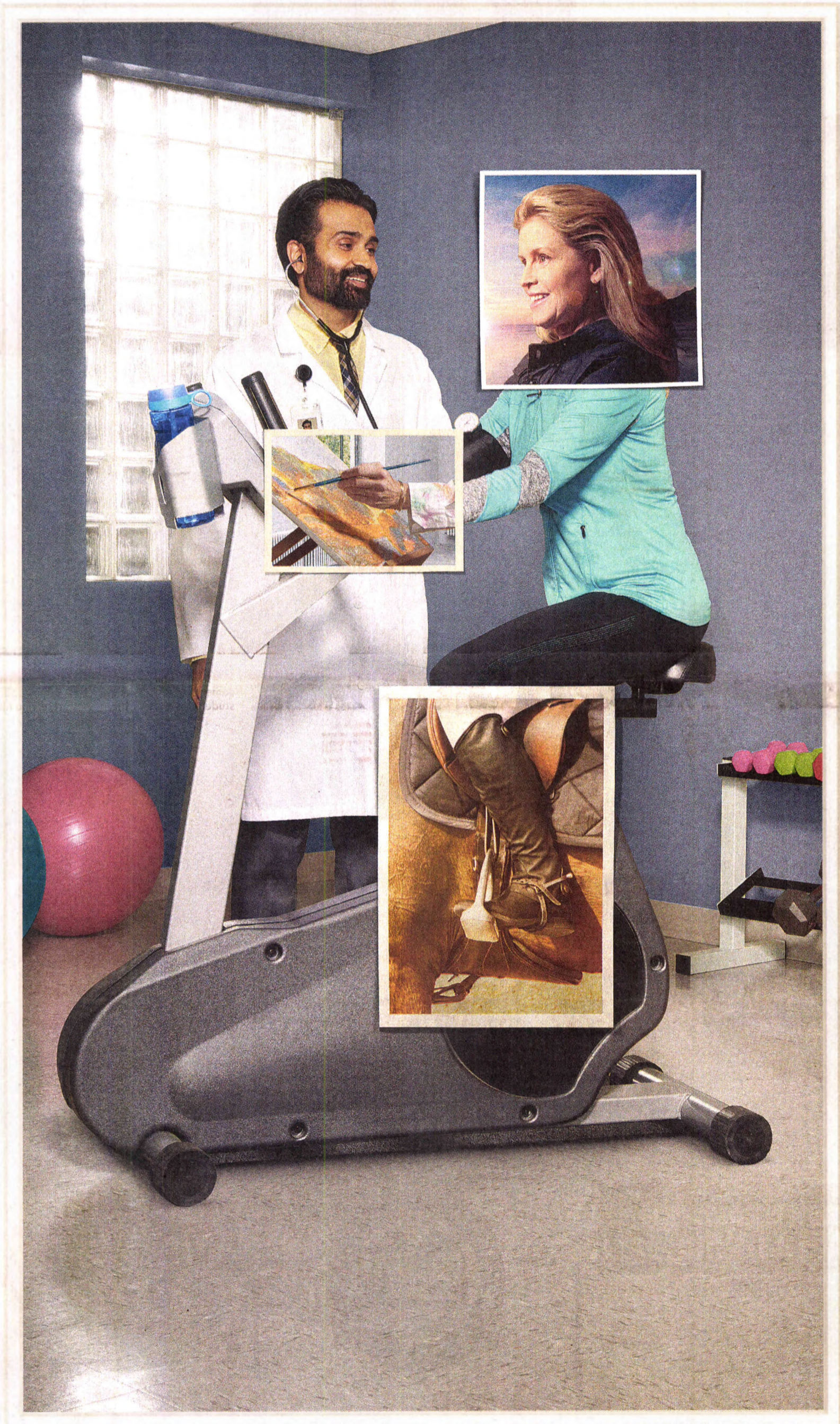
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Call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473 for updates in the case of inclement weather.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

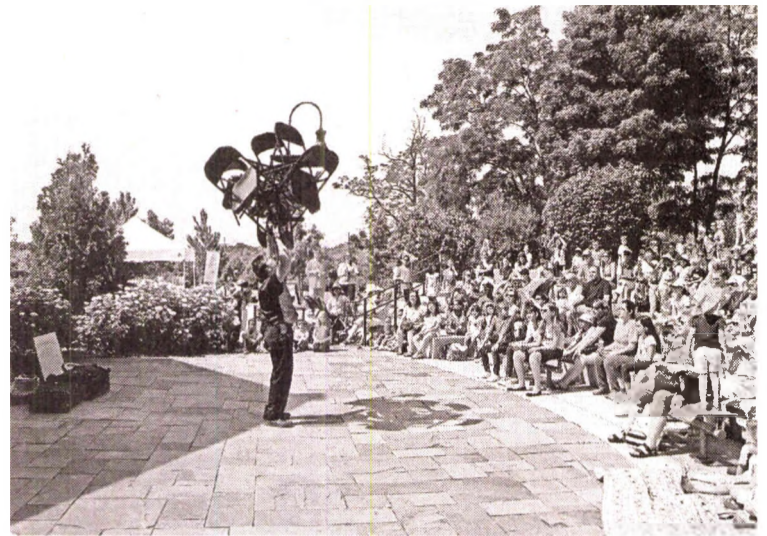
- Events at Fuerst Park at 10:30 a.m.**
- » June 21: Rock-n-Roll K9s (dog performance team)
 - » June 28: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express (musician)
- Events at Lakeshore Park at 10:30 a.m.**
- » July 12: Drummunity (group music activity)
 - » July 19: Tom Plunkard (magician)
 - » July 26: Joe Reilly (musician)
- Events at Fuerst Park at 10:30 a.m.**
- » Aug. 2: Cirque Amongus (circus acts)
 - » Aug. 9: Gemini (musical duo)
 - » Aug. 16: Crazy Craig (juggler)

SIZZLING SUMMER NIGHTS

- Activities begin at 7 p.m. and movie begins at dusk, all at Fuerst Park**
- » June 16: Mini Maker Fun Fair with movie "Sing"
 - » July 14: Get Your Play On with movie "Moana"
 - » Aug. 18: Fairytale Adventure with movie "Pete's Dragon"

For more information about the Sizzling Summer Series

and other summer community events, go to cityofnovi.org.



Juggler Crazy Craig will perform Aug. 16 as part of the Sizzling Summer Series in Novi.

Walled Lake Farmers Market

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The Walled Lake Farmers Market.

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JoAnn Bolek shops May 31 at the Walled Lake Farmers Market. The market, which is on Maple Road, west of Novi Road, takes place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday through October. Vendors have vegetables, flowers, fresh bread and honey for visitors. Bolek, of West Bloomfield, visits the market for its starter veggie trays.



Sharpe will perform June 10 at Novi Public Library

Tom Sharpe will perform at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Novi Public Library.



Detroit native Tom Sharpe, an internationally recognized award-winning composer, percussionist, pianist and recording artist, will perform a concert at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Novi Public Library. His performance of original works will include pieces from his latest release, "Lifting the World." Sharpe is drummer for popular Grammy-winning group Mannheim Steamroller,

former drummer for Dennis DeYoung founding member of Styx and artistic director of the Tom Sharpe Ensemble. Sharp attended high school at Interlochen Arts Academy and earned the degrees of bachelor and master of music degrees from DePaul University. His music is a percussive symphony — a sonic and visual feast for the senses.

Sharp is equally proficient on a vast array of percussion and keyboard instruments. Seamlessly blending genres from Middle Eastern, African, orchestral and rock music, he moves between traditional instrumentation and electronics with ease and precision. For more information on this event or to register, go to novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

REMOVING WALLS THAT BLOCK TRUST

Corpus Christi's Terry Mills brings youth, police to summit for frank talk

CHRIS RAMIREZ
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 onation.usatoday.com.

Terry Mills didn't want Corpus Christi to join the growing list of towns saddled with a reputation for unrest between law enforcement and young people.

Mills, like many black people living on the Texas Gulf Coast, was glued to his TV set watching clashes in 2016 with police and residents in places like Chicago and Baton Rouge.

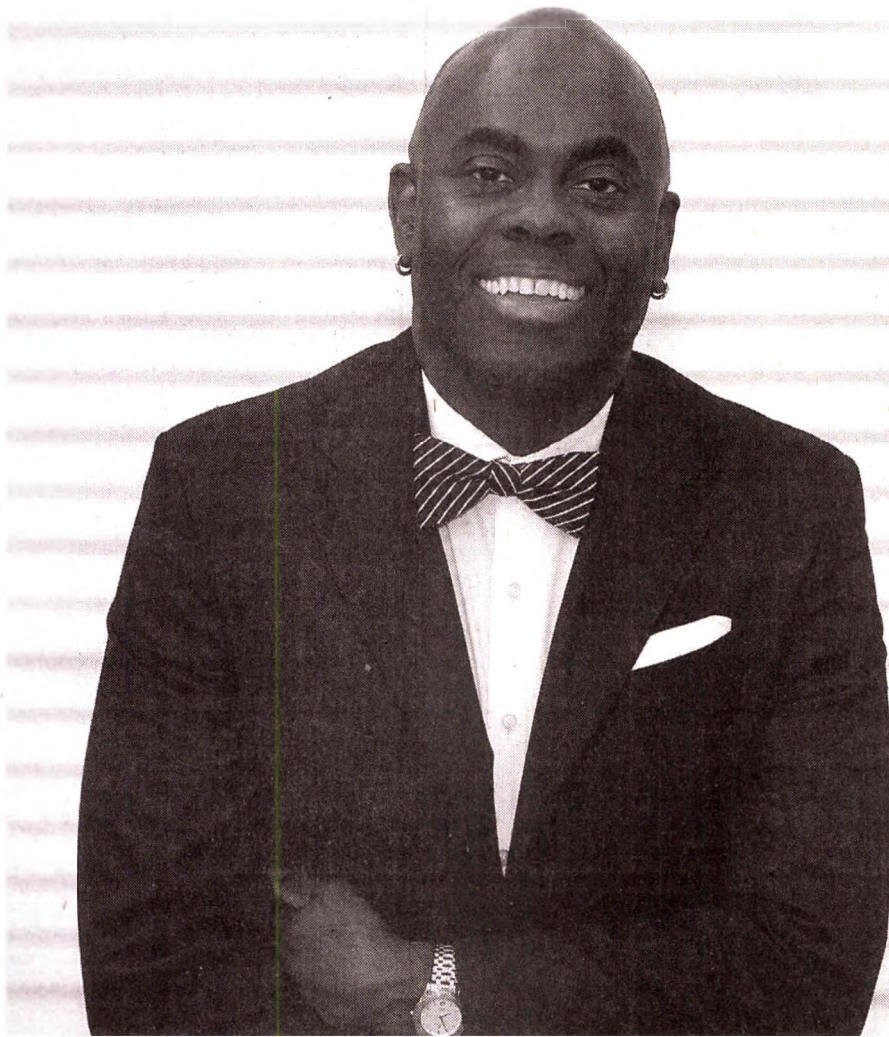
Nothing like that ever played itself out in Corpus Christi, where he is president of the local NAACP chapter. But the potential always seemed to exist, Mills said, even in a bayside community dotted with refineries, fishing docks and taco restaurants.

So Mills set up the first Youth Summit in Corpus Christi. In April his efforts were recognized with the 2016 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.

"If you're Hispanic, Muslim, black or other, you get pulled over (by the cops) and you have to throw your hands up in the air. I'm like 'This is crazy. ... this is not the America that I know,'" Mills said. "I got tired of seeing that throughout the United States. I said we need to come together as one. I want to get in front of a problem before something erupts, instead of being behind the problem after it already (has) taken place."

The summit, held in September, brought teens from all over Texas' Coastal Bend under the same roof with police officers, lawyers from the U.S. Attorney's Office and even FBI agents. The aim was to help guide youths on how to make good decisions.

Topics ran the gamut, from civil rights and cyber security, to gang violence and establishing better police-community relations. There also were discussions on bullying.



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Terry Mills, president of the NAACP's Corpus Christi chapter, says the Youth Summit he organized in 2016 helped forge a better relationship between youth and law enforcement.

Talk was frank. But Mills said the dialogue was necessary to build relationships and head off "us vs. them" division.

"We need to work smarter and not harder," Mills said. "All I care about is fairness. I still believe in America. I still believe that in Corpus Christi you've got some like-minded people that want to see things better for everybody. It doesn't matter if you're gay, it doesn't matter if you're black, white. Just be fair."

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Q&A WITH TERRY MILLS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

"I love America. America to me means ... when Miss Liberty said 'bring me your tired, bring me your this, bring me your that. That's the America I know. I realize that we're different. And that people see America different. But you know what? I'd rather live in America than live in some Third World country, because you don't have the freedom to vote. You don't have the freedom to do this, to do that. And here in America, we have that. We sometimes take it for granted. But we have that right, under the Constitution, to voice that opinion, whether its verbally, on paper, protesting. That's America."

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

"I got tired of minority kids getting pulled over by cops. Or if you get pulled over and you don't do what they say or you say the wrong thing, you might get beat up to death. Or you might get shot. That doesn't happen in Corpus Christi. That happens in other places. But I got tired of seeing that throughout the United States. I just said we need to come together as one."

What gives you hope?

"What gives me hope ... is that I know that one day all this hatred that's going on — all the dissatisfaction, all the killing, all the rape and all that stuff — in my America, that's all going to be gone. And we can all get along. Not just get along to get along, but to get along and mean it."

What concerns you?

"My concerns are we can forget about prejudice, we can forget about hatred, we can forget things that set us off. We all have differences with how things are being done and how the country is being run. But I'm hoping that God is going to touch the hearts of these people who are making these decisions for America."

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

"We sometimes need to change the way we perceive things. People don't realize that just by talking to someone ... by giving you words of encouragement, you can change a person's paradigm. You can change a person's whole way of thinking."

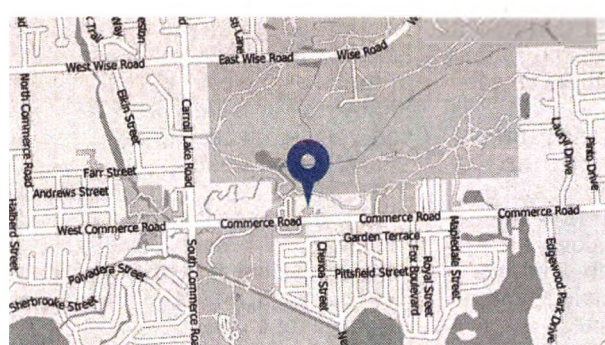


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Tips on making money last throughout retirement

The other night, I had the privilege of talking to a group of people at the Livonia Public Library. My topic was about how to make your money last in retirement. I thought I would share with you some of the issues that I discussed.

The first thing I highlighted was the obvious, that we are living longer than ever and our cost of living continues to rise throughout our lifetime. In the old days, you didn't have to worry about a rising income; a fixed income was sufficient. In addition, back then 10 years was considered a long retirement. Today, people need to plan for 20 or 30 years in retirement.

In making your money last through retirement, I highlighted the importance of protecting your money and not getting scammed. Seniors are



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

very susceptible to scams and they must recognize that. I stressed how important it is to take time with decisions, ask questions and check things out independently. It doesn't matter if the person approaching you is a member of your church or synagogue or if you know them from a club you belong to. Never let your guard down. Remember, scams come in many different forms and some of them are run by out and out crooks who just want to steal your money, while others are more of getting you to invest in something that is inappropriate for you.

Another issue is being ex-

tremely cautious before you help others financially through gifts of loans. I recognize it is difficult to say no to children and grandchildren. However, it won't do anyone any good if you don't have the resources to protect yourself. As selfish as it may seem, you have to protect yourself first.

Investing your money wisely is key. The only way you're going to have a rising income throughout your lifetime is to have a portion of your portfolio invested long term. For the great majority of people, that means investing a portion of their portfolio in the stock market. My advice for people who are nervous about the market is to learn a little bit about investing and use the services of a true professional, not a salesman. There are many places where you can go to hire professional services to

help you manage your investments. The belief that when you retire you should put the majority of your investment monies in vehicles such as CDs and U.S. treasuries is about as obsolete as 8-tracks. In today's world, CDs and U.S. treasuries are not safe investments if you want to have a rising income throughout your lifetime. Unfortunately, the rates of return on these investments don't keep up with your increased cost of living.

The last topic, and probably the most important, is spending. It is essential in retirement that you monitor your spending to make sure that you are living within your means. One of the best ways to monitor your spending is to do a cash-flow statement at least twice a year. A cash-flow statement is nothing more than looking at what comes in and

what goes out. By regularly doing a cash-flow statement, you will be able to determine if your expenses have changed, allowing you to make adjustments before a crisis develops. Unfortunately, too many people don't monitor their spending until it is out of control, making things much more difficult to resolve.

Retirement should be a period of relaxation and spending time doing the things you love. To achieve that type of retirement, you must take care of your money. Unless you win the lottery, there really is no other choice than to be smart with your money.

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Women get co-working space in Plymouth

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Renée Deming has survived the struggles working women face.

She had a graphics design career and worked in San Francisco, Denver and Ann Arbor before the post-9/11 economy tanked and left her unemployed — twice.

She freelanced before landing a full-time job with a major metro Detroit advertising firm. She worked four years, then asked to scale back her hours when first son Zachary, now 10, was born.

She was refused. So she quit.

Deming started her own graphic design company, Studio Bold, out of her home in 2002 and drew clients from places such as New Orleans, Washington, D.C., and New York. She could work and care for Zachary and her second son, Gavin, now 8.

Once they started school, however, she began to feel isolated in her solitary workplace.

Now comes her newest venture, Pastel, a women's co-working space she opened May 15 at 447 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth. It's a second-floor, 2,000-square-foot spot where women can work alongside each other, use a solitary desk or rent a private office.

It's a business designed to empower and motivate working women who, like Deming, often face unique challenges as professionals. It's a way they can share skills, expand their professional network or learn from workshops.

"I think Pastel will be successful because I think a lot of people will get what I'm saying," Deming said.

Deming has moved her Studio Bold office to Pastel. She laughs when asked why she chose the name Pastel. There's no big back story.

"Pastel is just light, airy, feminine," she said, and it's a place where women can nourish their careers.

It's a stylish, sleek work environment with soft tones. One of the first things a visitor notices, just at the top of the stairs, is a collection of framed photographs of women such as Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress; Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsberg; women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony; and Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl who confronted the Taliban to fight for her right to an education.

Those photos, among others, send a strong message that women can, indeed, achieve their goals, even if they sometimes face professional hurdles, societal roadblocks and wage gaps their male counterparts don't encounter.

Pastel reflects a growing industry of co-working spaces for professionals who don't have a brick-and-mortar office or who want to get out of the home work environment. It can accommodate 20 women at any given time, whether it's a Realtor who simply needs a table for a laptop or a psychotherapist who requires a private



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Women can work next to each other in this space, which also can be used as a classroom.



Renée Deming is founder of Pastel, a workspace for women.

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office.

"But we're not just a desk," Deming said.

Pastel has a conference room, a reference library of business books, a printer/scanner/fax machine, a private lactation room, a tabletop photo studio — and coffee from Plymouth's own Espresso Elevado, whose owner, Teresa Pilarz, lauded Deming's efforts.

"I love it. I absolutely love the idea," Pilarz said. "I really hope she succeeds. I just think this is going to be such a good resource for women."

Pilarz met Deming at a local business event and intends at some point to lead a small business workshop at Pastel.

"We just hit it off when we met. I've been a big supporter from the beginning," she said.

Count Deming's husband Mike among her supporters, too.

"It's amazing. It's really

impressive to see what she has done," he said.

Pastel offers an opportunity for women, such as those starting a new business, to interact with others, get advice or discuss ideas. Moreover, a series of workshops in June focuses on topics such as teaching working women to find time for themselves, developing content strategies for business websites and supporting groups such as First Step, which helps victims of domestic violence.

Social gatherings are also in the works. Last month, Deming had a grand-opening bash and brought in DJ Thornstryker, who spins music for the Detroit Pistons.

Deming chose downtown Plymouth for Pastel because of its proximity to salons, boutiques and other businesses that are popular among women. She called the setting perfect.

Pricing starts at \$19 for a one-year contract that allows two co-working space visits each month. Hours are typically 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday, but clients who rent their own desk or private office can get 24/7 access.

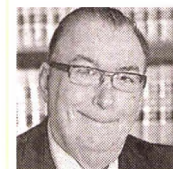
Where does Deming see Pastel in coming years? It likely will continue to grow and may force her to find a bigger space where more women can work, learn, share and thrive.

It's a welcome challenge for a woman who has faced an often-difficult work world and molded it into her own.

For more on Pastel, including pricing, house rules and other information, go to <http://pastelplymouth.com/>.

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State, federal laws support 'group homes' in residential communities



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Q. Some people in our subdivision have concerns about an adult foster care facility (sometimes referred to as a "group home") operating in the community and are asking the Board of Directors of our community association to draft a proposed amendment to our governing documents prohibiting group homes. It seems to me there may be legal issues with doing this, right?

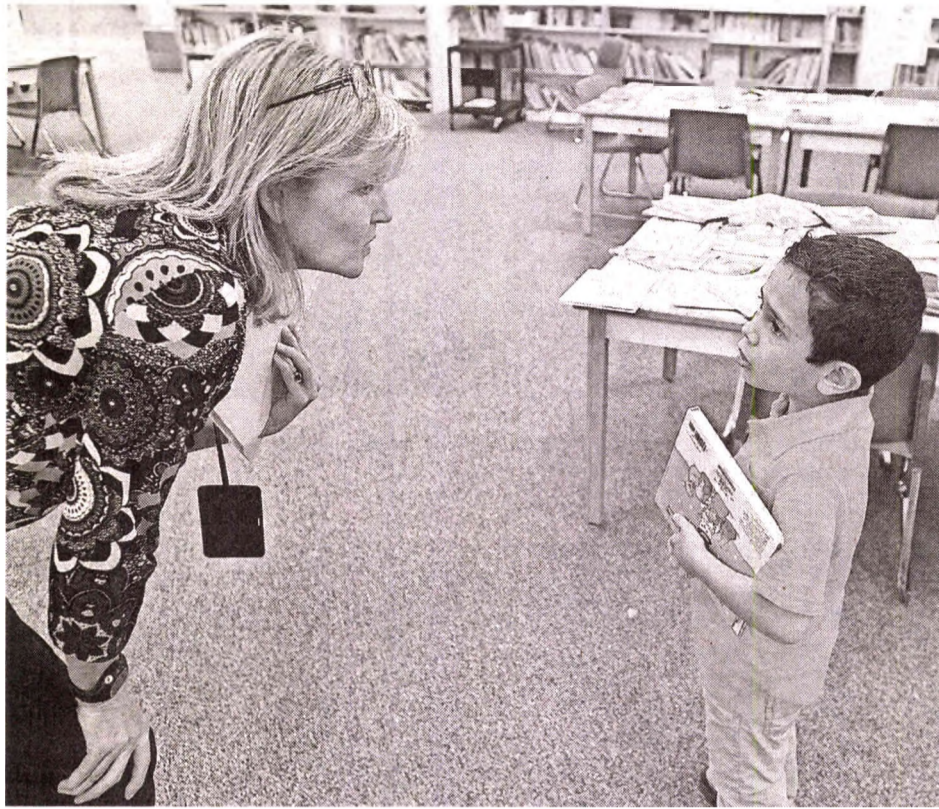
A: Your instincts are correct. In fact, you cannot keep group homes from operating in your subdivision, either by a governing document amendment prohibiting them directly or by attempting to enforce more general restrictions against group homes. This might include a "single family" restriction or "non-commercial use" restriction, both of which are commonly found in community association governing documents. This does not mean, however, that anyone can start a group home anywhere, as they are subject to Michigan's licensing requirements that ensure the housing is suitable for the number of occupants, that the owner of the home satisfies certain other requirements, etc.

Public policy strongly supports integration of adult foster care facility residents in communities, which has been shown to increase the chances for positive development in residents' quality of life. Michigan case law developed in the early 1980s, notably *McMillan v. Iserman*, 120 Mich.App. 785, 802, 327 N.W.2d 559 (1982), when a specific ban on group homes in the governing documents was found to be conflicting with public policy.

Finally, note that the foregoing does not mean that group homes and their residents do not have to comply with the other restrictions in the governing documents. But care should be taken when addressing complaints or potential violations, as you do not want to face allegations of discrimination or disparate treatment. This is an area where you want to be sure to consult your experienced community association attorney.

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PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY BOOK SWAP



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 Parkview Elementary School kindergartner Alex Leyva asks a question of the school's media resource teacher Jennifer Kramer about participating in the school's end-of-year Book Swap. The idea is for kids to bring in books they've finished and then pick up others that their classmates are done reading — and read all through the summer.

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 Parkview Elementary School student Ayaka Suzuki takes a look at some of the options at the school's May 30 Book Swap.



NOVI SCHOOL'S FIELD DAY



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 Parkview Elementary School students enjoy some colorful fun with a parachute and its bouncing balls during their June 1 Field Day activity. The students went through a series of fun contests and were aided by fourth-grade student volunteers from Novi Woods.

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 Novi Woods Elementary School fourth-grader Tabitha Long helps out with a Field Day station June 1 for kids from nearby Parkview Elementary.



Graduates take life's next 'first' step

There are many "firsts" in life. First step. First word. First day of kindergarten.



On June 3, parents remembered many of those firsts as they watched their sons and daughters graduate from Novi High School.

Parents remembered the first time their son or daughter stepped up on the bus heading for kindergarten.

Parents remembered the first time their daughter or son had a broken heart.

Parents remembered the first time their son or daughter started his or her first varsity baseball, softball, volleyball or basketball game. The first varsity tennis match. The first cross country meet.

Parents remembered the first time their daughter or son sang in the choir, had the first band concert, had a part in the school play.

But just as parents remembered the "firsts" with their children, parents are now experiencing their "lasts."

The last time they will see their daughter or son get up early to go to high school.

The last time parents will go to parent-teacher conferences.

The last time parents will get a call from the school saying that their son or daughter was late to school.

High school graduation is both a beginning and an end. It marks the end of compulsory education. No longer are

students required to attend school. As a result, students have decisions to make.

In the past, the most logical choice to make was to go to college. A four-year degree represented the surest way to secure the future.

Now that appears to be changing.

What is certainly truer now than in the past is that high school graduates need to continue learning. Learning is the new currency.

The jobs of the future are as unsettled now as they have ever been. The jobs that provided security seem to be disappearing. What is needed now is not only someone who has knowledge and skill, but someone who is willing to continue developing knowledge and skill.

Our Novi High School Class of 2017 graduated June 3. And our students can be proud of what they have accomplished. They worked hard in their four years at high school.

But what I hope for the Class of 2017 is that we have helped them understand that their life will be full of firsts and lasts. What is important is that, as doors close on one experience, doors will open on other experiences.

I know that we have prepared these students to successfully close and open doors all their life.

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 Notice is hereby given that on Sat., June 10, 2017 at 10:00 am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Storage, 21650 Novi Rd, Novi MI 48375. Units may or may not include the following: Household Items, Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods.

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- Units #401 & 413
Chrystal Richardson
- Units #532 & 533
Lillian Brown
- Unit #426
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Devonese Wilkins
- Unit #212
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Rajon Lama

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Hair today, gone tomorrow

St. Baldrick's shaving event battles cancer

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Seven years ago, the folks organizing the first Livonia St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser to fight childhood cancers had to pull a few bucks out of their own pockets to hit the \$10,000 mark.

This year, in the seventh annual event, held again at the Plymouth Roc on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, the day started at \$118,000 of the event's \$200,000 goal. And that, as organizer Robb Drzewicki pointed out, was before a single head had been shaved.

The event, Drzewicki noted, simply keeps growing.

"This just keeps getting bigger and bigger because of people like you," he told the hundreds of people gathered inside May 21 as event began.

The St. Baldrick's event took over the Plymouth Roc, inside and out, with a canopy set up to guard against potential rain. There was face-painting, food and drink, a bouncy house and one of those sledgehammer feats of strength games.

A variety of super heroes — Batman, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, Batgirl and others — treated kids to photo opportunities, bagpiper Tim Reynolds helped kick off the event and

music abounded throughout.

And the folks at the Plymouth Roc were happy again to donate their space.

"It's an amazing event," said Plymouth Roc manager Jessie Porter. "It's a great cause, it's for the kids. Who doesn't want to help kids?"

Missy Hinkson wasn't there to get her head shaved, but that doesn't mean she didn't get in on the action. Hinkson was there to support her good friend, Vince Austin, part of Team Chrome Dome, at \$23,000 the event's largest fundraiser.

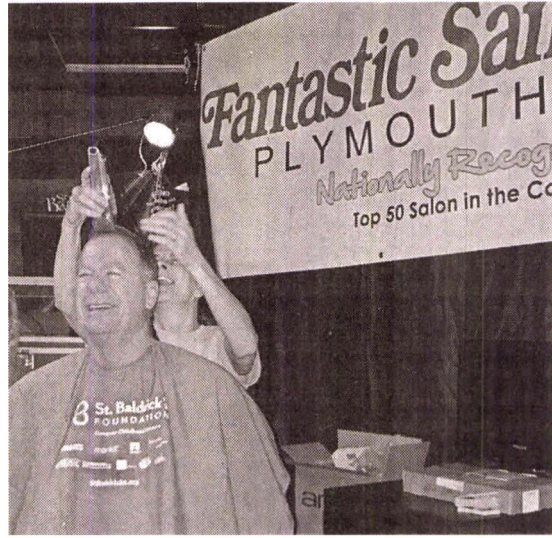
Hinkson paid \$20 to take the first chunk out of Austin's hair. "He's a great friend," Hinkson said. "He's been doing this a long time. I just had to be the first one to cut his hair."

Austin and his son, Shaun, have both participated in the St. Baldrick's event for all seven years of its existence. That commitment earned them the coveted Knights of the Bald Table designation.

A cousin of Vince's got the duo started years ago with his own participation in a similar event in Romeo.

"It raises money for a good cause," Vince Austin said. "It's awesome to help children and those less fortunate than us."

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Missy Hinkson takes the first chunk out of the hair of her friend Vince Austin, who was part of the largest fundraising team for the event.



Bill Joyner of Livonia spreads his raffle tickets among the items.



Super heroes like Wonder Woman, Batgirl and Captain America abounded.

State justices could get first pay raise in 17 years

Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press

Michigan Supreme Court justices would get a 10-percent pay hike and the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state would have their pay and expense allowances restored to 2010 levels under a recommendation made last month by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

But Commissioner James Hallan said getting the Legislature to approve the proposed pay hikes could be "very challenging."

With top state elected officials receiving no pay hikes since 2002, there is "a logjam that needs to be broken," particularly in light of the improved state economy, said Hallan, who proposed the increases the commission unanimously approved.

The commission recommended no pay hike for state lawmakers who, like the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and secretary of state, received a 10-percent pay cut in 2010.

The recommendations would not take effect until 2019, after the current governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state leave office. They require approval from the Legislature, which has not voted for any pay increases since a constitutional change that took effect in 2002 required them to affirmatively vote for such pay hikes.

Prior to 2002, the commission's recommendations took effect automatically unless lawmakers voted them down.

The commission, whose members are appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder, took action after hearing an appeal from Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Stephen Markman, who said the cost of living has increased 35 percent since Michigan's justices last received a raise.

The 17-year pay freeze is "the longest judicial pay freeze in the nation," and it "threatens to erode the ability of the court to attract the broadest range of qualified individuals when vacancies arise," Markman told the commission.

Supreme Court justices, who, unlike the other top state elected officials, did not have a pay cut in 2010, are currently paid \$164,610 a year. The proposed increase would hike their

STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The seven members serve staggered four-year terms and are appointed by the governor. There is currently one vacancy on the commission after the death last April of Paul Welday, a Republican political consultant.

Current members are:

- » Rod Alberts of Bloomfield Hills, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and the North American International Auto Show
- » James Hallan of East Lansing, president and CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association
- » Hassan Jaber of Dearborn, executive director of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services
- » Nancy Jenkins of Manitou Beach, president of Michigan Strategies and a former Republican state representative
- » Mary Kay Shields of DeWitt, president of CS Partners, a charter school firm
- » Joseph Smalley of East Lansing, president and founder of Smalley Investments

salaries to \$181,071.

Currently, the governor gets a salary of \$159,300, with a \$54,000 expense allowance. The recommendation would restore 2010 levels, when the governor received a \$177,000 salary, with a \$60,000 expense allowance.

The lieutenant governor gets \$111,510, with an \$18,000 expense allowance, and would return to 2010 compensation of a \$123,900 salary with a \$20,000 expense allowance.

The attorney general and secretary of state each get a salary of \$112,410. They would return to their 2010 salary level of \$124,900. Neither receives an expense allowance.

State lawmakers receive a \$71,685 salary, with a \$10,800 expense allowance, down from a \$79,650 salary and a \$12,000 expense allowance in 2010. They would receive no increase under the recommendation.

The commission, which meets every two years, recommended several modest pay increases of about 3% for only the justices going back to 2013, but none of those recommendations have been approved by the Legislature.

Only the justices have been asking for a pay hike, not the other officeholders. And since lawmakers have declined to give a requested pay hike to the justices, they could be even more reluctant to give pay hikes to the governor and other officeholders who haven't requested a raise.

And the way the system works, voting down a pay hike for the governor or the secretary of state would also defeat any pay hike for the justices. The Legislature can either accept or reject the recommendation in its entirety or reduce it proportionately

across the board — perhaps cutting all the recommended increases in half, said commission spokesman Matt Fedorchuk. But the Legislature can't parse the recommendation by giving, for example, a 10-percent pay hike to the justices but no pay hike to the attorney general or governor, he said.

Hallan of East Lansing, who is president and CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association, said he recommended no increase for lawmakers based partly on recent statements by House Speaker Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt, that Michigan should move to a part-time Legislature, with reduced pay for lawmakers.

He said he wanted the recommendation to have "a dash of reality," and "recognize the political realities" that make it difficult for lawmakers to vote to increase their own salaries. He said he thought there was a better chance of pay increases being approved if lawmakers were not included.

Commissioners were also unanimous in saying they would prefer to see elected officials' pay increase in line with the pay hikes nonunion state employees receive.

Recently passed legislation ties Michigan judges' pay hikes — with the exception of Supreme Court justices — to state employee pay hikes.

As a result, "in the future the lower court judges could earn more than the Supreme Court justices," unless action is taken, said Joseph Smalley, the commission chairman.

Michigan spellers out in final rounds of National Spelling Bee

Todd Spangler
Detroit Free Press

Two Michigan spellers were among the 40 who headed into the final rounds of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, but both were out by the end of the second round.

That means that Michigan is still looking for its first champion in the Bee since 1941, when Louis Edward Sissman of Detroit won by correctly spelling the word "initials."

In the first round on the final day June 1, Varad Mulay of Novi correctly spelled "obmutescence," which means the act of being mute or silent, but was tripped up in the second by "warison," a bugle call to attack. He spelled it "werisun."

The other finalist — Brendan Pawlicki of Shelby Township — was stopped May 31 in the first round by "desman," which is a Russian mole-like mammal that eats insects. He spelled it "desmond."

Eleven Michiganders started the annual competition last week at the National Harbor outside Washington, D.C. Nine failed to make the finals after two rounds of spelling onstage May 31 combined with their

scores from preliminary spelling and vocabulary questions taken off-stage.

The 40 spellers who made it into the final rounds were from around the U.S., as well as one from Ontario and another from South Korea.

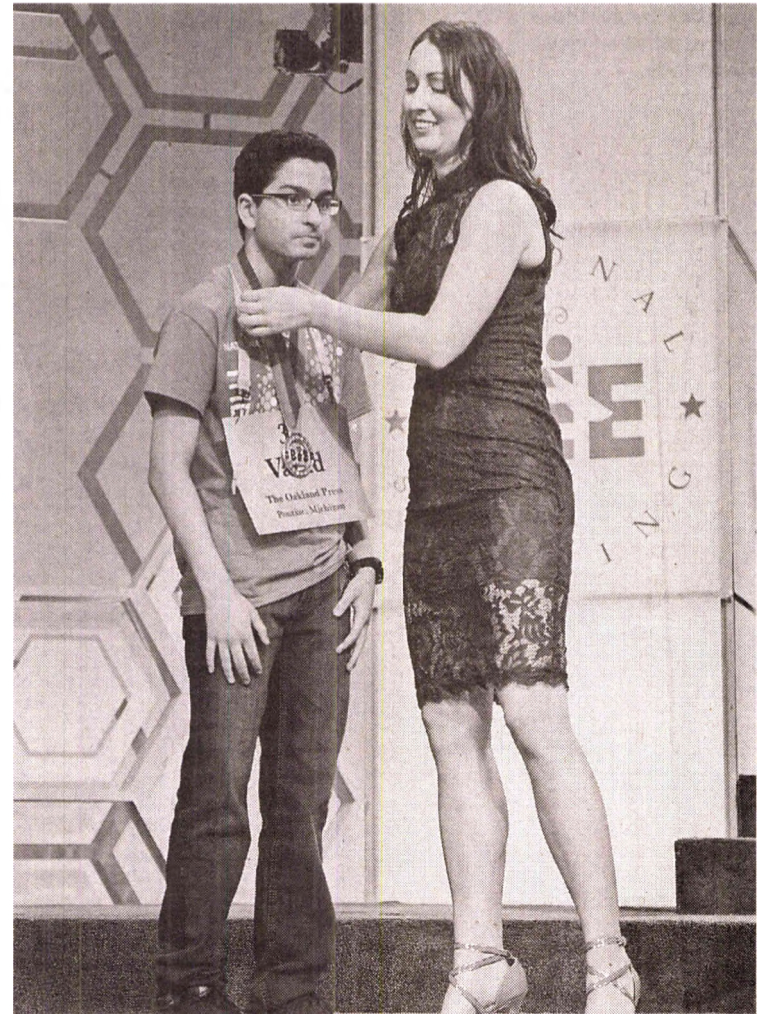
The competition began last week with 291 students from across the U.S. and a handful of countries around the world, all of whom advanced through local competitions to get here.

Varad is a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Novi Middle School, who swims for about eight hours each week, plays cello and likes singing Indian classical music.

He correctly spelled the words "rialto" and "bumpitious" during the preliminary rounds.

Brendan is a 10-year-old fifth-grader at St. Lawrence Catholic School and enjoys playing trumpet and basketball, as well as playing and watching ice hockey. He correctly spelled "requiem" and "animism" during the rounds May 31.

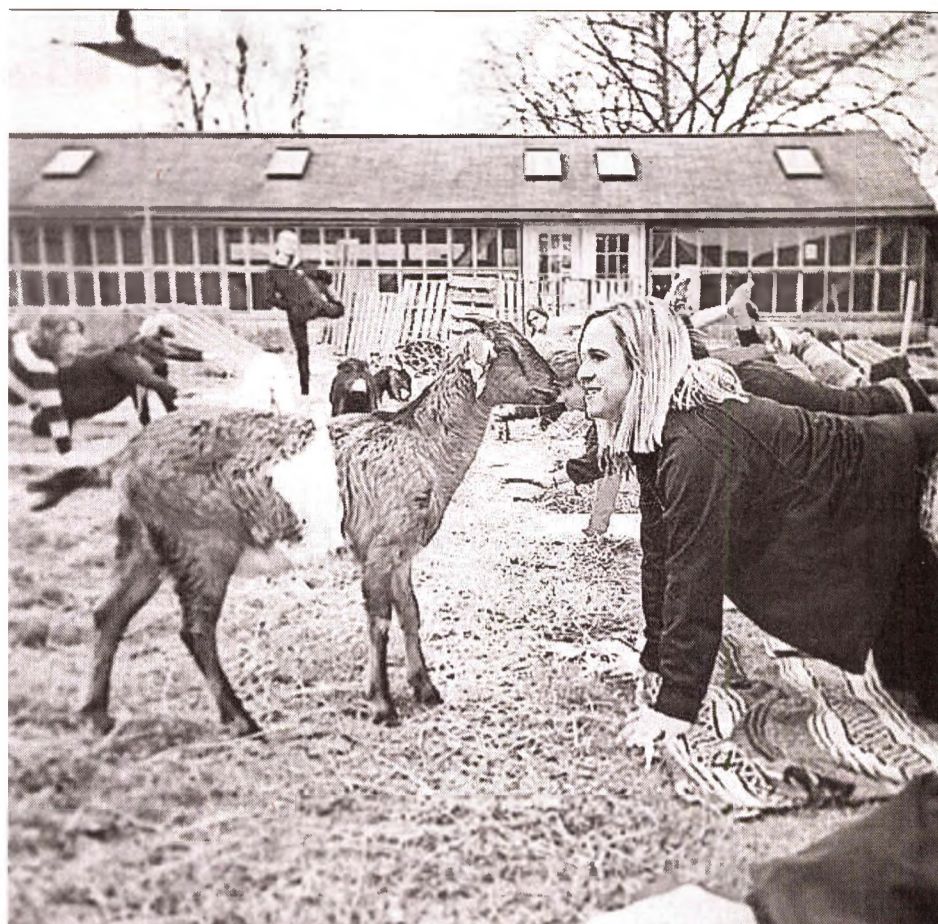
Both spellers were participating in their first National Spelling Bee competitions.



Varad Mulay is a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Novi Middle School.



A goat attempts a piggyback move during an outdoor yoga session at Golder Walsh in Pontiac.



A student in Hug-A-Goat's outdoor class practices a yoga move that puts her at eye level with a goat.

A goat helped me do the 'downward dog'

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"Hello, goats." I greeted my yoga classmates, a half-dozen baby Swiss oberhasli and alpine goats, as I walked into the barn at Goldner Walsh nursery in Pontiac on an unseasonably cold early May morning.

My excitement had been building since I registered for the Hug a Goat yoga session, which sold out in March. I had always wanted to try yoga and this hour-long class came with a bonus. Goats were everywhere.

Kids munched on straw strewn over the barn floor, snooped into shoes, sampled a water bottle, wandered over and around yoga mats and welcomed hugs from their human classmates. Adult goats watched the action from behind a gate that stretched the length of the barn. Some poked their heads through the bars and stretched toward the yoga students lined up just beyond their touch.

Hug a Goat yoga, taught by Ula Kajtoch of Farmington Hills with goats owned by Amy and John McIntire of City Girls Farm, is part of the goat yoga craze that got its start in Oregon and has swept the country. Kajtoch leads the "super laid back" limb-stretching poses in the pasture, weather permitting, or in the barn if it's too wet or cold outside. She holds traditional yoga classes at Tree of Life in Farmington, but she's also accustomed to teaching in unusual settings, such as local craft breweries. She paired yoga with beer drinking, wine sipping and chocolate before adding goats.

McIntire's 24 goats live at Golder Walsh and supply milk for her product line of handmade soaps and lotions. She also employed a few for conservation grazing along the Polly Ann Trail in northern Oakland County and for educational events at libraries and schools. An annual party in July will bring goats together with patrons who donate baby shower items to Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"Like goats in pajamas, people have been sending us video on goat yoga for at least a year. We thought, last May, of calling it GoGa! Then we decided to move on it in April when we had enough babies," she said. They teamed with Kajtoch for the twice-monthly Saturday classes and guest teachers for Friday twilight classes.

Wild time

I was in their third Saturday session, the first held in the barn. I plopped my old and rarely used exercise mat between Debra Popp of Highland Township and her friend, Cheri Frink of Commerce Township.

"This is wild," Popp said, admitting she was more interested in the goats than the yoga moves. Frink, who reg-

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ularly practices yoga, had suggested the outing.

An adult goat stretched its head through the gate and nuzzled Popp's hair as she settled back on her mat. A few mats down, Jolene Kijorski of Dearborn Heights scratched and petted a passing kid. A friendly white goat stopped by my outstretched legs, sniffed at my socks and moved on.

"I do yoga. I've been asking (Kajtoch) to do goat yoga. It's pretty much because of the goats," Kijorski said, explaining why she attended the class. "I love animals and I went to an animal sanctuary last year. I fell in love with the goats. They are so peaceful."

I spent a lot of time in class exercising my camera shutter finger and focusing more on bleating and belly laughs than my own body movements.

"If you came here for very traditional yoga, it's definitely not this place," Kajtoch told the class. "If you feel you just want to sit down or lay down and hug the s--- out of these goats. I will not get offended."

McIntire isn't surprised that students fuss over her goats. She says the animals are inquisitive and quirky, sassy and funny, with individual personalities. They are intuitive and can "pick up on your moods."

"It also shows how removed we are as a society from our agricultural roots," she said. "What's old is new again."

Watch your mat!

Students always make her laugh when they realize their yoga mat can turn into a goat toilet at any time.

"I mean, everybody poops, right?"

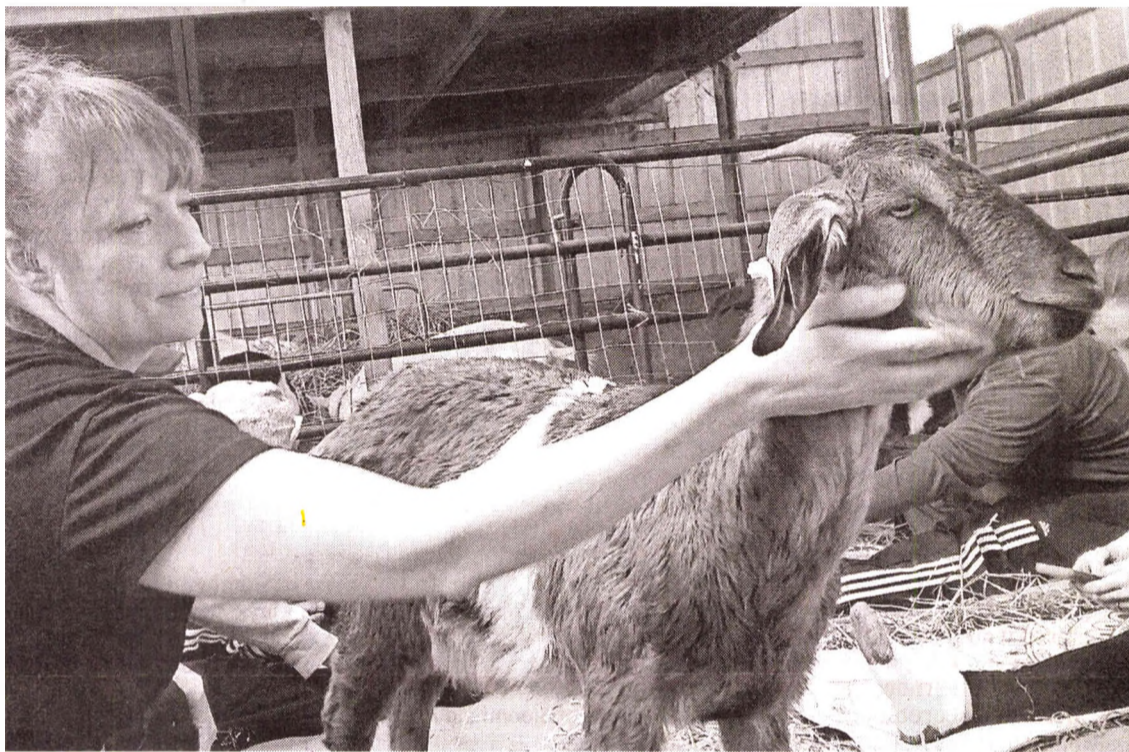
No one understood that better than Gregory Pasquesoone of Waterford. While the edge of my mat was slightly damp, hopefully from a nearby water bucket, his met with a goat's behind—twice.

"I brought him here as a surprise," his wife Sarah told me. "He loves watching goat videos."

Pasquesoone didn't seem to mind, explaining, "I love goats."

Hug-A-Goat sessions cost \$25. Saturday sessions are sold out through June and most of July. Tickets are available for twilight sessions next month. Visit Goldner Walsh for tickets. Check out Kajtoch's website at ah-fitness.net for tickets.

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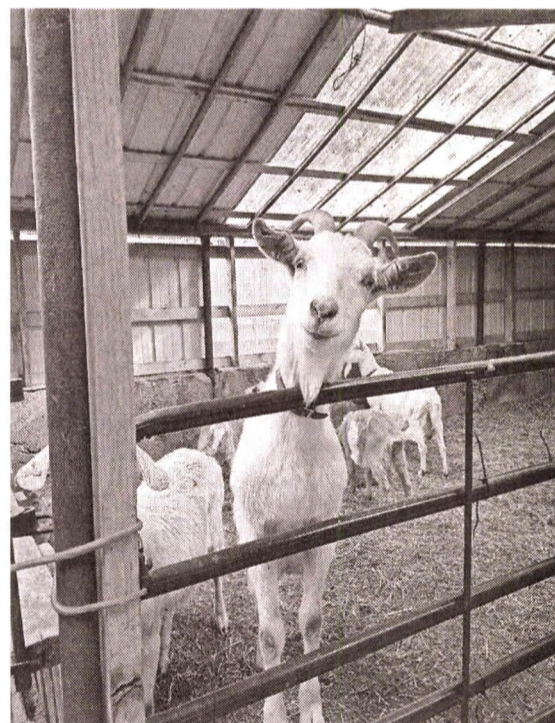
Jolene Kijorski of Dearborn Heights pets a goat while others in class stretch.

SHARON DARGAY



Debra Popp of Highland Township gets friendly with a goat at Hug-A-Goat yoga in Pontiac.

SHARON DARGAY



An adult goat looks over the gate into the makeshift yoga studio.

DEBRA POPP



Jolene Kijorski of Dearborn Heights watches a curious goat at yoga class.

SHARON DARGAY

Hills man takes plea in shooting case

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The man accused of shooting a firearm during a concealed pistol license class in Livonia has taken a plea deal and will be sentenced later this month.

Michael Hearn, 44, of Farmington Hills is scheduled to return at 9 a.m. June 20 to Livonia's 16th District Court to be sentenced on a misdemeanor charge after pleading no contest. In exchange for the plea, the other misdemeanor charge — careless, reckless or negligent use of a firearm — was dismissed.

The sentencing will take place before District Judge Sean Kavanagh. The maximum penalty is one year in jail.

The plea deal came back May 25 at Hearn's last court appearance.

Hearn was charged after an incident April 27 at Firearm Exchange, 30305 Schoolcraft. Police say he was teaching a CPL class and pulled the trigger on a handgun in a classroom while it was pointed at the door. The weapon was loaded and fired, sending the bullet through a door and striking a 39-year-old Detroit man in the



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

classroom next door.

The Firearm Exchange posted on Facebook after the incident that it does not allow firearms in its classrooms

during courses and that the weapon was brought in against its rules.

Hearn remains free on bond.

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Federal judge takes plea deal in sexual assault case

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A federal administrative law judge has taken a plea deal in a sexual assault case stemming from an incident last year in Livonia.

Judge Henry Perez, 74, of Novi pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery during a final conference last month in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit. In exchange for that plea, three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct were dismissed, according to the Wayne County Circuit Court's online calendar.

Perez is scheduled to be sentenced June 16 before Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow.

Perez, who worked as a judge in the Social Security office at 19575 Victor Parkway in Livonia, was accused of attacking a co-worker and sexually assaulting her in December. The woman testified during Perez's preliminary examination back in March that Perez called her into his office and then assaulted her, pulling out her breasts and sucking on them without her permission. She said he also grabbed her genitals and buttocks over her clothing.

After the assault, the victim ran out of his office and initially did not discuss what had happened with anyone. She later called a friend, who told her to call police. Police arrived and the victim was taken to a nearby hospital for testing. Those test results reportedly showed a high probability that Perez had indeed committed the assault.

Perez remains free on a \$3,000/10 percent bond.

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Perez

Teen drops motion to withdraw guilty plea in murder plot

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A Plymouth Township teen, imprisoned on charges she and a boyfriend plotted to kill her family, has abruptly dropped her motion to withdraw her guilty plea to a charge of assault with intent to murder.

The decision by 18-year-old Roksana Gabriela Sikorski came May 26 in Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt's courtroom and apparently ended the latest chapter in the Sikorski saga.

Sikorski, who was 15 when she and her boyfriend were accused of plotting to kill her parents and two siblings, has voluntarily abandoned a motion to withdraw her guilty plea, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller confirmed.



Sikorski

Sikorski is serving 10-20 years in the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti after she pleaded guilty to an incident that unfolded during the early morning hours of October 2014.

Her parents had reportedly tried to end her relationship with boyfriend Michael Angelo Rivera, then 23, who is spending life in prison after a jury convicted him of assault with intent to murder, four counts of conspiracy, one count of using a computer to commit a crime and felonious assault.

Sikorski had asked to withdraw her guilty plea and sought a new trial amid claims she received ineffective coun-

sel from a defense attorney when she pleaded guilty in February 2016 to a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Jacqueline Colette Ouvry, listed as Sikorski's current defense attorney in court records, could not be reached for comment.

Authorities have said Sikorski was only 15 when she went into her then-12-year-old brother's bedroom, put her hand over his mouth and held a knife to his throat. He screamed and suffered a deep cut, but he survived.

He and his younger sister, then 11, managed to alert their parents. Police have said Sikorski fled the family home, but was arrested later that same day.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has said Rivera was texting instructions to

Sikorski from outside the home when the attack occurred. He was accused of instructing Sikorski on how to kill her family.

Sikorski's parents have stood by her, previously saying she suffered from depression and was manipulated by Rivera. They contended she needed medical help, rather than prison, and they said the criminal justice system failed her.

Sikorski, charged as an adult, took a plea deal to one count of assault with intent to murder and authorities dismissed six other felony charges.

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Former coach pleads guilty to sex with underage girl

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A former Canton High School assistant coach has pleaded guilty to having sex with a 15-year-old girl his attorney said he met through an app, Tinder, often used for dating.

Eric Christopher Locke, 20, is facing sentencing June 27 after he pleaded guilty May 19 to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, though defense attorney Raymond Cassar has contended Locke believed the girl was 18 when he met her.

Locke's punishment could

range up to 15 years in prison when he appears before Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, who has asked the court's probation department for a report prior to sentencing.

Locke, former assistant coach for the Canton High varsity boys hockey team, pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct after authorities agreed to dismiss two other counts.

A phone message was left Tuesday afternoon for Cassar, who earlier responded to questions about Locke.

"He was under the belief when he met her that she was



Locke

of age," Cassar has said. "He cared a great deal about her. They were in a dating relationship."

Police have indicated Locke knew the girl was younger.

Canton police said Locke and the girl, now 16, dated from last November to February, until the girl's mother learned of the relationship and reported it to a high school resource officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

That led to Locke's dis-

missal from the boys hockey coaching staff.

Locke worked on the same 6,100-student campus where the girl attended school, but Cassar said the two met through Tinder. Cassar described Locke as "a good man who has never been in trouble."

Canton police executed a search warrant at Locke's home in Canton during their investigation, but authorities haven't revealed what evidence may have been seized.

Locke has remained free on a \$500,000 personal bond, but was ordered during his March 2 arraignment to be placed on an electronic teth-

er so authorities could monitor his whereabouts.

He also was ordered by Judge Ron Lowe to stay off school property and away from minors, including the girl he dated.

Monica Merritt, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district superintendent, issued a letter to parents saying Locke had been "permanently removed" from working for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Locke had been hired through a third party.

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Birmingham luxury rooftop condominium could include bowling alley

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A rooftop condo being proposed in Birmingham is perfect for the person who has lots of cash and likes to bowl.

The former Varsity Shop building at 277 Pierce St. is being replaced with a five-story building that will include two levels of retail, two levels of office space and a swanky penthouse suite covering the entire fifth floor.

It might even come with a bowling alley if the landlords get their way.

"We have a portion of the basement in this area, and our intent (is) to finish the lower level to have maybe a fitness room and entertainment," architect Victor Saroki said at the May 24 planning board meeting. "So a little bit of novelty that was discussed is the possibility of a two-lane bowling alley for the residential use. Quite frankly, it seemed

pretty natural to us."

The planning board approved preliminary site plans for project, setting a few minor conditions before final site plan approval is granted. The 27,000-square-foot building will stand about 96 feet tall and provide a new anchor at the northeast corner of Pierce and Merrill streets.

The family-owned Varsity Shop operated at the corner for more than 50 years until a ceiling pipe burst in 2014 flooded the building beyond repair. The sporting goods retailer now operates out of the Adams Square Shopping Center.

Kojaian Management Corp. of Bloomfield Hills purchased the site last year. Saroki said the brick building will feature a handsome glass-and-metal entry leading into the office lobby and residential elevator, topped by a steel-and-glass canopy that will wrap around Merrill and Pierce. All windows in the building are opera-



MOBRIEN
A rooftop luxury condo being proposed at 277 Pierce St. in Birmingham might include a two-lane bowling alley.

ble.

Saroki said the landlords think they might be able to attract a major retailer to possibly fill the first two floors of the building, given its prominent spot in downtown Birmingham. The Townsend Hotel is right there, along with 220 Restaurant, Streetside Seafood and a rich assortment of salons and boutiques.

"We think urbanistically, it holds the corner nicely," Saroki said of the building. "We're

utilizing the alley in the appropriate way ... we have good access for the residential unit off the alley as well."

About the bowling alley — Saroki said the basement encompasses about 5,000 square feet and that part of the square footage is being dedicated to the residential unit to give it more space and value.

But to build it, they'll need a variance. City ordinances in Birmingham don't permit a residential use below a com-

mercial use, but Saroki told the board he isn't sure if the ordinance was meant to consider activities that are below-grade space.

"Certainly I could appreciate if we had a residential use on the second or third floor, and then we proposed an office or commercial use on the fourth and fifth floors," he said. "I can understand that being sort of an oddity — but that's not what's happening here."

Prior to final site plan approval, the developers first need approval from the Historic District Commission because of the property's location in the city's historic district. They'll also need a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals if they're going to pursue the bowling alley — or any type of residential use in the basement.

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Colbeck files paperwork for governor run

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, announced Wednesday he has filed the paperwork necessary to launch his campaign for the governorship of Michigan.

"Michigan deserves principled solutions that prioritize the best interests of all of our citizens, not an influential few," Colbeck told supporters via email Thursday. "I have spent my career engineering innovative solutions that satisfy the best interests of

my customers. It is about time that elected officials remember that our customers are all of our citizens, not simply the ones who contributed the most to our campaigns. The government works for the people, not the other way around.

"Because I have been boldly leading on good policies and boldly opposing the bad policies over the past six years as a state senator, many grassroots activists



Colbeck

across the state have been encouraging me to run for governor," he added. "Today, my wife Angie and I have taken the first formal steps necessary to do so by filing paperwork with the state."

If he runs, Colbeck would join a Republican field that includes Lt. Gov. Brian Calley

and state Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Colbeck, who is term-limited, was elected to represent Michigan's state Senate 7th District in 2010. The district includes Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia.

Colbeck a graduate of the University of Michigan, with bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering. He's also a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg,

France. Included among his more than 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station, instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp and owned his own small business.

Colbeck and his wife of 21 years, Angie, live in Canton and are members of North-Ridge Church in Plymouth.

Candidates rush to file and train to campaign for state House, Senate seats

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For Brent Huddleston, the recent lack of constructive communication between the political factions in America fueled his decision to get into the electoral maelstrom.

For Kelly Rossman-McKinney, the desire to move from behind-the-scenes consultant to elected office started bubbling up a few years ago.

Both — one a Republican, the other a Democrat — are part of a large surge of people who have filed to run for either the state House of Representatives or Senate nearly a year ahead of the actual deadline to file for office and more than 15 months before they'll face their first election test in the August 2018 primary.

For state House and Senate, 68 candidates have already filed paperwork with the secretary of state showing their interest in the 110 seats in the House and 38 seats in the Senate. Two years ago at this time, only seven people had filed to run for state House in the 2016 election cycle.

And by this time in the 2014 election cycle, the last time all the state Senate seats were up for grabs, 38 people had filed to run for the House and Senate.

There are men and women, Republicans and Democrats, Green Party candidates and Libertarians on this year's slate of candidates. Democrats have the edge, with 35 people signing up to run, while 27 Republicans, three Libertarians and three Green Party candidates have also filed paperwork with the Secretary of State.

Men also have the edge — 53 to 15 — over female candidates. But training sessions catering to female candidates are filling up fast.

"If that many people are filing now, it is pretty early," said Chris Thomas, director of elections for the secretary of state. "We're just less than a year out from the filing deadline. This year things are going to be a little wider open."

The rush of candidates is coming after a momentous 2016 election that saw Republican Donald Trump elected president, as well as the GOP maintaining control of all branches of the federal government in Washington.

That reality has prompted alarmed Democrats, especially women who attended or watched the Women's March on Washington the day after Trump's inauguration, to flood candidate training sessions and Republicans to contemplate building on the majorities they've captured.

"National politics is probably driving people to get involved. The nation is still divided on who they support and don't support," said Dawn Crandall, a board member who helps run training sessions for female candidates through the non-partisan, New York City-based Vote Run Lead program and the Michigan Excellence in Public Service Series for Republican women. "For those who were Hillary (Clinton) supporters, the election motivated them even more. For Republicans, they woke up and think maybe they have a shot."

Wide-open races

Indeed, in addition to all the state House and Senate seats up for election in 2018, the slots for governor, attorney general and secretary of state are also wide open because Gov. Rick



Shannon Garrett, co-founder and chairman of Vote Run Lead, has trained 7,000 women candidates since the November 2016 election. She is talking May 6 during a training session for Vote Run Lead in Ypsilanti.



Dawn Crandall (left) of Vote Run Lead talks with Tamara Liberty Smith, a candidate for Detroit City Council, and Christine Mullan, a candidate for Grand Rapids City Council, during a training session in Ypsilanti.

Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette and Secretary of State Ruth Johnson can't run for re-election because of term limits.

"We've always had a steady stream of women who have been thinking about running for office, but since the election, the number of women who are reaching out has exploded," said Shannon Garrett, the co-founder and board chairman of Vote Run Lead.

Since the 2016 elections, more than 7,000 women have signed up for the training and four sessions are being held around the state to help more than 60 women prepare for elections.

One recent Saturday in Ypsilanti, more than a dozen women came from all over the state to learn how to best position themselves for a successful campaign. It was all about learning how to identify and articulate expertise, ask for the lifeblood of any campaign — money — and get over the fear of running and, possibly, losing.

"It's difficult for women to talk about themselves, because we're socialized not to brag. We're taught that humble women are good women," Garrett said. "We don't take credit for things that we've accomplished and we don't talk about ourselves as experts."

Many of the women in the Ypsilanti session were hesitant at first to list their skills and talk about traits that might be conducive to leadership. But with a little prodding from Garrett and Crandall and further examination of their on-the-job accomplishments, they came up with terms such as "collaborative, compassionate,

persistent and energetic."

For Bobbi Ebsen, a psychotherapist from Farmington Hills, signing up for the session happened the instant she saw the U.S. House of Representatives vote to repeal Obamacare and put the American Health Care Act in its place earlier this month.

The vote happened one Thursday. Ebsen signed up for the training Friday and made it Saturday to Ypsilanti.

"When you look at who is making these decisions, I don't see a lot of women at the table or minorities," she said. "I was reading a book and it said if you're not sitting around the table, you're on the menu and I don't want women's health to be on the menu anymore."

She's not sure what seat she might seek, perhaps city council. But she knows that after years of only being a bystander, that she has to get involved politically.

"All of a sudden, you wake up and you're in the middle of a bad nightmare," she said. "I blame my generation, the 40- to 50-year-olds. We really went to sleep. We weren't active, we rode on all the hard work of the 1960s and '70s."

Tamara Liberty Smith already knows what she wants to do: Take her active social media footprint of informing the community about crime in Detroit to a place on the Detroit City Council. The 43-year-old mother of six hoped the training would help her find her voice.

"I want to be a better leader," she said during a break in the Vote Run Lead training session. "I'm really excited to be a voice for the people because my goal is to represent

the underserved."

He said what?

For Rossman-McKinney, the decision to run has been percolating for more than four years. A veteran of public service in the administrations of both Republicans and Democrats and the founder of a public relations and marketing firm in Lansing, it took a state senator comparing her to a "hooker" in 2012 for taking money to represent her clients to make the leap to run for office.

"That was so out of line and the male legislative response to that was deafening silence and it made me realize what a minor role women played in the legislative process," said Rossman-McKinney, who has filed to run as a Democrat for the seat of Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, whose comments comparing her to a hooker set off a raft of criticism both in Lansing and around the state. Jones can't run for re-election because of term limits.

"It's incumbent on me to walk the talk," she said, adding she's one of 25 women who are part of the Emerge Michigan program, which is working to get Democratic women elected. "I've been training and coaching people who have attained public office. So why not me?"

Huddleston, a 30-year-old truck driver from Hudsonville, also knows what he wants: a seat in the state House.

"My palm to the forehead moment came when I realized that people aren't talking to each other anymore," the Republican candidate said. "Over the last several years, I've noticed a huge divide and it stinks."

His political inspirations run the gamut from former President Barack Obama to Trump and he's feeling a little drained after the contentious 2016 election. But he's gearing up, talking with GOP leaders in west Michigan about his bid for a seat representing Ottawa County, one of the most Republican counties in the state, giving Trump a 61-31 margin of victory over Clinton.

"After the presidential election, I don't think anything is that safe anymore," he said.

Trump's campaign chair challenges Stabenow for U.S. Senate

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Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Hills businesswoman who served as a co-chair for President Donald Trump's Michigan campaign, announced last month that she's running for U.S. Senate.

"The politicians have failed us and the citizens of Michigan are looking for a new way," Epstein said. "The state spoke loud and clear in 2016. They want an outsider with business skills."

That's exactly what the voters will get if they elect Epstein. The 35-year-old Harvard graduate is co-owner of Vesco Oil Corp., a family business based in Southfield that employs more than 200 people and has annual revenues exceeding \$175 million.

While active behind the scenes in state politics, this is the first time Epstein has run for public office. Should she win the Republican nomination, she'll be running against Democrat Debbie Stabenow, a veteran politician who will be seeking her fourth term next year.

"Whether it is protecting our Great Lakes or lowering the cost of health care and prescription drugs, Senator Stabenow is focused on doing her job and what is best for Michigan," Stabenow spokesman Matt Williams said.

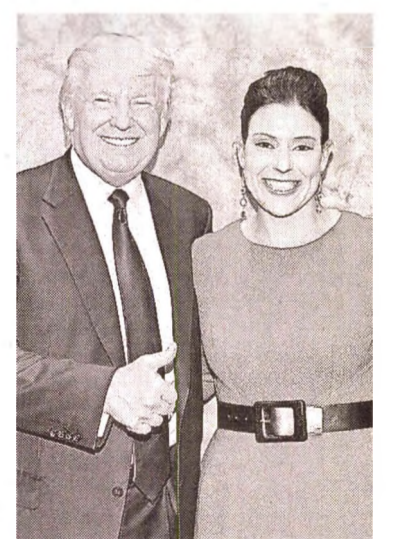
For her part, Epstein said her campaign will mirror Trump's "America First" vision by restoring the country's manufacturing base, renegotiating trade deals and building safer borders.

"Debbie Stabenow has accomplished almost nothing in 20 years of politics," Epstein said. "I will speak for those who have not been spoken for. I will represent those who know, deep down, that their government has failed them and their families."

While she isn't ready to say how much she plans to spend in the campaign, Epstein did hint that Trump will play an integral role in her campaign.

"I have a tremendous relationship with the president, and I think a lot more will be revealed in the days and weeks and months to come as far as his role in the campaign," she said.

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Delta Sigma Phi's EMU chapter gets mParks award

The Delta Sigma Phi, Gamma Tau Chapter, of Eastern Michigan University was the recent recipient of a 2017 Community Service Award presented by mParks, formerly known as Michigan Recreation and Park Association, in recognition of its ongoing commitment and contributions as Canton Leisure Services volunteers.

Members of EMU's Delta Sigma Phi Gamma Tau Chapter first began volunteering within the Canton community in 2014 and have since provided close to 700 hours of service. This group of dedicated college men continues to play an important role in many of Canton Leisure Services special events by providing assistance within several key areas, including setting up and tearing down program venues, leading games and activities with participants, as well as dressing in costumes for Canton's annual

Trick-or-Treat Parade.

"This mParks Community Service Award is further proof that Canton's dedicated volunteers are truly making a difference within our community," Recreation Specialist Jennifer Girard said. "Their volunteer commitment has helped save staff hours and wages and many events would not have been as successful without their hard work and smiling faces."

This volunteer partnership is mutually beneficial, as Delta Sigma Phi Gamma Tau requires its members to complete 15 hours of community service per semester.

"In both the 2015 and 2016 academic years, Delta Sigma Phi completed and was recognized by the university administration for the most accumulative hours of community service of any Greek organization at Eastern Michigan University by working with Can-

ton Leisure Services," Canton Facility Specialist Evan Sweet said. "The relationship between Canton Leisure Services and the Eastern Michigan University chapter of Delta Sigma Phi is unique as many communities don't have the opportunity to partner with college fraternities. This group helps break the stereotype associated with many college fraternities."

Presented each spring, mParks' Community Service Awards recognize individuals and groups who show outstanding support to public recreation and park programs in their community. For additional information about mParks and its 2017 Community Service Awards, go to www.mparks.org.

For more information about Canton Leisure Services volunteer program, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5360.



Glenn Arnold (from left); Carter Smeader; Colin McCormack; Aaron Dill, chapter president; Evan Sweet, Canton facility specialist; and Clay Summers, mParks president.

J.P. McCarthy: The man who captured hearts and radio listeners for 30 years

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J.P. McCarthy was the king of Detroit radio, the ambassador of the airwaves, the man who knew everyone.

He also was a great dad. "He loved spending time with his family," said Jamie McCarthy, the youngest of J.P.'s six kids. "He took us golfing and sailing and he loved playing board games. He was a pain in the butt to play against in Trivial Pursuit — you couldn't stump him."

An hour-long film McCarthy produced about his father, titled "J.P. - The Voice of Detroit," is up for a regional Emmy Award in the best documentary-cultural category. This year's show takes place June 10 at MotorCity Sound Board Theater.

From the 22nd floor of the Fisher Building, the J.P. McCarthy morning show entertained WJR-AM (760) listeners for more than 30 years. His interview subjects ranged from Bill Clinton to Lee Iacocca, from Robert Redford to Spike Lee. He played golf with Gerald Ford and would shoot the breeze with Sparky Anderson.

"I was 8 or 10 years old when my dad brought my brother and me into the station," McCarthy said. "He went in and sat down and talked into this microphone. He didn't read anything — some people have notes — he basically had his coffee, the microphone and maybe a newspaper. That's when I realized this was a pretty cool thing."

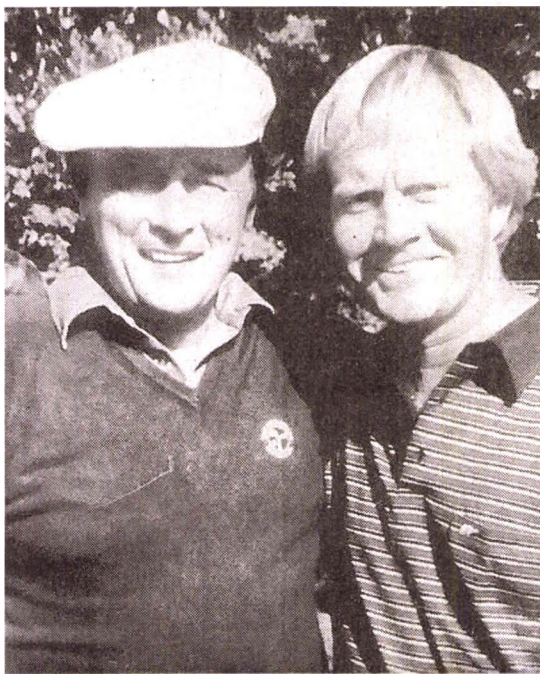
Whether it was interviewing George H.W. Bush on Air Force One or broadcasting from the Tokyo or Paris auto shows, J.P. always sounded like he was just happy to be there.

"He was sort of the last bastion of a voice without an agenda," McCarthy said. "Compared to cable news today, where it becomes sort of a circus to dig up negative stuff, he wasn't interested in anything but the truth and keeping it real and making sure it mattered to his listeners. One of the themes in the documentary is the trust factor."

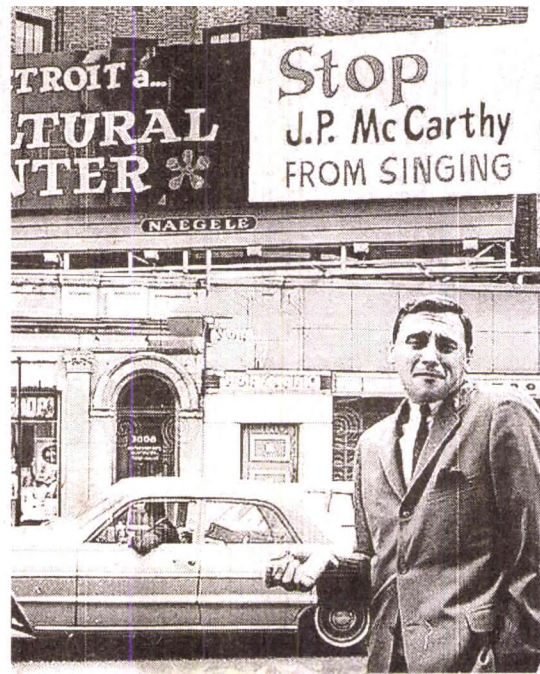
McCarthy, chief creative officer at the JRT Agency in Farmington Hills, grew up in Bloomfield Hills and now lives in Birmingham. This is his first documentary and he partnered with Detroit Public Television producers Fred Nahhat, Matthew Stinson and Oliver Thornton to create it.

"This nomination isn't a surprise to us," JRT Agency CEO Mark Bellissimo said. "Jamie brings a powerful degree of storytelling and passion to all our work here at the agency. We're extremely proud of him."

The documentary brings out all sides of J.P. He was passionate about sports, mingling with the likes of Chuck Daly, Isiah Thomas, Willie Horton and Charlie Sanders. He was proud of his Irish-American heritage and his annual St. Patrick's Day parties in the lobby of the Fish-



An avid golfer, J.P. McCarthy would hit the links with Jack Nicklaus and other famous golfers.



The J.P. McCarthy morning show on WJR-AM (760) entertained listeners for more than 30 years.



"He was sort of the last bastion of a voice without an agenda," Jamie McCarthy said of his famous dad.

er Building were legendary.

More than anything, J.P. enjoyed talking with the man on the street.

"He loved it when people called into the station, whether it was John from Wixom or Annette from Toledo," McCarthy said. "He was very humble — I think he understood that he was the voice of a few generations."

J.P. began his radio career in Fairbanks, Alaska, honing his broadcasting chops on Armed Forces Radio while serving in the army during the Korean War. McCarthy said actor Robin Williams, in preparing for his breakout role in "Good Morning Vietnam," reached out to his father for some anecdotal stories about the military.

When he returned home, J.P. first did a short stint as "Rock 'n' Roll Joe" in Flint before taking on the job of staff announcer at WJR, where he quickly built his reputation. He left for a couple of years to host a morning show in San Francisco, then returned back to Michigan for good.

For the next 30 years, from 1965-95, J.P. was the king of Detroit airwaves.

"He knew the show wasn't about him — it was about the topic or the guest," McCarthy said. "Add in his unique voice, then couple that with someone who can get right to the heart of the matter and you can see how he connected with his listeners."

McCarthy was a student at Michigan State University

when his father died in 1995. Part of the reason he wanted to produce the documentary was to keep his dad's voice alive for future generations.

"The fact is, we could have made a six-hour documentary with all the content we had," he said. "He knew from the start that he could do radio and be good at it, but he always took his success in stride. He wasn't interested in anything but the truth and keeping it real."

Or as his father might say, "Remember my name in Cheboygan — just don't tell 'em where I am."

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Livonia Bahama Breeze bartender is among company's best

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Bartending wasn't always in the cards for Kristyn Neill.

The Livonia resident began working at Bahama Breeze, 19600 Haggerty, about five years ago. She worked her way up from being a hostess and now finds herself as a bartender at the Caribbean-themed restaurant.

"I dabbled in a few different things here," she said. "A couple of years ago, I was fortunate enough to be chosen to be a bartender. Ever since, that's been my place. I love the bar."

Neill is a mainstay each weekend at the restaurant and can be regularly seen pouring drinks. She now has a little bit better background when it comes to serving cocktails: she was one of 15 bartenders selected from the chain's 37 restaurants nationwide to be a "brand ambassador," an opportunity that afforded her the chance to fly to Las Vegas for additional training.

It's a set of skills and lessons she's brought back to the restaurant.

"We also learned about the passion behind the bar. Just really what it means," she said. "It's not all about being fast or making drinks. Anybody can make a drink."

That's a point, restaurant general manager Cory Hill said, that is crucial to a restaurant's success. It was something Dave Carlson, a former bartender at the restaurant who recently died, taught many of the bartenders at the restaurant.

That personal touch, Hill said, is something bartenders strive for at the restaurant. From the first drink to cashing out the tab, customer service is the name of the game.

"You can give anyone their credit card back and tell them 'have a good day.' Or you can look at the card real quick and say, 'David, thanks for coming to visit us and make it personal,'" the Walled Lake resident said. "That's what he taught them."

"I didn't know anything about the bar when I first started. But the more I got into it, the more passion I had for it," she said. "Every day I fell more in love with it."

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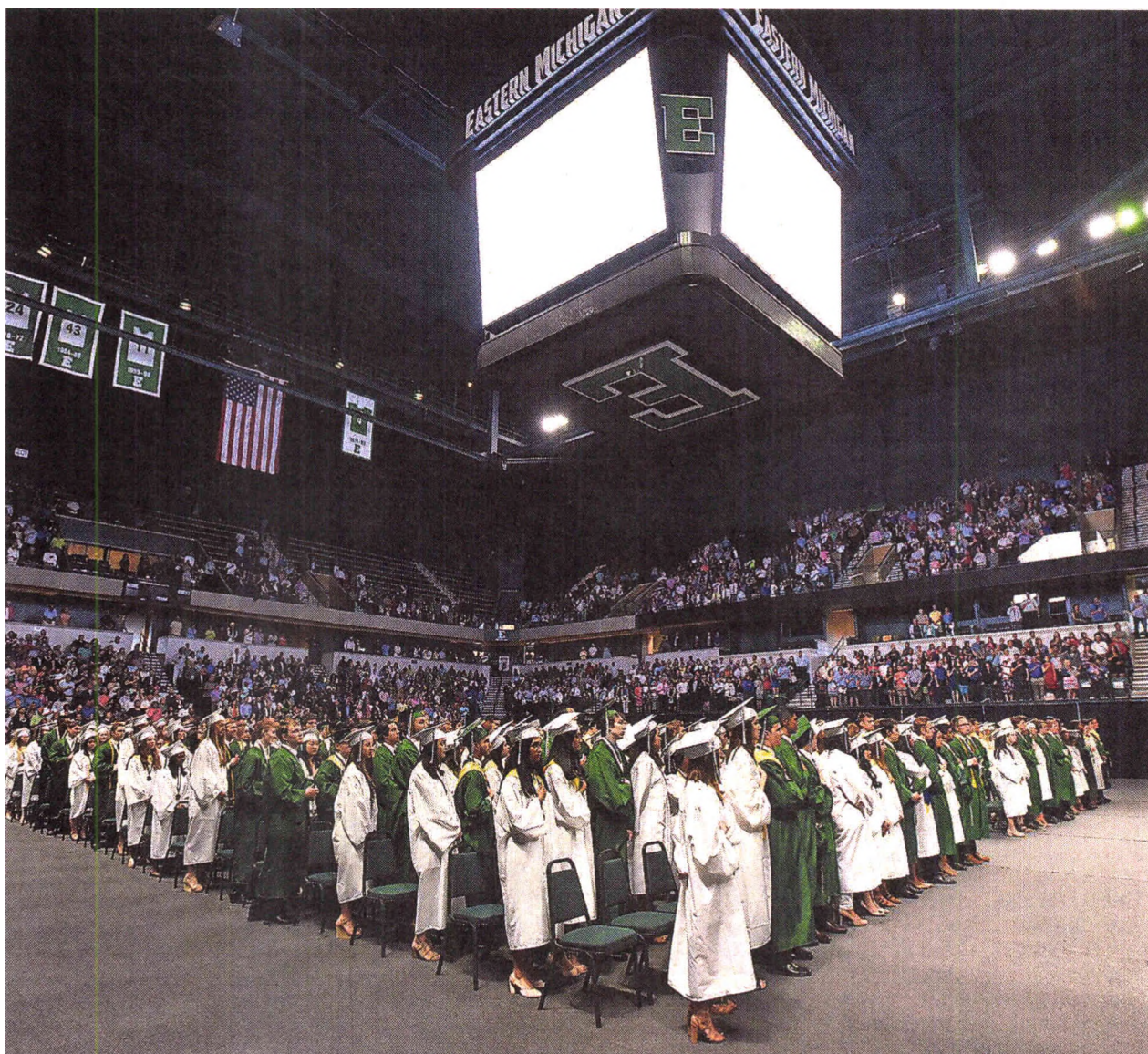
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Kristyn Neill shakes a mojito.

Congratulations to 2017 Novi High School graduates

Congratulations to the Novi High School Class of 2017.

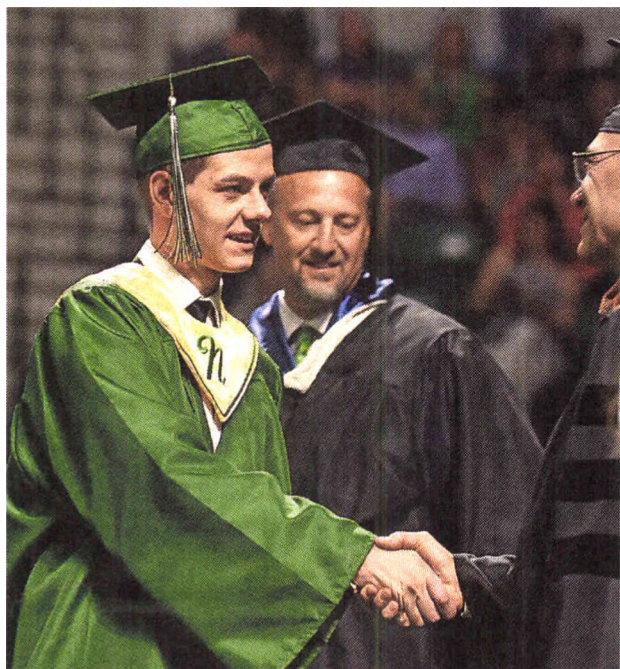
The new graduates attended commencement Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

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The Class of 2017 and their friends and family members stand and sing the national anthem.



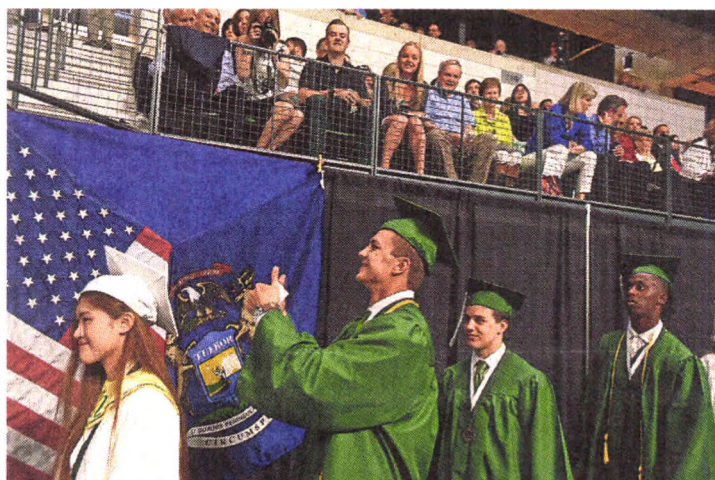
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Anthony Luongo receives his diploma.



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Members of the Class of 2017 applaud the graduation of Robby Heil as he receives his diploma.



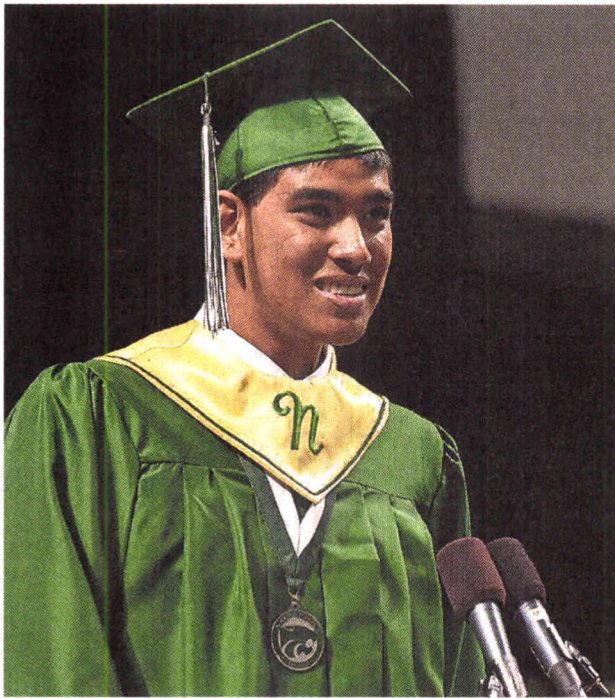
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A graduate gives the thumbs up to some friends in the audience at the start of Novi's graduation at EMU's Convocation Center.



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Novi High graduate Hannah Davis.



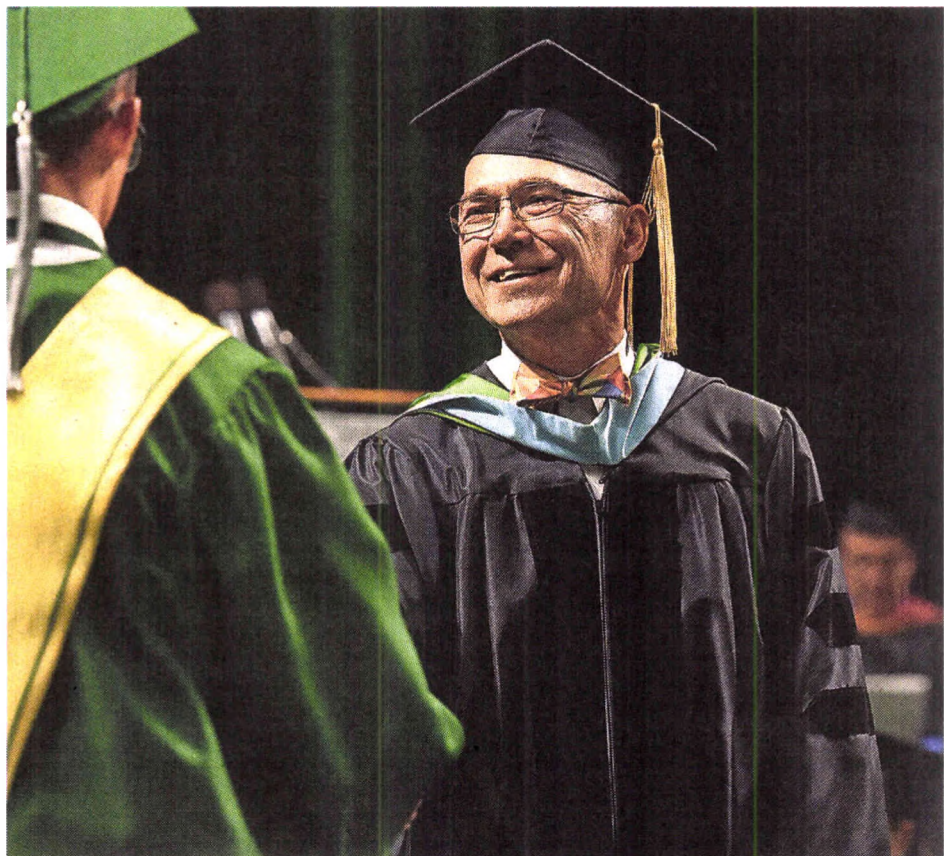
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Class president Joseph Rodrigues addresses his classmates.



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Rachel Bayer smiles as she receives her diploma.



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Novi Community School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews congratulates a graduate.

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Summer youth programs at Fox Hills among the best in state

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth incorporates technology, innovation and award-winning PGA/LPGA instructors to provide some of the best youth golf opportunities in the state.

With 63 holes of golf on three pristine public courses, one of the best year-round performance training centers in the Midwest and a full Junior Golf Academy lead by one of the PGA's most recognized instructors for youth player development, Fox Hills

gives children ages 2-16 an extraordinary opportunity to have fun and learn to golf this summer.

The academy offers a comprehensive range of recreational and competitive youth programs, based on age and skill level, that do everything from introduce beginners to fun sports skills needed to play golf to see if they show interest in the game to junior programs designed for highly committed players looking to excel at the high school, col-

legiate and/or top amateur level in tournament golf.

"We love introducing kids to the game and hope their experience is so enjoyable that they develop an interest that will last a lifetime," said Jordan Young, Fox Hills director of instruction and PGA teaching professional. "The great thing about our junior programs is that kids not only learn the game and develop their game, it gives them an opportunity to have fun outdoors, build a social network,

make friends and get a feel for how they like playing golf, for recreation or competition, in a positive and supportive environment."

Fox Hills Summer Youth Golf Programs include private instruction, Junior Team Training, camps, clinics, leagues and memberships on an individual, weekly, monthly and year-round basis for girls and boys ages 2-16, from beginner to advanced PGA Junior skill levels.

Clubs are provided free for

beginning children in the Young Active and Active Starter programs, so parents don't need to purchase equipment.

Fox Hills is also participating in the Golf Association of Michigan's Youth on Course membership initiative that allows juniors to play for just \$5 per round.

For complete information on Fox Hills Summer Junior Golf Programs and registration, go to www.foxhills.com or call 734-453-7272.

Liberty Fest again highlights diverse cultures

Canton's Liberty Fest continues its popular tradition of hosting an International Festival during the highly-anticipated event.

Visitors can join in a celebration of diversity as a variety of cultures from around the world will be showcased from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, on the Canton LIVE! Stage in Heritage Park.

Festival-goers who stop by the Canton LIVE! Stage can enjoy free performances that communicate across cultural and linguistic barriers from countries across the globe, including China, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Tahiti, the United States, Native American, African American and Hawaiian/Polynesian.

"Our International Festival provides a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe all in one location," Canton Performing Arts Coordinator Joe Kvorciak said. "Audience members of all ages will be delighted as the stage comes alive with colorful costuming and exotic instruments when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries."

Groups and performers expected to take the stage, include Hoaloha — Hawaiian, Polynesian, New Zealand and Tahitian dance; Julzie Gravel — soloist; Sunshine Children's Choir, directed by Sherry Yan and Howard Zhang; Indian dance with Ashima Grewal; Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Co.; Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, featuring soprano Ryan Blankenburg and tenor Darius Dillard; Michigan New Century Chinese School Performances; Yangtze Melody Group; Steppers, Mimes & Praise Dancers from New



The International Festival takes place Saturday, June 17, in Heritage Park.

Hope Baptist Church of Wayne; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team, directed by Xue Min Cheng; Dance the Life Mantra Academy with choreographer Forum Vyas; Ebony Copper — Native American flute by Wanda and Ron Jones; Heart Melody Group & Others; Angela Bolon, a pipa soloist and student of Yuchen Tian; Clivia Dance Group, choreographed by Jessie Li; Interaction Dance, choreographed by Sharon Kang; sitar performance featuring Charvik Vaishnav, a student of Manjula Verma; Asian Indian Dance Group of Canton students of Parul Shah; Canton Summit Dance Team performing "Vengana Ver" translation "My Farm"; Joyas de Mexico Ballet, directed by Luly del Real; and Spotlight Players.

These performances, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heri-



Canton's Liberty Fest will again include the International Festival, showcasing a variety of cultures.

itage's Multicultural Committee, are suitable for all ages.

Canton's 26th annual Liberty Fest runs June 15-17 in Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton's Administration Build-

ing, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Summit Parkway.

For more information, go to www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call 734-394-5460.

Cirque-style show schedules performance in Canton

No need to travel to Las Vegas this summer, the circus is coming to Canton.

Prodigies, Guinness Book of World Records and world champion kids all assembled together will perform one cirque-style show at 7 p.m. Saturday Aug. 26, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets, all priced at \$65, go on sale beginning June 3 at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. All tickets are reserved seating.

Nathalie Gauthier's award-winning Le PeTiT CiRqUe® is one of the most unique, innovative and inspirational shows available in North America. It is the only all-kid humanitarian cirque company in the world, composed of eye-popping, pro-level children ages 5-14. Together, these world-class aerial/circus arts child prodigies in dance, music, karate and singing have mesmerized audiences worldwide due to their impressive and empowering message, talent, skill level and young age. Winner of 14 National Youth Awards, Le PeTiT CiRqUe has performed across the U.S. and internationally in Dubai, Canada and Costa Rica.

"This is an exciting and perhaps once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Canton community to see a performance like they've never seen before," said Joe Kvorciak, performing arts coordinator at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

In addition, FLIGHT, America's Ultimate AcroDance Convention, is coming to Canton offering aspiring dancers, gymnasts, circus performers and acrobats the opportunity to advance their training to the next level. FLIGHT was created to inspire and educate participants while keeping the highest standards of excellence for acrobatics training in the United States.

The convention includes two jam-packed days of fun-filled classes in acrobatics, aerial dance, contortion and flexibility, dance, hand balancing and partnering and is available to children ages 6-19. Six levels of training, from primary through pre-professional levels, will be taught by world-class instructors, from as far away as Australia, Canada and the Ukraine, as well as the U.S.

Meaghan Wegg, a former Cirque du Soleil performer who specializes in aerial dance, is one of the convention's guest faculty members. Wegg holds a diploma from L'Ecole Nationale de Cirque specializing in the highest level of circus coaching. She attracts students from around the world and is highly recommended by Cirque du Soleil.

Tim Smola, FLIGHT AcroDance Convention founder, is extremely excited about bringing the convention to Canton, his hometown.

The convention is \$345 and will be hosted at Central City Dance Center. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early. Registration is processed by mail only.

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

Farmington Founders Festival features old, new

When the 2017 Farmington Founders Festival kicks off July 20, it's going to feature new programming in addition to the things visitors have come to expect from the three-day festival.

The festival, presented by Meijer, is adding new kids programming, a hot air balloon Light the Night event and a 5K Color Run. The festival will take place Thursday through Sunday, July 20-23, in the heart of downtown Farmington and Shiawassee Park.

Bosch, LLC presents the Kids STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) Heat event in Shiawassee Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will have a wide range of STEAM activities that will incorporate slim and the state of matter, fraction, interaction, wind, energy and nanoscience.

Kids will also have the chance to blow off steam during the YMCA Field Games. Saturday, the fun with STEAM will continue in Riley Park with Mad Science Detroit, where kids can prepare scientific experiments and take-home activities.

Thursday night starts the four-day music series on the Krabby Painters Main Stage. Air Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, will kick off the music at 5 p.m. in the Red, White and Brew Tent.

The festival gets into full swing Friday, July 21, when the crafters market opens. It will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Orga-



Farmington residents Diane Dykstra, Denise Weiss and mom Pat Hartswell took a look at woodwork sold by Nature Wonder out of Chicago at last year's Founders Festival.

nizers say visitors can expect to see some new crafters and some of their favorites returning from last year. The festival food court will offer a variety of eats, ranging from elephant ears to gourmet food trucks.

New this year, guests can enjoy Light the Night, a spectacular evening event held in Shiawassee Park at dusk, featuring hot air balloons. As the balloons are inflated, they will flicker and illuminate the sky.

After the 30-minute show, guests will be able to walk up to the balloons and meet the pilots. Immediately following Light the Night, "Megamind" will be shown on the big screen during the Movies in the Park event. Both events are free and open to all ages.

Dave & Buster's presents The Killer Flamings, who will

play the stage at 8 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, LOC Federal Credit Union presents the LOC Color Run — Financially Fit Together. This 5K color run will begin in Shiawassee Park and will pass through the parade route on Grand River. The last mile of the race will burst with bright colors. Runners will receive a shirt, sunglasses and bandanna for only \$20 if registered by July 17. Register at www.FoundersFestival.com.

As the LOC Color Run ends, Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills will lead the annual Founders Festival parade, which takes place in downtown Farmington starting at 10 a.m. Beaumont, Farmington Hills President Connie O'Malley will lead the parade as grand marshal. Among the colorful floats and entertainment will be the

Beaumont Band-Aid Brigade, passing out Beaumont band-aids to parade-goers.

At dusk, crowds gather in Shiawassee Park for the fireworks display and, at 8 p.m., Fifty Amp Fuse will rock the Krabby Painters Main Stage.

Starting at noon Sunday, the family fun will continue with shopping at crafters market and live entertainment on the Kids Stage. Country and blues will be highlighted at the Red, White and Brew Tent when Audrey Ray kicks off at noon.

The Cancer Angel Network, a Michigan based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is one of the beneficiaries of the Founders Festival. Its hardworking volunteers staff the Red White and Brew Tent all four days and proceeds raised will go to the Cancer 3-Day Walk program.

Returning this year will be the Shell-Camino Monster Truck rides and, of course, the Governor Warner Mansion will host a porch party, a petting zoo, face painting, balloons, a flea market and tours of the mansion.

The First United Methodist Church will once again host a pie baking contest and the old-time ice cream social.

The Farmington Farmers Market will be relocated to the Huron River Club at 22575 Farmington Road, south of Freedom Road. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Disagreements across a pond prompt MDEQ citation

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Discord across a small pond near South Lyon has involved homeowners on one side, the developer of an adult foster care on the other and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the middle.

After his Gamewood Drive property flooded last fall, Green Oak Township homeowner Robert Cavill complained to the MDEQ about alterations Dennis Dubuc made to state regulated wetlands.

His complaints prompted state environmental officials to cite Dubuc earlier this year for altering the pond and a connected stream that are surrounded by a handful of homes without a permit.

Dubuc built an adult foster care home, Blue Heron Pond adult foster care, on the property.

The MDEQ ordered Dubuc to remove a dam made of boulders and logs from a stream coming off the pond, according to state records, as well as a culvert he installed.

Additionally, MDEQ officials are requiring Dubuc to apply for an "after the fact" permit for other work completed in the wetlands, including the rerouting of the stream away from a garage at the adult foster care and the removal of vegetation from around the pond.

Dubuc said he has complied with the MDEQ's requests, but added he disagrees with the conclusion that work on his property caused flooding on several yards on the pond.



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Green Oak attorney Dennis Dubuc, who developed the property which holds Blue Heron Pond adult foster care, gets emotional when he talks about controversy over his development of the property.



GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

The pond behind Blue Heron Pond adult foster care facility in Green Oak Township is the focus of a dispute with a neighbor over how the property is being developed.

"The boulders were there already," Dubuc said. "My lawn crew picked up branches and threw them in the creek. Yes, that would have caused it to go up higher, but not enough to be a concern." He added he had been told by the previous owner the seasonal stream had always been blocked.

Dubuc said he plans to make the pond larger and deeper "so it can have fish," assuming the MDEQ will grant him a proper permit to do so.

"The flooding hasn't been a problem before and I've been here 17 years," Cavill said while showing with a tape measure how far the pond had flooded into his property — about 25 feet into his yard past the back of a tool shed and wood pile.

"I first noticed the flooding after he put in the culvert and moved

the stream and then (MDEQ) found the dam and made him remove that," Cavill said.

Paula Parisien-Behe, another homeowner living on the pond, said flooding in her yard, which started last fall, subsided a few weeks ago after the stream was cleared.

"It was past a fire pit we have and up to the shed. We've never noticed flooding that high," Parisien-Behe said.

The MDEQ's Justin Smith said there is no indication the stream was blocked prior to Dubuc developing the property.

"As far as I'm aware, (flooding) has never been an issue until we found out about it last fall when he started doing a lot of work" on the property, Smith said. "I looked at aerial photos (from the past) and did not see a dam. And for

the duration of the flooding, I saw a picture of a fire pit and people don't routinely build fire pits in a place where it floods. ... It's my professional opinion that it was the cause of the flooding."

Dubuc said he did call MDEQ prior to making changes to ask if he needed a permit, and the representative told him he did not need one since the land is smaller than five acres. He said he later discovered a permit was required because of the stream.

"The MDEQ is a department that has different problems. ... These people who answer the phones don't always know what is going on," Dubuc said.

Township land contaminated

Cavill says he is also on a mission to make sure contamination on an

adjacent undeveloped property owned by Green Oak Township is not disrupted or spread.

Earlier this month, MDEQ requested the township come up with a work plan by June 30 to monitor and find a solution for environmental contaminants recorded on the property, which includes some dump piles containing old trash such as tires and metal located close to Dubuc's property line and the pond. Old manufacturing operations on the site, including a dog food factory, and dump piles left behind are believed to have contaminated the property.

According to an MDEQ letter sent to the township May 1, contaminants of concern include cyanide, arsenic, lead, chromium, cadmium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, nickel, vanadium, selenium, silver

and zinc and other potential contaminants, which will need to be monitored.

Obtaining a clear picture of the risks "will require further evaluation," Rebecca Taylor of the MDEQ Remediation and Redevelopment Division said.

"The main thing we care about is whether contaminants may be leaving the property," Taylor said.

Cavill claims he saw Dubuc's crews working over the property line, and he is concerned it could have spread contamination.

Dubuc disputes that any of his workers disturbed the township's land, and MDEQ officials have no evidence contamination has spread.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there," St. Charles said. "Nothing has been disturbed in the contaminated area."

Family affair: Fifth sibling gets nursing degree from Schoolcraft College

David Veselenak
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Audrey Kamrath remembers helping one of her older sisters relax while she studied in her nursing program at Schoolcraft College.

More than 10 years later, Kamrath has also graduated with her degree in nursing from the Livonia college. She's the fifth sibling in her family to graduate from Schoolcraft's nursing program.

"She used to make me tickle her back when she studied," said Kamrath, a Livonia resident and alumna of Stevenson High School "From a young age, I've been exposed to nursing. I never really had any other ideas of what to do."

That exposure at an early age drove her want to stay close to home and pursue her associate's degree at Schoolcraft College.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's really cool to be able to relate to my sisters in that way."

In addition to four of her sisters being nurses, her mother is also a nurse. Several of her sisters and her mother are all nurses at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. She's one of nine children in her family.

She's had plenty of support at home because of it and wanted to stay close to home to help take care of her nieces and nephews.

"All my sisters have kids and I didn't want to go away to college," Kamrath said. "I knew I wanted to stay close."

She said many of them got up and helped recognize her during Schoolcraft College's commencement earlier this year.



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

From left: Emily Kusiak and Amy Wolfram (2005), Audrey Kamrath (2017), Laura Buczek (2010) and Hannah Kamrath (2011). The five sisters all graduated from Schoolcraft College's nursing program.

"From a young age, I've been exposed to nursing. I never really had any other ideas of what to do."

AUDREY KAMRATH
Schoolcraft nursing graduate

"They had all my sisters stand up and myself and embarrass me in front of the whole graduating class," Kamrath said.

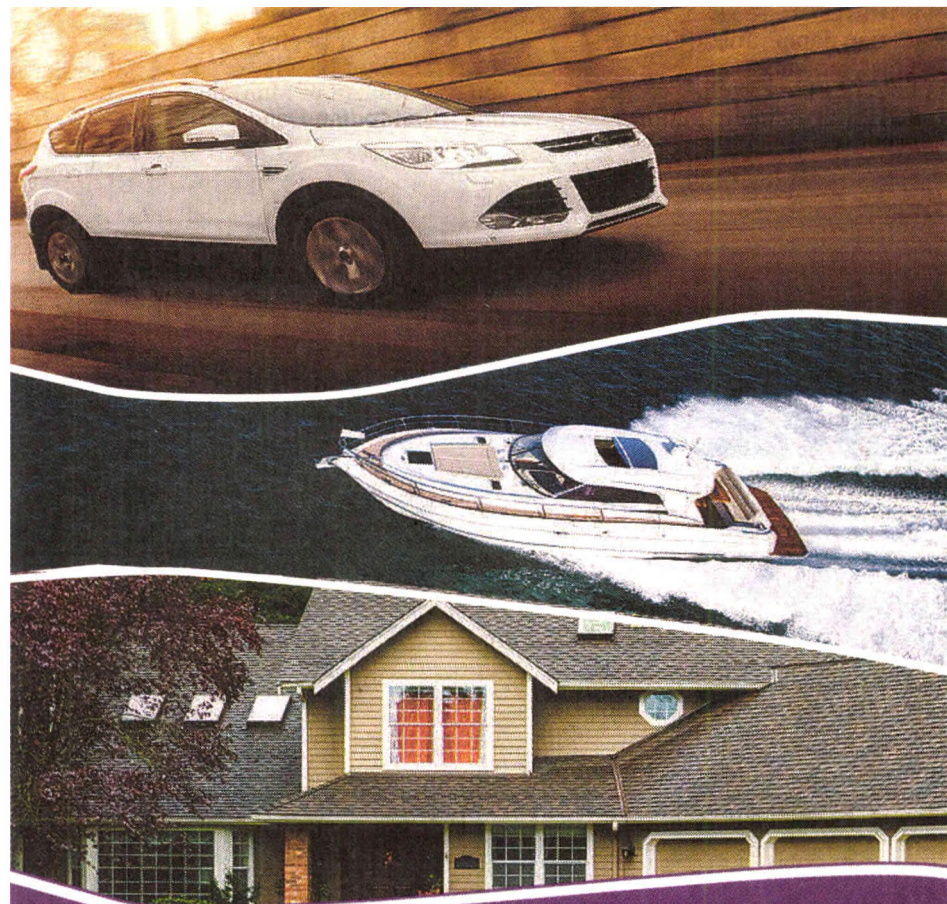
She began the program back in 2017 and spent two years before graduation this spring. Looking forward, she's hoping to land a job in the area as well: she said she's applied to work at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Kamrath recommended those looking to enter

the nursing field to make the dedication to their studies as she and her sisters did.

"Try really hard studying a lot and it's a very rewarding career. I've already seen that just in my clinicals," she said. "It's definitely worth it the work you put into."

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Lawrence Tech honor roll

The following area students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2017 semester at Lawrence Technological University. A student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

Lawrence Technological University, www.ltu.edu, is a private university founded in 1932 that offers more than 100 programs through the doctoral level in its Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and

Management.

» Milford: Peter Ebaugh, Information Technology; Alexander Lanzetta, Computer Science; Phillip Tesolin, Electrical Engineering.

» New Hudson: Carrieann Towne, Embedded Software Engineering

» South Lyon: Joseph Alvord, Architectural Engineering; Maria Hatfield, Industrial Engineering; Dylan Lanctot, Mechanical Engineering

» White Lake: Marcel Cloutier, Electrical Engineering; Mark Kenney, Robotics Engineering; Amanda Nunnold,

Architectural Engineering; Gage Schester, Mechanical Engineering

MSU dean's list

Sophomore Bailey Anthony Paxton was named to the spring semester's dean's list at Michigan State University College of Business honors college. He's been named to the dean's list each semester since he enrolled. Paxton is a 2015 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate. He is the son of Barry and Sandie Paxton of South Lyon.

Champlain graduate

Pearce Stevens of Milford graduated from Champlain College with a BFA degree in Graphic Design & Digital Media.

Champlain's 139th commencement was held in Burlington, Vt. A total of 516 undergraduates received their associate and bachelor's degrees.

MSU graduate

Edward Clifton graduated May 6 from Michigan State University. His degree is in Construction Management and

he has been hired by Future Fence in Warren as a project engineer. At MSU, Clifton was on the cross country and track teams. He ran the 800-meter and was the No. 1 runner at State and 11th in the Big Ten.

A 2012 graduate of Northville High School, Clifton was on both running teams. He qualified for states in cross country and was sixth at states for the 800.



Clifton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep pension plan as is

An open letter to my state legislators.

A vote for HB 4647 and/or SB 401 would be both a mistake and a breach of faith. For decades the negotiated pay package accepted by teachers included the retirement benefits. The pension is a result of contracts negotiated and signed. This pension is not an entitlement program. Its deferred wages that have been earned.

Now, through fiscal irresponsibility that pension fund is seriously underfunded. Now, the Republican party in Michigan is actively attacking the fund on two fronts. First, by trying to find a further way to pass a further tax cut, which the state cannot afford. Second, the passage of these bills would eliminate the only remaining source of revenue for the pension fund.

The state needs revenue to fund its responsibilities. The Legislature needs to fulfill its oath of office and find the money to fulfill this obligation. Even if it means raising taxes.

Lee Estes
Milford

Presidential support

While President Donald Trump is far from perfect, the non-stop attacks by the left-wing main-stream media, regardless of what he does, are

largely unfair. According to a recent Harvard study, 80 percent of the daily reports on Trump by the main-stream media are negative (93 percent negative on CNN and NBC). This is nothing more than a propaganda campaign, mostly devoid of facts.

Here are some positive facts that hopefully will provide a more balanced perspective.

It was Trump who finally had the courage to authorize a missile attack against Syria's use of chemical weapons on innocent civilians (unlike President Barack Obama, who drew red lines but did nothing). It is Trump who is leading a world-wide war against radical Islamic terrorists, including a thoughtful but direct speech to the major Muslim leaders.

It is Trump who is reversing the tsunami of heavy-handed government regulations and endless intrusion by the Obama administration into our daily lives. He has initiated actions to boost our nation's economy for everyone, rebuild our weakened military, secure our borders, deport illegal alien convicted criminals and restore the enforcement of our laws in order to keep our citizens safe and allow them to pursue their individual dreams. Hallelujah!

Trump has appointed a top-notch cabinet and an outstanding pro-life judge, Neil Gor-

such, to the Supreme Court.

In addition, lots of new jobs are on the way, based on recent major corporate announcements. Do not believe the negative media propaganda campaign.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Hire private companies

In a recent Northville Record, Matt Jachman reported on some paving coming in July to the Northville area namely Beck Road and Northville roads.

I am objecting to the county crews paving these two projects in the Northville area, the objection is not the actual paving, but the work being done by county DPS forces.

I don't know why the county continues to insist on doing these jobs that should be performed by private industry. There are plenty of available private MDOT and Wayne county prequalified contractors able to perform this work. This work should be performed by contractors who have the experience and skills honed by doing this work every day of the paving season.

The private contractors also have to pay sales and use taxes (and other taxes) on their materials, equipment, and profits and still remain in the very competitive construction and paving market. I object to the county forces paving these roads in competition with the

private industry. Private industry should not have to compete with government organizations. I suspect the quality will suffer.

Why does the pavement on Beck Road have poor ride quality? it was also paved by Wayne DPS forces approximately 20 years ago.

John Macinnis
Northville

Protect our resources

Based on what I read in recent articles on the Trump administrations budget cuts, I am deeply concerned about what the proposed Trump budget would mean for clean water here in Michigan.

The Great Lakes are vital to our ecology, our health, and our way of life here in Michigan. Federal EPA funding has been critical in helping the Great Lakes address major challenges - including the Asian Carp threat, and algal blooms. Yet, the Trump administration's budget would drastically cut funding to address these problems, and would mean less environmental cops on the beat to go after polluters.

The budget virtually eliminates funding for the Great Lakes restoration which is vital in maintaining our clean water.

Senators Peters and Stabenow should reject this budget. The Great Lakes comes in dead last in this so-called

"America First" budget. Let's get a budget that helps us secure clean water for all Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Misbah Arshad
Canton

Monumental thanks

The Thayer Cemetery Association would like to thank members of the American Legion Post 147 of Northville for dedicating our new Veteran's Memorial monument on May 27. Commander Gary DeMars led the program and the dedication, beginning with a rendition of the Marine Corps Band playing the Star Spangled Banner, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Captain Howard Rundell, U.S.N. Ret., was our Keynote Speaker. His talk mentioned each Veteran buried in Thayer Cemetery. Commander DeMars placed a beautiful white wreath (with a red, white and blue swag on top) at the monument. Chaplain Raymond Rodriguez gave the opening and closing prayers.

The association will be forever grateful for the beautiful and moving ceremony and will always remember it. We would also like to thank Kathleen Ripley Leo who read an original poem she wrote for the occasion.

With gratitude,

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GIRLS TENNIS

Mustangs gain a piece of state crown

Novi claims sixth place in Division 1 finals as Hanson retires

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Deuces came up wild in last weekend's girls tennis state finals held in Midland.

For the first time since the Michigan High School Athletic Association started its Division 1 format in 1997, there will be co-champions as Northville tied defending champ Midland Dow for the team title with 30 points apiece.

"I feel fantastic about it and I know the team was really, really happy," Northville coach

Linda Jones said. "We've had some trouble with Dow this season. What sweeter victory than to tie them? They're a good team and we were just really, really happy to tie it and bring the second crown back to the school."

The Mustangs, the 2015 state champs and last year's runners-up, were in a three-horse race this time along with Bloomfield Hills, which placed third overall in the 21-team field with 27 points.

Northville and Bloomfield Hills were deadlocked in first

place after Friday's rounds, while Dow was sitting a close second only one point behind.

"It was the most incredible day of ups and downs," Jones said. "Going into the semis, it was a toss-up. It was anybody's tournament to win. It was really hard to try and figure out without running over to the control desk. It was hard to keep track of all that. It was the most fantastic final day I think we've ever had. It was unbelievable, really good ten-



Northville earned its second Division 1 girls tennis state title in three years by tying Midland Dow.

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PREP BASEBALL



Northville's Tyler Troyer dives back to the first base bag.

MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville rolls to first district title since 2014

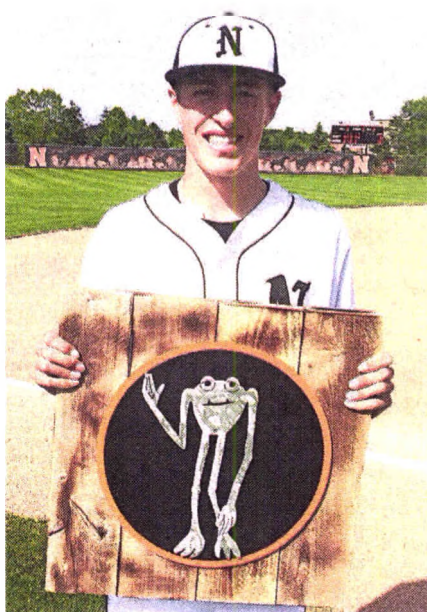
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Schmidt, a character from "Monsters, Inc." and its prequel "Monsters University," is purple with a small head with long arms and legs.

And according to his Northville High School baseball teammates, Ben Schmidt appears to fit the caricature perfectly as they mounted a picture of the cartoon figure on a wood board to carry around as a good luck token.

"They think it resembles me because of how long his legs and arms and just how skinny he is overall," said the 6-foot-4, 175-pound junior, who threw a three-hit shutout Saturday in the host Mustangs' 10-0 five-inning district championship win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Northville, which improved to 25-10, is also playing downright scary these days after capturing its



BRAD EMONS

Northville junior pitcher Ben Schmidt display his cartoon character.

first district championship since 2014. The Mustangs move into the regional semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at Novi to face Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

In the win over CC (17-20-1), Northville busted loose for seven runs in the second inning as it strung together eight straight hits after Jake Moody was hit by a pitch with one out by Shamrocks starter Johnny Lobbia.

The big blow was Christian Williams's bases-loaded triple. Aram Shahrigan added a two-run single, while Kevin Morrissey and Bill Flohr both contributed an RBI single during the surge.

The Mustangs then put it away with three more runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Shahrigan, an RBI ground out from Moody and an RBI single by Michael Lionas.

"It just felt really good to know

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GIRLS SOCCER

Wildcats complete district sweep vs. Spartans

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You can't give the Novi girls soccer team an inch because it'll take that extra mile.

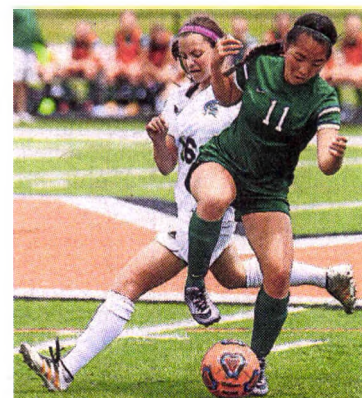
The Wildcats parlayed a penalty kick with no time left in the first half to break a scoreless deadlock and followed with three straight second-half goals en route to a 4-1 win Saturday over Livonia Stevenson in the MHSAA Division 1 district final at Northville's Tom Holzer Field.

With the victory, the Wildcats (13-5-2) moved into the regional semifinals, scheduled for Wednesday at Dearborn High against Plymouth (15-3-1) in a rematch of the KLAA Kensington Conference championship. Novi won the first game, 2-0.

"We came out a little hesitant the first half, kind of played a little cautious," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said of the third meeting this season against the Spartans (17-2-4). "We settled down and started actually playing our game of soccer, possession and building it up. About the last five minutes of that first half, we started playing our kind of soccer and that's how we were able to get that corner kick."

Only 40 minutes had been played, but the turning point of the match occurred when Novi sophomore Julia Stadtherr converted a penalty kick against Stevenson goalie Haley Demers after a Spartans defender was flagged for a hand-

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Novi's Emmie Takada (right) shields off Stevenson's Abby Werthman during Saturday's district final.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi survives against hot Western keeper

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The Novi girls soccer team quickly discovered May 31 that Walled Lake Western goalkeeper Christina Tamer was one tough cookie.

But the Wildcats did push across a goal with 24:17 remaining to earn a 1-0 MHSAA Division 1 district semifinal win over the Warriors at Northville's Tom Holzer Field while earning a spot in Saturday's championship game against Livonia Stevenson.

Tamer, who is committed to Wisconsin-Parkside, did not play in the previous meeting April 12 between the two teams, when Novi rolled to an 8-1 win.

The heavily favored Wildcats (12-5-3) went the first 55:33 without scoring until sophomore Jessie Bandyk broke through and slid a ball under a diving Tamer for what proved to be the game-winner.

"(Tamer) played really well," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "We got a little frustrated. We created some great scoring opportunities, then she came up with some great saves."

Tamer, who was surrounded most of the night by six defenders, made nine quality saves.

"She definitely made a difference for them and made a couple of great saves early," Pfeiffer said. "We didn't play bad, by any means. We did a great job possessing the ball and building up the attack. That final third, we just had that difficulty getting the ball in the back of the net, but Jessie (Bandyk) got the one. We told our girls sometimes there are games where you survive and move on and we were able to do that tonight and we're happy about the win."

Western looked anything but a team that finished the year 4-11-2. The inspired Warriors played like they had nothing to lose.

"We didn't have Christina and we were out a couple of players the last time," first-year Western coach Michelle Krzysnik said. "I switched my formation a bit. We were a little bit

more defensive-minded, but yet could still get forward out of that. So obviously, that helped a little bit in terms of having a few more in the back line."

Tamer plays club soccer for the Michigan Hawks, which is where Krzysnik coaches.

"She's really great keeper," Krzysnik said. "I think she's underrated because you look at her and a lot of keepers who at the top level typically are 5-10 and above. She does not have the height, so she doesn't pass the eye test sometimes, but some of the saves she makes ... I watch great goalkeepers all the time, they let stuff like that go in. She kept us in the game and gave us a chance to win the game. She was fantastic."

On the other end, Novi goalie Callie Rich had a relatively quiet night, making one save to post the shutout.

NOVI 7, SOUTH LYON 0: Emmie Takada scored a pair of goals as the Wildcats (11-5-3) opened Division 1 district play May 30 with a convincing victory over the visiting Lions (9-8-2) at Meadowood Stadium.

"It was a great start to the state tournament for us," said Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer, whose team outshot the Lions, 18-1. "We did a great job tonight of possessing the ball and creating a lot of scoring opportunities. It was a great team effort all over the field as we

were able to limit South Lyon to only one shot on goal the entire night."

Novi jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead, getting goals from Jessie Bandyk (assisted by Gracie Backus and Bailey Baumbick) with 31:54 left; Julia Stadtherr (from Michelle Jecmen and Bandyk), with 28:53 left; and Takada (unassisted) with 12:40 left.

Takada scored unassisted 7:27 into the second half, followed by goals from Vera Razburgai (from Jecmen), Ally Kobakof (penalty kick) and Lexi Whalen (from Leah Kiura).

Goalie Callie Rich made one save to post the shutout.

NORTHVILLE 5, MERCY 0: Sarah Noonan notched a hat trick May 30 as the host Mustangs (11-6-3) opened the Division 1 district play with a victory over Farmington Hills Mercy (6-8-3) at Tom Holzer Field.

Northville, outshooting the Marlins 15-5, led 3-0 at halftime. Noonan opened the scoring with 13:31 left on a rebound after a shot by teammate Roan Haines caromed off the crossbar.

Noonan scored again seven minutes later on a shot to the upper right corner off a feed from Megan Williams, followed by Erica Toupin's goal from Nikki Buie on a shot to the far post with 1:35 remaining.

In the second half, Tara Beason took a slotted pass through the back line from Haines in the 50th minute and Noonan's unassisted goal just two minutes later capped the scoring.

Starting goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione, who played the first 65 minutes, combined with Ellie Thalman for five saves and the shutout.

Mercy goalie Chloe Russo stood out in defeat.

"We started out a little slow, but once we got going, we played pretty well," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "We took advantage of our chances and we had to put our shots on frame. We scouted them and we wanted to make sure we controlled their two midfielders (Gianna Parlove) and Sarah Smolinski) and I thought we did a pretty good job."

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GIRLS SOCCER



Stevenson's Abby Werthman (left) and Northville's Roan Haines hit the turf in pursuit of the ball.

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After marathon 14 PKs, Stevenson ousts Northville

Spartans go 14-of-14 to earn
2-1 victory vs. Northville

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It may go down as the longest match in MHSAA girls soccer state tournament history.

Livonia Stevenson and host Northville staged a marathon playing to a 1-1 draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods May 31 in the Division 1 district semifinal at Tom Holzer Field.

But what transpired in the dreaded shootout may not be duplicated for quite some time as Stevenson converted on all 14 of its penalty kick attempts before the Mustangs missed on their 14th try after making 13 in a row.

With the win, Stevenson improved to 17-14 while earning a spot in the district championship against Novi, which survived in the other semifinal against Walled Lake Western, 1-0.

"So many quality PKs from both sides and unsavable shots," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "The goalkeepers had no chance I'd say on 75 percent of them. Quality stuff from both groups. It was kind of amazing to watch and surreal. I've never been a part of anything like it in my life."

Shingledecker played two goalkeepers during the match, Haley Demers (first half) and Mackenzie Fifer (second half). He rotated both during the shootout.

"We were just trying to find something," Shingledecker said. "They both do a good job in training with the PKs. We kind of talked about doing it and both goalies were both fully on board. We were just searching for something

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KEN SHINGLEDECKER, Stevenson coach

to change up the result and we got lucky the girl missed the goal."

The match finally ended when Megan Krygier, who earlier had converted on Northville's fourth PK, slid a shot just wide of the left post with Demers defending.

"If I could have predicted the way this game would have gone, it might not have gone 14 shooters deep, but a game right down to the edge I would have saw going this way," Shingledecker said. "That's a very good team and I think they've been underrated all year. They play us as tough as anybody does and Novi is the same way. This district is no joke."

Northville (11-7-4) scored its first and only goal during the first 30 seconds. After a throw-in, the Mustangs' Sarah Noonan converted off an assist from Sydney Schembri.

The score stayed that way until 5:36 remained in regulation, when Abby Werthman scored unassisted to pull the Spartans even at 1-1.

And just moments later, Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione, who made a couple of huge first-half saves, came off her line and smothered a shot on a breakaway by Stevenson's Kayla Gacioch, who played an outstanding game in the midfield.

"I think it was just hard to get past them," Gacioch said. "They had a good defensive line. Both teams played good. We missed one of our forwards (Audrey

Kopitz). She got hurt in the beginning, then one of our captains (Megan Verant) got hurt earlier in the season, so we were missing both out there."

Stevenson, which outshot Northville 10-7, continued to press forward after losing to Kopitz to an injury in the first half.

"Losing your leading goal scorer with 25 goals (and 15 assists) this year is significant," Shingledecker said. "We don't know how bad it's going to be. It's a knee and we've already been dealing with the Megan (Verant) part of it with the knee and this is her best friend, who is also hurt."

After two scoreless 10-minute OT periods, both Shingledecker and Northville coach Eric Brucker lined up their PK shooters.

In the first round of five, Abby Werthman, Sarah Monte, Gacioch, Yasmine Jaafar and Sarah Dressing all converted for the Spartans, while Megan Williams, Abby Gardiner, Chelsea Edgar, Krygier and Schembri countered for the Mustangs.

In the next round of five, Stevenson went five-of-five, with Carson VanDike, Kennedy Thurlow, Emma Werthman, Alyssa Benvenuti and Sam Kruszynski scoring. Northville also matched with Nikki Buie, Lauren Fleming, Noonan, Haley Brass and Morgan Osaer.

In the ensuing go-around, Abby Werthman, VanDike, Gacioch and Jaafar made it 14 in a row.

"We've been practicing them this whole week in preparation for these district games," Gacioch said. "Just pass it in the net, pass it in the corners."

Meanwhile Williams, Gardiner and Edgar answered for Northville, but the suspense ended when Krygier's shot went wide left.

"I feel for the kid, but she'll get through it," Brucker said. "My girls did everything I asked of them. They listened to the scouting report. They played tough. And when you play teams for the third time, it's about execution. And it's the smallest of things. Should either one of those goals during regulation have gone in? Nope. But it happens and it's the simplest of things that can send us home. I've been doing this for too long to continue to preach, but I get it. I still hate the way you go through an entire season of a team sport (and it) gets boiled down to five or six players or, in this case, 11 PK takers and a keeper. It's frustrating."

It was a painful exit for the Mustangs, who had come on strong during the second half of the season after a slow start.

"We struggled at the beginning of the season," Brucker said. "We did nothing but get better, gained more confidence in each other, gained trust in each other and I really thought we were peaking at the right time."

"Isn't it funny how seasons play out? Our first game of the season, we score in the first minute of play — and we lose. We get to the last game of the season, we score in the first 30 seconds. It was a lot harder and it took a lot longer, but we didn't seem to find a way."

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville rules Grosse Pointe invite

Lobbia hurls Shamrocks to 3-1 pre-district victory

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The Northville baseball team stayed sharp over Memorial Day weekend by winning two of three games May 27 to capture the Grosse Pointe Invitational.

The Mustangs (22-10) opened tournament play with a 10-5 win over host Grosse Pointe North as Alex Garbacik paced a 12-hit attack by going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Other offensive contributions came from Jake Moody (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs), Aram Shahrigian (2-for-4, RBI) and Jack Sargent (2-for-4, run).

The big inning came in the seventh as Northville scored seven runs.

"Our offense really clicked, putting together some outstanding at-bats and executed the best we have all year," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Up and down the order we had contributions, which was great to see. We played solid defense, committing one error."

Ryan Shanley went 3-for-3, while Alex VanDoorne added two hits and two RBIs for the Norsemen.

Winning pitcher Ryan Pumper went the first 4½ innings, allowing five earned runs on eight hits. Tyler Troyer went the final 1½.

Tyler Hill took the loss for North. "Ryan and Tyler did a nice job on the mound in the first game holding down a very good North team," Kostrzewa said.

In the second round, host Grosse Pointe South got a two-hitter from Cody Shook in a 2-0 victory over the Mustangs.

Shook went all six innings, striking out three and walking one, while outdueling Northville's Jon Michalak, who gave up just two hits and a walk in five innings. Both runs were unearned.

Joe Naporano had an RBI for South, while Nick Prystash and Shahrigian had the lone hits for Northville.

"We made some mistakes defensively and that was the difference," Kostrzewa said. "After really swinging the bats well in the first game, we struggled putting anything together. Credit the Grosse Pointe South pitcher (Shook) for keeping us off-balance and really pounding the strike zone. We started to hit the ball hard late, but couldn't push anything across."

In the final game, Northville overcame an early deficit to beat Plymouth, 7-3, as Prystash went 3-for-3 with a



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's Tyler Troyer pitched twice, picking up a win in the Grosse Pointe Invitational.

double and two RBIs.

Billy Flohr also added a pair of doubles and two RBIs, while Shahrigian went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Kevin Morrissey also scored three runs.

Northville starter Connor Ziparo was lifted in the first after giving up two runs on two hits in two-thirds of an inning. Troyer, the winning pitcher, went the next 3½ innings, allowing one run, before Ben Schmidt finished.

"We fell behind early, but Tyler relieved Connor in the first and did a fantastic job," Kostrzewa said. "Tyler gave us a chance to get things going offensively and didn't give up a run

before handing it over to Ben. Great job by Tyler coming in relief multiple times."

Kai St. Germaine took the loss, while Chase Every had two hits and two RBIs for the Wildcats (24-12).

DETROIT CC 3, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 1: Starting pitcher Johnny Lobbia allowed just two hits over six innings and reliever Cody Kanclerz struck out the side in the seventh for the save as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16-19-1) downed Walled Lake Western (7-16) in an MHSAA Division 1 district game May 30 at Northville.

Lobbia allowed one unearned run, walked one and struck out three.

Two of CC's runs were scored on wild pitches. Shane Rankin also scored on a Western error.

NORTHVILLE 4, COUNTRY DAY 0: Seven different pitchers combined on the shutout May 31 as the host Mustangs (23-10) blanked Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in a non-conference encounter.

Ben Schmidt got the victory, while John Michalak came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Also taking the mound for an inning apiece for Northville were Connor Ziparo, Tyler Troyer, Ryan Pumper, Nick Broda and Jordan Shaffer.

Billy Flohr had an RBI double, while Mike Lianas also had an RBI for the Mustangs, who scored one run in the first, two in the third and one in the fifth.

NOVI 5-7, MARYSVILLE 0-5: On May 27, the host Wildcats (18-18-1) took both ends of a non-league doubleheader from the visiting Vikings (10-19).

Senior right-hander Alec Bageris threw a four-hitter in the opener. Johnny Bean and Kyle Klosterman both collected two hits, while Evan Yokie, Grant Pytel and Kaito Suzuki each drove in a run.

Novi also won the nightcap as Cam Czapski picked up the win, going six innings.

Coleman Naylor had two of Novi's five hits, while Joe Koch had three of Marysville's nine.

The Vikings committed eight errors on the day.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Northville keeps district trophy at home

Laurin pitches Mustangs to back-to-back victories

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In the eyes of first-year coach Scott DeBoer, the Northville softball program might be slightly ahead of schedule.

The Mustangs kept the MHSAA Division 1 district trophy at home on Saturday with a thrilling 6-5 win over rival Novi in a game in which the two teams traded grand slams.

Northville (26-10) scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning on a single by Abby Tolstyka, followed by a double from Sarah Hige to break a 5-5 deadlock.

The win sends the Mustangs into the regional semifinals beginning at noon Saturday, June 10, at Novi High School against Walled Lake Northern.

"Certainly, I didn't envision winning a district championship," DeBoer said. "I knew we were going to compete. I told the girls we're going to play with passion, we're going to come to play every day. I don't care what happened in the past, but if we go out there and do the things we do and keep digging, that good things could happen."

Northville got off on the right foot when junior Alexis Koehler took Novi starter Ally Cummings deep for a fence-clearing grand slam in the opening inning to build a 4-0 lead.

"It's her first home run this year and to hit a grand slam is something special," DeBoer said. "I watched what was going on over there and they intentionally walked Sara Moos in front of her. The first time we played Novi was a doubleheader and, of course, trying to beat somebody three times is tough. But Alexis was batting from the left side at that time and she went 0-for-8 in the game. And when they did that, I just said, 'I know she's my hottest hitter right now.' And she got all of it, so I'm happy for her."

In the third inning, sophomore pitcher Hannah Laurin helped her own cause with an RBI single to put the Mustangs up 5-0.

But in the top of the fourth, Novi relief pitcher Maria Gustitus returned the favor with a shot over the left-center field fence on a 3-2 count to cut the def-



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The Northville softball team won its second district title in three years with a 6-5 win over rival Novi.

icit to 5-4.

"She's hit one out of our place 220 (feet) and then she hit one in a tournament," Novi coach Bruce Lenington said of Gustitus. "That's a big one. That's kind of a Xerox of a shot she had a couple innings earlier. She just got it up a little bit. She's been working hard on her swing and I'm happy for her. She played a great game."

In the top of the sixth, Novi (17-14-1) tied it when Ireland Whalen reached base on a single, stole second and came all the way around on a heads-up base-running play on a Laurin wild pitch to erase the five-run deficit.

"I trust our kids," said Lenington, who was confident of making a comeback. "We've had a real good approach. I liked our game plan and then it just came down to making one or two plays here and there in the last part. We just weren't able to win the seventh inning."

After Hige's go-ahead double in the bottom half of the same inning gave the Mustangs a 6-5 cushion, Novi's Bella Rallis singled in the seventh and went to second on an Ally Cummings sacrifice bunt.

But Laurin was able to get out of the jam, getting a pair of ground outs to end the game.

The right-hander threw all 14 innings

on the day, including a complete game 8-6 victory in the morning district semifinal over Walled Lake Western.

"She's got a lot inside, she's a tough internal kid," DeBoer said of his sophomore ace. "She's a gamer. I asked her if she wanted to come out and she said, 'There's no way I'm coming out here.' And I said, 'You've got the meat of the lineup coming up.' She said, 'That's what I want.' It was tough to do, certainly, in this heat, but she wanted the ball today and I thought that was my best option."

Novi lost despite out-hitting the Mustangs, 12-8, as Whalen collected three hits, while Anna Mizerowski and Gustitus added two each.

Gustitus, who went 5½ innings in relief, took the loss. She was able to contain Northville for the most part after Cummings was pulled after one out in the first.

"She's done that all year," Lenington said of his sophomore left-hander. "We really don't have a one or a two (pitcher), we really don't. She started big games for us all year. We have two very good pitchers. They're polar opposites. One's a righty, one's a lefty, one's a power thrower and one's a movement kid. She's a bulldog."

Making its second regional appearance in three years, Northville will face

a Walled Lake Northern team that has been state-ranked all season. The Knights beat Northville by a 12-1 score May 30.

"We played two state-ranked teams last week in Hartland and Walled Lake Northern and knowing that we were going to face somebody like Ally (Cummings)," first-year Northville coach Scott DeBoer said. "And if we got through, we were going to face that going forward, so we were ready for it."

"We have a young team. We only have three seniors that are big contributors certainly, but the girls listened all year long and made the plays when we needed it."

NORTHVILLE 8, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 6: Winning pitcher Hannah Laurin struck out eight over seven innings and scattered seven hits as the Mustangs (25-10) earned the district semifinal win Saturday over Walled Lake Western (5-18).

Sara Moos and Sarah Hige each drove in two runs, while Rhiannon Esshaki, the losing pitcher, had three RBIs.

Julia Barrett, who had a solo homer in the third to tie the game at 2-2, added two hits for the Knights along with Madison Limpus.

Western committed four errors, while Northville had three.

NOVI 5, SOUTH LYON 2: Anna Mizerowski collected two hits and an RBI to lead the Wildcats (17-13-1) to a district semifinal victory over the Lions (26-9).

Winning pitcher Ally Cummings, a senior, went all seven innings, allowing six hits as she outdueled South Lyon freshman Alexis Bonk, who gave up seven hits and struck out three.

Jaime Gustitus and Sophie Rallis also knocked in runs for Novi. Janie Mitchell had two hits for South Lyon.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Novi runs winning streak to five after beating Country Day

Northville sweeps pair of games against Hartland

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The Novi softball team has put together a nice little winning streak entering Saturday's Division 1 district tournament at Northville.

Senior pitcher Ally Cummings threw a three-hitter and struck out four May 31 as the Wildcats ran their winning streak to five by edging host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in a non-conference game, 3-2.

Cummings outdueled Country Day

ace Jacqueline Spizzen, who allowed just four hits while striking out 11.

Jaime Gustitus contributed a two-run triple, while Sophie Rallis added an RBI single for the Wildcats, who improved to 16-13.

Jessica Garmen had an RBI triple for the Yellowjackets.

On May 30, host Novi swept a non-conference doubleheader from Monroe-Jefferson, 11-1 and 13-1.

In Game 1, Cummings went all six innings, allowing five hits while fanning five as the Wildcats scored five times in the sixth inning to invoke the run-rule.

Ashley Yarberry and Ireland Whalen both collected two hits and homered, while Bella Rallis and Anna Mizerowski

contributed two hits apiece.

In the nightcap, pitcher Maria Gustitus got the five-inning victory, allowing just five hits while striking out five as the Wildcats unloaded for 18 hits in another run-rule victory.

Multiple hits came from Yarberry, Jaime Gustitus, Maria Gustitus, Bella Rallis, Sophie Rallis and Riley Jones.

On May 26, Cummings and Yarberry both collected three hits in a 7-2 triumph over host South Lyon East (18-14).

Sophie Rallis collected two hits, while Allison Purtell, Cummings and Mizerowski also contributed an RBI apiece.

Winning pitcher Maria Gustitus went the first 4½ innings before Cummings came on to work the final ½ in-

nings. The two combined on a five-hitter.

NORTHVILLE 11-10, HARTLAND 3-3: On May 31, the host Mustangs (24-10) took both ends of a doubleheader against the Eagles (25-10).

Sarah Hige collected four hits and two RBIs, including a homer in the fourth inning, as Northville won the opener.

The Mustangs scored three times in the fifth on a singles by winning pitcher Hannah Laurin and Emma Bell, followed by a ground out.

Laurin went all seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits while striking out four.

Sara Moos, Alexis Koehler and Bell each had multiple hits, while Makenzie Kamm and Koehler each drove in two runs.

Northville completed the sweep as Maggie Petix earned the win, going all seven innings. She surrendered three runs on six hits.

Northville took the lead for good with three runs in the second inning and added three more in the fourth thanks to a double by Moos and an RBI ground out by Megan Swart.

Madi Esposito and Swart both had two RBIs in the victory.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Northville rolls in regional win vs. Novi

Mustangs move into regional title game against Pioneer

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It's full steam ahead for the Northville girls lacrosse team following a convincing 19-5 MHSAA Division 1 regional semifinal win May 31 over host Novi.

The first meeting between the two teams was relatively close, as Northville came away with a 15-11 win over the Wildcats.

But in the rematch, the Mustangs jumped out to a 12-2 advantage against Novi and never looked back to advance to the regional final.

"I think the girls came out with a lot of intensity and great effort over-

all," first-year Northville coach Dan Madigan said. "It showed they wanted to play and wanted to move on. I think the girls are hitting their stride and they playing pretty well right now."

Sophomore Kendall Wasik led the Northville offense with five goals and three assists, while Emma Dietrich also scored five times. Charlotte Beaudoin added two goals and five assists, while Ella Tarasi scored a hat trick.

Other goal scorers for Northville included Sarah Chase, who went 19-of-21 on face-offs, Ally Blough, Olivia Lesh and Jessica Tardich.

Goalie Kat Weissert made five saves.

Sophomore Emily Pringle had two goals and one assist as Novi ended its season 8-10-1 under first-year coach Kaitlyn West.

"No matter the outcome of this

game, Northville is a terrific team and we knew it would be tough, but we persisted," West said. "I have admiration and respect for each girl that plays on our team and am already looking forward to next season."

Sophomore Katie Novell (one goal, one assist), senior Katie McMaster (one goal) and junior Hannah Richardson completed the scoring for the Wildcats.

"I cannot stress enough how proud I am of the girls," West said. "I'm sure they get tired of hearing me say it all the time. During the off-season and in season, they have grown as lacrosse players and also mentally prepared themselves to enter each game with a never give up, we can win attitude."

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OLIVIA LESH

Northville's Sarah Chase (right) carries the ball with Novi's Rachel Bayer in hot pursuit.

GIRLS LACROSSE



CATHY LESH

The Northville girls lacrosse team is all smiles after capturing the MHSAA Division 1 regional.

Northville celebrates first regional title

Victory over Pioneer puts Mustangs in state semifinals

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When you have an uncanny ability to score goals, there's a big target that hangs over your back.

For Northville senior Emma Dietrich, that pressure was evident during Friday's 13-12 MHSAA Division 1 regional final victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer, played at Novi.

Despite being guarded heavily by the Pioneers, Dietrich scored a team-high four goals and tallied an assist, which included a three-goal effort in the first half alone.

Her first goal made it a 4-2 affair less than 11 minutes into the contest, before adding a pair right before half-time.

Taking a pass from classmate Sarah Chase, Dietrich sent the ball past goaltender Landon Harsch with 1:17 remaining, before upping the lead to 10-4 just 17 seconds later upon taking the face-off.

While Dietrich's outstanding effort was on full display, she drew some attention from the least likely of sources – the officials, who performed a stick check and declared that it did indeed meet the legal requirements and wasn't a magic wand of sorts.

Such a gesture may be simplistic by nature and a mere routine part of the game, but it served as the perfect metaphor for this Mustangs squad, which just last year was eliminated by this very same team in the regional semifinal.

"We've never been this far before as a program, so I think we were really motivated for one – to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer because we've never beaten them before and, two, to win a regional championship because we've never done that either," Dietrich said.



CATHY LESH

Northville's Emma Dietrich (left) fires a shot past Pioneer goalie Landon Harsch as teammate Ally Blough awaits the outcome.

The victory puts the Mustangs (15-3) into the state semifinals for the first time in school history, scheduled for Wednesday in East Lansing against Rockford (17-2).

Northville scored on 11 of 12 shots in the first half, the last of which came courtesy of sophomore Jessica Tardich off a pass from behind the net by Kendall Wasik.

"We have a lot of different options that can score for us," Northville coach Dan Madigan said. "We have a lot of girls that can take over the game and we were moving the ball, feeding the ball well and we were finding a lot of openings."

Undeterred, Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-11-1) was able to sneak one in before time expired to make it 11-5, which

came on a shot by Davney Holley that was set up by Karleigh Marable.

Four minutes into the second half, Northville found the net again, this time on a feed down low from senior Alethia Blough as freshman Ella Tarasi came streaking toward the net.

Marable, who finished with a team-high seven goals, answered the challenge shortly thereafter by completing her first hat trick on an unassisted effort to cut the deficit in half.

This would set off the first of five consecutive goals for the Pioneers, who trailed 12-10 after Marable scored on a wraparound to complete her second hat trick with less than 10 minutes left in the contest.

"That goal at the end of the first half gave us a little bit of momentum," Ann

"It's an unbelievable group of girls and they've dedicated themselves since the off-season that they wanted to take the next step."

DAN MADIGAN, Northville coach

Arbor Pioneer coach Zach Maghes said. "We changed up our defense to a little bit more high pressure, which obviously was effective. We had some success early and some draw wins and fed off that."

It wasn't much longer until Northville answered, as junior Charlotte Beaudoin centered the ball with pinpoint accuracy into the catch radius of Dietrich, who fired a bullet into the back of the net for what would be the eventual-game winner.

The Pioneers inched themselves closer into forcing overtime with scores from Holley and Marable in the final six minutes, but the Mustangs were able to pass the ball around enough to prevent any sort of comeback in the final moments.

"We wanted it and we wanted it really bad," said Chase, who finished with a goal and two assists. "Our heart came above skill and talent and we just went out there and fought."

Holley pitched in three goals for Pioneer, followed by a pair from senior Celia Ayers.

Other major contributors for Northville were Wasik (three goals, one assist) and Beaudoin and Tardich, who both tallied two goals and an assist.

Meanwhile, goalie Kat Weissert made four saves.

"It's an unbelievable group of girls and they've dedicated themselves since the off-season that they wanted to take the next step," Madigan said. "The seniors are great, the captains are great and it's a great group."

BOYS LACROSSE

CC books another final four berth

Thompson scores four goals in 14-5 win over Athens

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There was no letdown for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lacrosse team during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 state quarterfinal.

After an emotional and hard-fought 13-10 regional final victory May 31 over rival Northville, the Shamrocks dismantled Troy Athens in a precision-like manner, 14-5, at Birmingham Seaholm.

Junior attack Peter Thompson, who went pointless in the previous match, pumped in four goals and added two assists as the Shamrocks improved to 14-5 while earning their fourth straight trip to the state semifinals.

After nearly squandering a 9-3 half-time lead against Northville, the Shamrocks built a 10-1 advantage at intermission against Athens (13-5) and in-

creased their lead to 13-2 after three quarters before coach Dave Wilson emptied his bench in the fourth.

"Having the ball is a great thing, isn't it?" Wilson said. "You dictate the tempo of the game and, of course, (Jeff) Lining is a threat, so when he doesn't have the ball, it's good for us. It worked out that we were scoring and keeping it away from a very dangerous weapon."

Athens went 25 minutes, 19 seconds without scoring until Andy Filipis broke through with a goal late in the third quarter to make it 13-2.

"Yesterday in practice, we were really trying to make sure we were moving off the ball," Thompson said. "When other guys are moving off ball, it makes it easier on you to either pass or score. We did a really good job as a collective team instead of just one guy."

One of Thompson's goals was a nifty behind-the-back effort off a feed from senior Nick Capatina.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the fact the other night we were just kind of stagnate as a team and we tried to



Thompson

play, like, hero ball and not really together," said Thompson, a junior captain. "We let Northville be in the game and they did a good job stopping us. I just think we were kind of watching each other. That was probably the biggest problem in the offense last game, so it was probably good that I didn't score."

Six different players scored for the Shamrocks, including freshman Ryan Sullivan, who finished with three goals. Adding two apiece were senior Brennan Kamish, sophomore Joey Kamish and Capatina, while Ethan Pattinson had the other.

"Northville is really close to CC, so I think we kind of got a little hyped up or nervous," Thompson said. "I just think letting the game come to you was one of our main points. It was great team win and we, obviously, played a lot better than we did (May 31)."

Also adding assists for CC were

Mike Molchan, Patrick Brandemihl and Liam Cunningham.

"The great thing we have, if you check our score book, we consistently have six guys that are chipping in at least one or two goals," Wilson said. "It was a quiet four for Pete, but it's good for him to be on the board."

Senior goalie Hunter Braun also played a pivotal role, making nine saves while allowing just two goals before backup Zack Downey finished in the final quarter.

Athens got a pair of goals from Thomas Kennedy, while Zack Spinek, Tyler Nelson and Filipis added one apiece.

The Shamrocks, who have been state runners-up three straight years, were scheduled to face unbeaten Hartland (21-0) in the state semifinals Wednesday at Troy Athens.

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BOYS LACROSSE

CC corrals stingy Mustangs for D1 regional title

Shamrocks reach state quarterfinals with 13-10 win

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It was like a scene out of "Rocky," with Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Northville exchanging body blows deep into the fourth quarter.

Saved by the bell, CC managed to hoist its fourth straight regional trophy May 31 at North Farmington with a 13-10 win over the upset-minded Mustangs, who appeared staggered and on the ropes after trailing 9-3 at halftime in the Division 1 regional boys lacrosse match-up.

Northville (14-4) mounted a comeback, outscoring the Shamrocks 4-0 in the third quarter, and pulled to within one on three different occasions during the final quarter, with Cole Gingell, the senior transfer from CC, scoring what turned out to be the Mustangs' final goal with 2:39 left to make it 11-10.

"Their offense, you could see it, they really shared the ball well and took good, quality shots," said CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team improved to 13-5. "They didn't waste a lot and I thought they were really efficient."

A goal by senior Nick Capatina, his third of the game with 1:54 left, followed senior Brennan Kamish's fifth with only 48 seconds remaining sealed the eighth regional crown for CC since the MHSAA tournament began in 2005.

But afterward, Wilson felt like his team not only had dodged a bullet, but a hail of gunfire.

"We knew they were a good team and I was concerned about this for a few days," he said. "People said, 'Don't worry, don't worry.' And I said, 'It's my job to worry,' because I knew something like this could happen."

Third-quarter goals by Gingell, Anthony Salamone, Zach Tardich and Kevin Conder pulled the Mustangs to within 9-7.

"Being down 9-3, we went into the locker room and we made some adjustments," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "We put Cole (Gingell) on the wing and put Ty (Kilar) back at 'X.' Ty has been injured and we didn't know what he was going to do or how he was going to play. He did really well the second half and stepped it up. We got a lot of good looks and scored some great goals. Anthony Salamone had just a couple bizarre breakdown goals where he just shoveled it in. And those were just huge goals for us."

CC didn't score for 21 minutes, 34 seconds starting late in the second quarter and lasting all the way until 6:02 remained in regulation, when Ryan Sullivan broke the drought when he notched his second of the match off an assist from Capatina to make it 10-8.

Wilson couldn't remember the last time the Shamrocks went that long without scoring a goal.

"They dictated the tempo," Wilson said of the Mustangs. "They had the ball and they were doing really well on

face-offs. And I think when we had the opportunity on offense, we played a little hero ball and tried to go to the rack, although some of the shots weren't bad. Our one guy was playing their six defensive guys and that's not good. Then we turned it over a few times."

And to make it even more frustrating for CC was the play of Northville sophomore goalie Jeff Varner, who stood on his head during the second half.

"Their goalie is really good and I respect that, but our from our standpoint, personally, I thought we could have played a lot better today," said Brennan Kamish, who finished with a team-best five goals while his younger brother Joey, a sophomore, added three. "The energy in the first half was all over the place. We were getting really juiced, but in the second half, coming out, we kind of took it lightly the third quarter and I think it went down then."

But the Shamrocks found some resolve after going scoreless in the third quarter.

"They key is just to stay calm and collected and just really work through the issues just one at a time and try and put one in the back of the net," Brennan Kamish said. "That was a terrible quarter on us. We still came out with the win and it's fortunate for us. But the way we played in that third quarter, and even parts of the fourth quarter, was not up to our standards we had hoped to play to."

A couple of saves Varner made during the second half were called "show stoppers" by Wilson.

"Varner played awesome," Durham said. "He had 13 or 14 saves and our defense played great. And I'll tell you, Abe Khoury shut down the best attack in the state. That kid (Peter Thompson) had no goals or assists. And he's awesome and we shut him down."

Salamone, a junior midfielder, paced Northville with four goals, while Tardich and Gingell both added two. Kevin Conder also chipped in a first-half goal.

"You could feel the momentum shift and that was a really good feeling for the whole team," Durham said of the third quarter. "We were getting pretty jacked up. But give kudos to CC. They're a great team. They're going to do well."

The Shamrocks are gunning for their fourth straight state finals appearance after finishing runner-up the past three seasons to 12-time defending champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

But that streak was nearly halted. "If we're not very careful about our effort level, then bad things can happen," Wilson said. "That was player addressed. So they realized it, but it's survive and move on and we're looking forward of getting a good day of practice tomorrow."

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BOYS GOLF

Catholic Central rules D1 regional by 29 strokes

Niles leads the way as medalist for Shamrocks

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Two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central brought Dunham Hills to its knees June 1 as the Shamrocks turned in another impressive showing with a four-player total of 285 to repeat as regional champions.

Also securing spots in the state finals Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Course were Clarkston (314) and host Hartland (315).

Northville placed fourth with 321. Howell (333), Livonia Stevenson (336), Novi (338), Brighton (340), Pinckney (342) and Milford (346) rounded out the top 10 in the 20-school field.

CC took the first four individual places, led by senior Sean Niles, an Oakland University signee who took medalist honors with 70.

"Sean continues to prove why he is one of the best players in the state," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. "As coaches, we are proud of just how far he has come from his freshman year. It's a tribute to all his hard work the last four years that he was medalist of regionals his senior year."

Georgia Tech signee Ben Smith was runner-up with 71, while James Piot (Michigan State) and Sean Sooch (Grand Valley State) tied for third with 72 each. Fifth player Dyllan Skinner contributed 73 to place sixth.

Northville coach Chris Cronin called CC "arguably" one of the best teams he's ever seen.



Catholic Central's first-place regional team included (from left) James Piot, Ben Smith, medalist Sean Niles, Sean Sooch and Dyllan Skinner.

"Those guys are absolutely unreal," Cronin said. "They collectively shot 1-over-par. They shoot 285 and the next closest team shoots a 314? They're 29 strokes better and that's four guys. That's over seven strokes per man better any team in the field. That's crazy to me. Hats off to Catholic Central. Everybody else was playing for second."

Three others earned spots as individual state qualifiers from the Dunham Hills regional: Northville senior Aaron Youmans and Howell junior Mike Kee, who both shot 78, and Milford senior Christian Golich, who carded 79.

Northville's other three scorers included junior Abhi Alluri, 14th (80); junior Saahith Mummadi, 18th (81); and senior Andrew Kearis, 23rd (82). The Mustangs' non-scorer was sophomore, Bill Barrott, 51st (89).

"Last week at the (KLAAs) Association tournament, I felt like we struggled down the stretch and we didn't finish, we played sub-par golf," Cronin said. "Plymouth opened up a window and we didn't take advantage of it."

Youmans, who entered the regional with a 77 scoring average for 18 holes, earned a top 10 finish with 73-75 in a 36-hole event May 13 at the East Lansing Classic, held at Michigan State's Forest Akers West and East courses.

"He's really had a steady, solid season," Cronin said. "He did not play well at the Association tournament, but the month of May has been a good month for him. I think that gave him a lot of confidence going into the states."

"To get out as an individual is really tough. He was the best of the non-team qualifiers and that's saying something."

I'm thrilled for him. He just had his all-around game working. He was consistently in the fairway and he wasn't making mistakes with his irons."

Keeping the ball below the hole was a key.

"You got to understand is where you put your shot is so important, because it sets up your next shot," Cronin said. "Aaron does that as well as anybody I've ever coached before. He was good on the greens today. They were rolled and they were fast and guys had trouble with them. He managed the greens and that was the most important thing today."

Meanwhile, Golich was coming off 84 the previous week at the KLAAs Association tournament at Bay Pointe G.C., but rebounded to earn his first individual state finals berth.

"Christian has had an up and down year, but he peaked at the right time," Milford coach Hugh Feld said. "The course played tough, requiring a lot of patience. He was able to stay focused and not dig himself a hole he couldn't get out of."

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 3 BOYS GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS
TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advantage to state finals):
1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 285 strokes; 2. Clarkston, 314; 3. Hartland, 315; 4. Northville, 321; 5. Howell, 333; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 336; 7. Novi, 338; 8. Brighton, 340; 9. Pinckney, 342; 10. Milford, 346; 11. Walled Lake Northern, 347; 12. White Lake Lakeland, 355; 13. Farmington, 359; 14. Walled Lake Central, 367; 15. South Lyon, 377; 16. West Bloomfield, 381; 17. Waterford Kettering, 388; 18. Waterford Mott, 401; 19. North Farmington, 406; 20. Walled Lake Western, 417.
Individual medalist: Sean Niles (Detroit CC), 70.
AREA INDIVIDUAL TEAM FINISHERS
Detroit CC (285): 1. Sean Niles, 70; 2. Ben Smith, 71; 3. (tie) James Piot and Sean Sooch, 72 each; 6. Dyllan Skinner, 73.
Northville (321): 9. Aaron Youmans, 78 (sq); 14. Abhi Alluri, 80; 18. Saahith Mummadi, 81; 23. Andrew Kearis, 82; 51. Will Barrott, 89.
Novi (338): 14. Mike Uffe, 80; 23. Derek DuBois, 82; 43. Chris Fisher, 87; 51. Ryan Welch, 89; 67. Jason Wenner, 93.

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PREP CREW

Northville rowers cap stellar spring season

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The Northville Rowing Club capped its competitive spring season by dominating the sculling events May 20 at the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan Championship Regatta at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

The SRAM Regatta featured 19 high school teams, with Northville senior Jackie Cole leading the way in the varsity singles sculls (two oars per rower) with a first-place time of 6:57.03, nearly four seconds ahead of the runner-up.

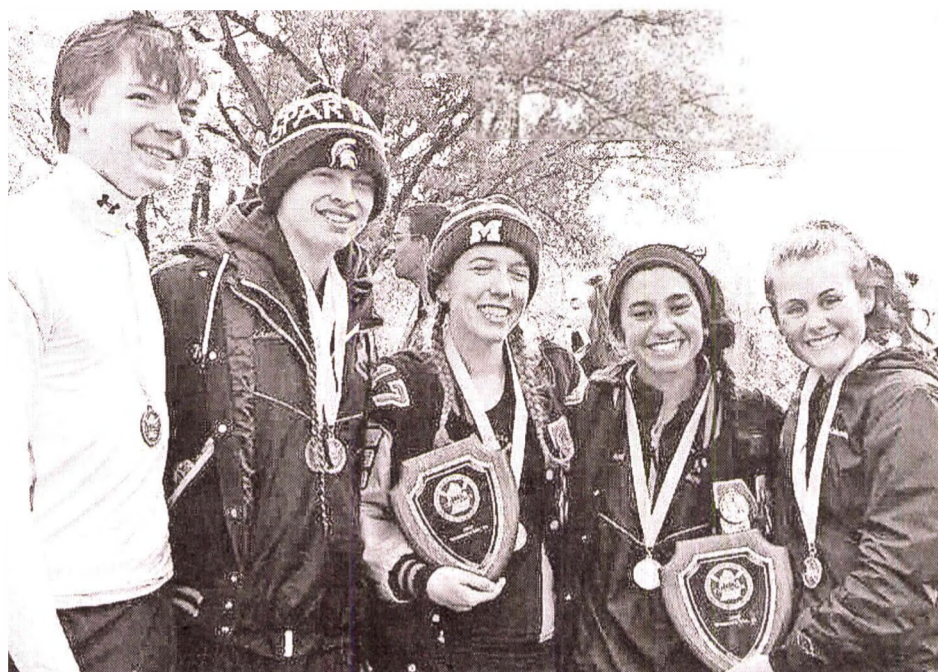
Seniors Maya Sankaran and Zoe King also captured the women's varsity doubles in 6:09.29.

Meanwhile, the men's varsity doubles team of seniors Frank Williams and Jacob Kerns took third (5:36.94), while Williams also earned a bronze in varsity singles (6:03.62).

"The team is growing and becoming more competitive," Northville rowing coach Nick Bickes said. "We are going to miss the leadership and commitment of our seniors. Our novice class of freshmen and sophomores made a great impact during their first year and will continue to make an impact over the next few years."

Northville also competed May 13-14 in the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta at Dillon State Park in Nashport, Ohio, a regional event that featured 46 teams from seven states.

Sankaran and King brought home a bronze medal in women's lightweight



Northville's state rowing medalists included (from left) Jacob Kerns, Frank Williams, Jackie Cole, Maya Sankaran and Zoe King.

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doubles (7:26.54).

Other top individual finishers included Williams, who took fifth in the men's varsity 'A' singles (6:52.59), and Kerns, who placed sixth in the men's varsity 'B' singles (7:07.16).

The Northville women's high school lightweight plus-eight team, led by senior coxswain Bethany Holub, finished sixth as freshman Allison Dunn, sophomore

Megan Roth, junior Madison Ozog, senior Shivani Vishwanath, senior Kate Westphal, senior Isabella Wood, King and Sankaran were clocked in 6:02.89.

The men's high school lightweight eight team, guided by freshman coxswain Ian Pattwell, also was sixth (6:02.89). The team included Williams, juniors Clayton Daniels and Aaron Shute, sophomore Andrew Crowell, along with freshmen

Brandon Liu, Pahul Kahlon and Christian Ozog.

On April 29, Northville's 50-member co-ed team placed third overall at the Hebda Cup hosted by the Wyandotte Boat Club.

The Mustangs' junior four-plus team of Cole, junior Belle Cureton, sophomore Sara Bennett, sophomore Sydney Kawakami, junior Rachel Winfield, along with sophomore coxswain Elyssa Daguanno, took first in 9:00.0.

The women's varsity four team of Cole, Cureton, Winfield and Bennett also placed first in 7:52.50.

Sankaran and King were first in the women's varsity doubles (8:43.7).

Northville sophomore Mitchell Encelewski also received an invitation to participate in the U.S. Rowing Junior Team Development Camp this summer.

"We are looking forward to improving our fitness and technique during summer training and into our fall season," Bickes said. "We wish the best of luck to the team's graduating seniors and hope they will continue to stay connected with the team as alumni."

Beginning Monday, Aug. 21, the NRC will host a "Learn to Row" camp for incoming students in grades 9-12 at the team's practice location at Ford Lake in Ypsilanti. No experience is required for the varsity club sport, which awards varsity letters.

Registration information will be available soon on www.NorthvilleRowing.com.

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BASEBALL

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that I was getting some help on the offensive side of the field," Schmidt said. "It was nice to break the no-run tie after the first inning."

Schmidt then did the rest as he closed out the Shamrocks in a five-inning run rule win, finishing with four strikeouts while walking only two.

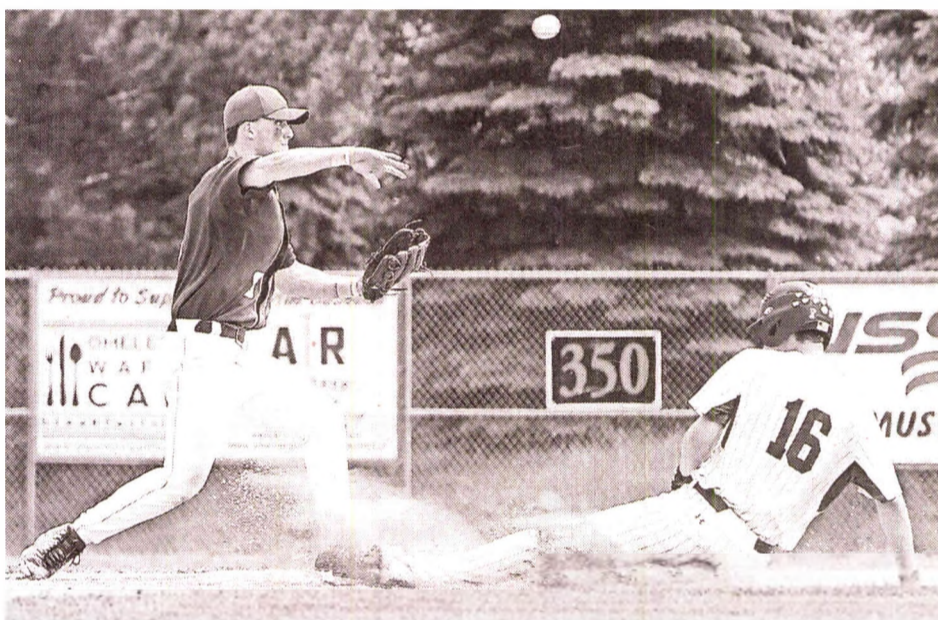
"The curve ball was working a lot," Schmidt said. "I was pretty good placing the fastball and my change-up worked a couple times, too."

Northville's pitching staff may not be overpowering, but it has been effective most of the season. The Mustangs also received a four-hit shutout from junior right-hander Jon Michalak in a 7-0 district semifinal triumph over South Lyon.

"They all throw a little bit different," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "We don't have guys that throw in the upper 80s (mph) or anything like that, but we've got guys that throw strikes and they compete. The biggest thing for me is, really, which one to throw because some guys have number ones and stuff, but we haven't rolled that way all season long. We just try to pick match-ups with our guys and put them in the best chance to be successful and it's worked out so far."

Northville's offense has also perked up down the stretch. The Mustangs out-hit CC, 15-3.

"It's just recently that our offense has been sparked," Kostrzewa said. "The last couple of weeks, we've been swinging the bat a lot better. Last week at Grosse Pointe North at a tournament, we really started to turn the corner.



CC's Joey Merucci (left) turns and throws for the attempted double play as Novi's Mitch Lys slides into the bag.

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We've got some young guys and they're starting to get comfortable in their roles. Christian Williams, a freshman, and Nick Prystash, a sophomore, had great at-bats in that game all day long and that really helps when you have young guys like that contributing."

After edging Novi in the first district semifinal of the day in nine innings, 3-2, CC coach Dan Michaels could only watch helplessly from the dugout during Northville's barrage of second-inning hits.

Michaels tried to stem the tide switching pitchers (to Billy Compton), but the damage had been done.

"Just everything they hit found a hole and, when it starts going south, it

starts going south," Michaels said. "We made a base-running error (in the second inning) and I believe it all starts from there, right? Second and third with one out and we run ourselves out of an inning. Once it went downhill, we just couldn't stop it."

Meanwhile, Shamrocks closer Cody Kanclerz had already logged three innings in getting the win in relief against Novi.

"Cody has pretty much been our late-inning guy," Michaels said. "He had thrown 51 pitches in the first game. I'm not sure he was open for an inning."

Despite the loss, Michaels felt the Shamrocks had a productive season. "We had a record close to .500," he

said. "We play in the tough Catholic League and we made it to the finals, played some real tough competition. We had some really, really good games and then a couple that were less than to be desired. The boys tried hard, they never gave up until the end here and it was tough when it was 7-0. All in all, we'd like the wins to be a little more, but I'm proud of the kids."

NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON 0: Alex Garback collected three hits and two RBIs as the Mustangs (24-10) blanked the Lions in the second district semifinal.

Aram Shahrigian added an RBI double, while Bill Flohr contributed an RBI in the Mustangs' eight-hit attack. Designated hitter Tyler Troyer scored three runs.

South Lyon starter Ethan Whitcomb, who took the loss, gave way to reliever Sean Cassel.

The Lions committed four errors and could muster only four hits off Northville starter Jon Michalak, who struck out six over seven innings.

DETROIT CC 3, NOVI 2: The Shamrocks (17-19-1) scored on a walk-off hit batsmen in the bottom of the ninth to oust the Wildcats (18-20-1) in the first district semifinal.

CC jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a RBI single by Nick Sykes and back-to-back doubles in the second by Joey Merucci and Jack Falinski.

Novi answered with a run in the top of the third on a walk to pitcher Alec Bageris, singles by Grant Pytel and Drew O'Connor and a hit by a pitch to Mike Hrit.

In the sixth, Novi tied it on a double by Brian Wendt, a hit batter by Bageris and an RBI ground out by Nathan Wicks.

In the top of the eighth, CC center fielder Marcus Cipriano robbed Wendt of the potential go-ahead base hit with a diving catch. And in the top of the ninth, the Shamrocks saved the go-ahead run at the plate after a single by Nate Lys and a double by Pytel.

"They made a couple of nice plays, too, but we made three phenomenal plays that saved the game," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "The relay from (Zach) Peurach to (Johnny) Lobbia, then threw them out at the plate. Lobbia dove and made a play up the middle. And then that catch by Cipriano in center field. That's going to be one of the legends from Catholic Central baseball. It was a great play."

In the bottom of the ninth, Novi reliever Cam Czapski hit Cody Kanclerz to start the inning. Zach Peurach and Johnny Lobbia both singled to load the bases.

Czapski then hit Marty Foley to end the game forcing home the game-winning run.

Novi starter Alec Bageris went the first seven innings, reaching his pitch-count limit of 105 before giving way to Czapski.

The Shamrocks used three pitchers, with Nick O'Dea getting the start going two innings before Brendan Kassa came on to pitch four scoreless innings. Kanclerz, who gave up a run, went the final three innings.

Pytel had three hits, while Nathan Lys added two.

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ball in the box with only one second left.

"When you play a team of the ability of Stevenson, which is a very good team, a lot of times it comes down to set pieces," Pfeiffer said. "And I give our girls so much credit, because there was only 13 seconds when that ball went out. And Gracie (Backus), one of our captains, hustled over there, set the ball down and puts the ball into the box. If she doesn't do that with only 13 seconds, that PK never happens."

The Wildcats used their halftime talk to get re-focused and re-energized.

Novi then struck twice during the first 10 minutes of the second half to build a 3-0 advantage, as senior forward Annie Fisher scored on back-to-back goals from fellow senior forward Bailey Baumbick with 37:17 and 31:04 remaining.

Novi's Laine Fenchel, a junior forward, then put the game out of reach on a goal with 19:49 to go, off an assist from sophomore defender Riley Balconi, to make it 4-0.

"All four of our goals came as a result of corner kicks," Pfeiffer said. "And we worked on that yesterday. We talked about as you get further and further in the tournament, you're going to keep playing teams that are just as good, if not better than you and a lot of times it comes down to we're not going to get the opportunities like we had against (Walled Lake) Western, not going to get the opportunities like we did against South Lyon. We knew that today, so it was important to take ad-



Novi players and coaches celebrate after winning the Division 1 district crown Saturday against Stevenson.

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vantage of the opportunities when they were there."

With 9:25 left, Stevenson freshman Abby Werthman scored from fellow freshman Meredith Hage to avert the shutout, but it was too little, too late.

The first-half PK by Stadtherr seemed to deflate the Spartans.

"It's a game-changing moment and there's nothing else you could say about it other than it changed our complete vibe at halftime and how the second half went," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "There was no way to

get it back. It just crushed us."

The Spartans, who lost one of their key players (Megan Verant) to a knee injury midway through the season, were also missing top scorer Audrey Kopitz (25 goals, 15 assists). The junior forward went down with a knee injury May 31 in Stevenson's 2-1 marathon 14-round shootout victory over host Northville.

Both of Stevenson's defeats this season came against the Wildcats, who hope to make another run to the final four.

"Seventeen wins and two losses ... a lot of people would like to have that," Shingledecker said. "But I'm super-proud of the players. The girls are a great group. But it's a little bit of what if and what it might have been. It feels a little unfinished and it's a bummer. The kids put in the work during the off-season and you hope you're going to get a fair chance winning the whole thing and it never really happened."

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AREA EVENTS

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June meeting canceled

Creative Writing Group, which normally meets 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Huron Valley Council for the Arts...

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Join The Milford Public Library for its summer reading program kickoff party anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17.

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A wide variety of items, including clothing, household items and toys, will be available. Questions? Call 248-437-0760.

Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square.

from the Marquis Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday through Aug. 25. The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll.

Milford summer concerts

- The Milford Township Concert Committee presents the Summer Concert Series for 2017 at the LaFontaine Family Amphitheater in Central Park on Main Street in downtown Milford. Free concerts run 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Week of June 11: Champion Force Cheer Program; Tae Kwon Do Beginner; Learning the Benefits of Fermenting; Mom's Camera Class; Intro to Youth Paddleboarding; Adult Men's Soccer League; and Family & Adult Intro to Paddleboarding.

Tea party meets

Lakes Area Tea Party will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m., June 12, at Big Tommy's Parthenon, 40380 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Sandbox Play Festival

The Sandbox Play Festival began to create more opportunities for local playwrights to have their work produced, for directors to gain experience and for our very talented actors to work in a professional theater setting.

the Hutton Street entrance on the southwest side of the building, adjacent to Mary Alexander Court.

Register for teen camp

Novi Youth Assistance announces that registration has begun for the Summer Teen Center. Camp begins June 19 and runs until Aug. 3 and is held at the Novi High School cafeteria.

Build A Better World!

The Northville District Library's youth summer reading program begins Friday, June 16, and runs through Aug. 12. Open to the littlest ones up through 2017 grads.

Play Fore Education

The Northville Educational Foundation is excited to announce the third annual Play Fore Education Golf Classic on June 20 at Northville Hills Golf Club.

The golf outing will feature a four-person scramble. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

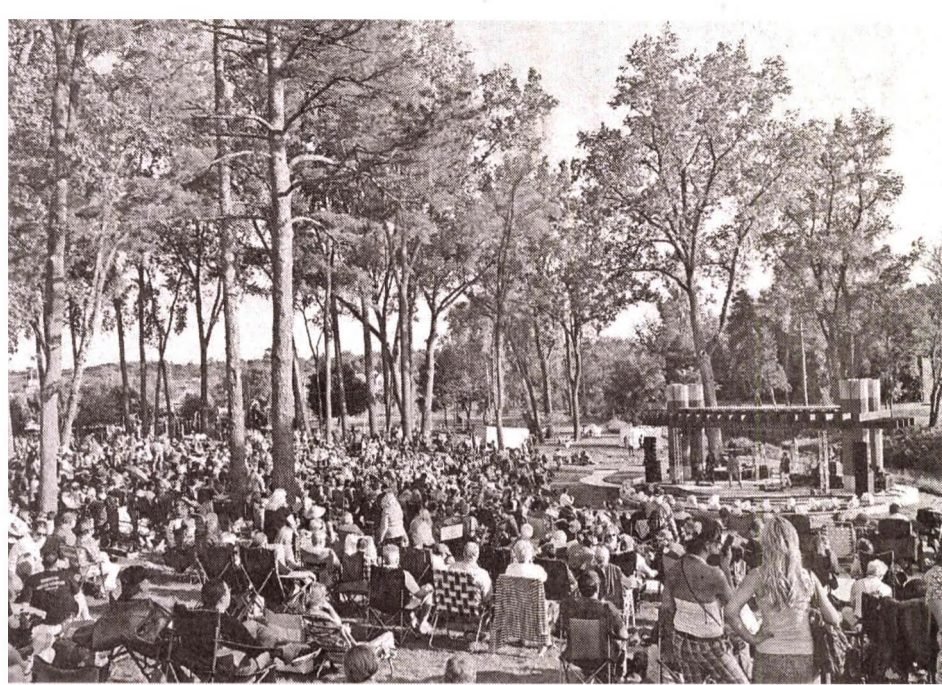
Tapped In The 'Ville

Tickets are on sale for Tapped in the 'Ville, Northville's inaugural craft beer festival. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Millennium Park.

The \$30 admission ticket includes 10 three-ounce tasting tickets, a 12-ounce festival mug and optional registration for the corn hole tournament.

Active Faith Golf Outing

Active Faith Community Services is in the planning stages of its 20th annual Golf Outing, an event that raises funds to help those in the community that are struggling to provide food for their family.



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Marilyn Eales age 87, passed away May 29, 2017. She was born January 16, 1930 in Detroit, daughter of the late Harold and Helen (Munck) Eales.



Ingeborg passed away peacefully on May 15, 2017 in Northville, Michigan. Born Ingeborg Rothenpieler on January 7, 1934 in Gevelsberg, Germany.



Mary E. 95, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 28, 2017. She was born November 1, 1921 in Dolny Gorlice, Poland, daughter of the late Marek "Marko" and Melania Wozniak.

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Ingeborg served as a Docent at the Detroit Institute of Art for 12 years. She specialized in Northern European, Belgian and Dutch artworks and ancient German carvings.

Ingeborg traveled extensively with her husband and loved the discovery of new places and people. She loved long walks on the beach and was an avid watcher of Jeopardy.

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Impress the interviewer with these questions

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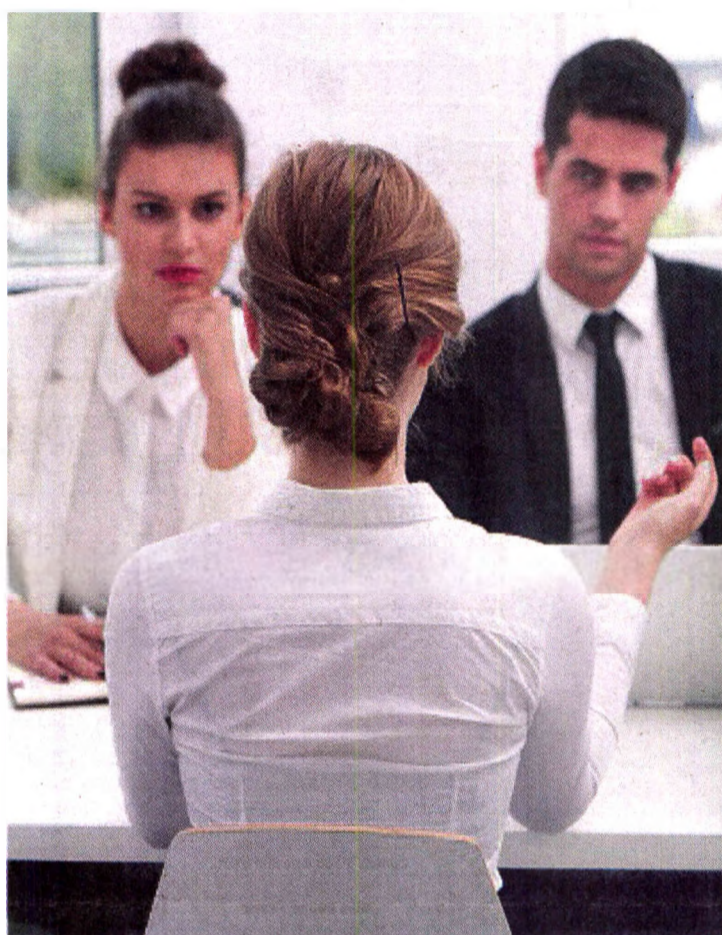
There comes a point in every interview when the tables turn and you have the opportunity to ask the questions. And it's a big opportunity. So don't waste it.

When it comes to impressing your interviewer, generic and uninspired questions just won't cut it. It's important to come prepared with a list of questions that will spark thoughtful conversation and differentiate you from the pack of other applicants.

Here are a few of the questions interviewers say helped candidates stand out and land the job.

Ask something.

It is never appropriate to decline the opportunity to ask more questions. Responses such as, "You've answered all my questions," or "I can't really think of anything at the moment," communicate a lack of preparedness and disinterest to the employers, says Elizabeth Minei, founder and CEO of EMinei Consulting, LLC. "There are no interviews so thorough that the candidate will be left with no questions," Minei says. "Prepare upwards of 10 questions, write them down in a notebook and have them easily accessible during the interview."



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Ask about competitors.

Employers want to know that you did more to prepare for the interview than print out your resume. It's important to demonstrate that you've researched both the company and the marketplace in which they compete. Asking questions about competitors achieves this goal.

Mat Patterson, customer

service manager at Campaign Monitor, recommends posing the following: "When I did some research, it looked like your closest competitors in the market are 'X' and 'Y.' What would you say are the core differences between you and them?" In addition to showing off market knowledge, questions like this gives the interviewer the opportunity to

ask you about your research and perspective, which will help you differentiate yourself from other candidates.

Ask about long-term goals for the position.

It's important to demonstrate to potential employers that you are capable of long-term commitment and are growth minded, says Minei. She suggests asking questions such as, "What are the added responsibilities that you anticipate this role taking on over time?" or "Do you envision this role will gain increased autonomy or leadership over time?" Asking questions like these communicates to employers you are interested in growing with the company and are not using the company as a stepping stone.

Ask why they work there.

Workplace culture is becoming an increasingly important differentiator among employers. Asking an interviewer why they continue to work for their company pushes the conversation in the direction of culture and shows you are concerned not only with finding a well-paying job, but also about finding the right "fit."

Ruth Wilson, director of development at Brightmont Academy, says that her favorite question is, "Why do

you continue to work here?" "It instantly puts me in my comfort zone of being able to talk about our culture and some of the non-tangible perks of working at Brightmont Academy," Wilson says. Questions like this lead to a discussion of the day-to-day life in the position, which causes the interviewer to envision you working at the company.

Ask if there is any reason they won't hire you.

It may seem like a big risk, but at the end of the interview you should directly ask if the employer has any reservations about hiring you. This closing question gives you the opportunity to address any concerns in the room before the door closes and the team begins their post-interview deliberations, says Anthony Richardson, general partner at Agility Collective.

If you decide to ask this question, be prepared to counter any potential concerns with evidence-based examples of how you can excel in an area an interviewer presumes you to be weak.

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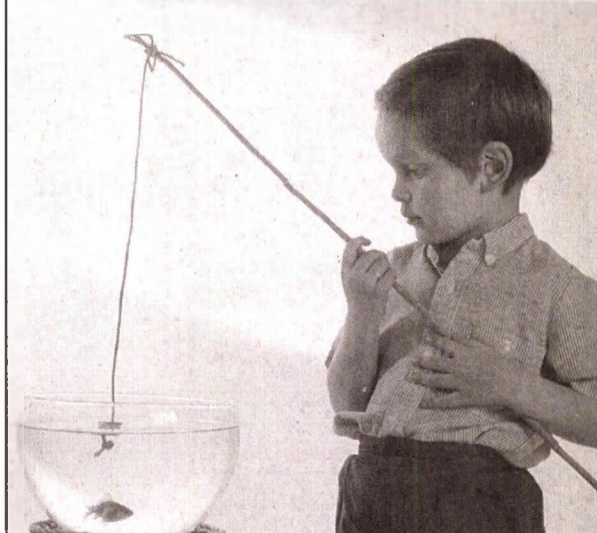
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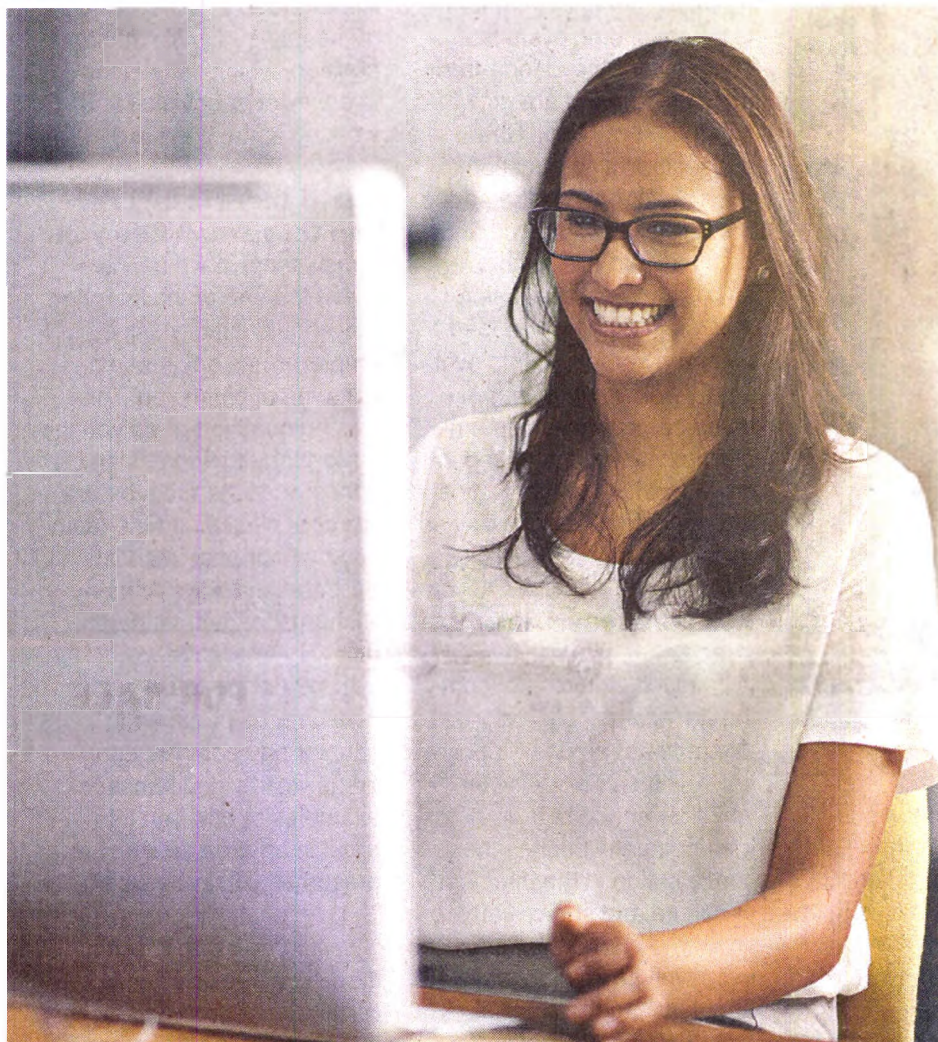
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Dry out
 - 6 Should the necessity arise
 - 14 Eye, kidney and heart
 - 20 Informed
 - 21 Grade on a salary scale
 - 22 Big chicken brand
 - 23 Rodent who helps couples end spats?
 - 25 Forced out of a country
 - 26 Squeezed (out)
 - 27 — polloi
 - 28 Untold millennia
 - 30 — bean (Old World plant)
 - 31 Stand for
 - 33 Rodent causing prices to increase over time?
 - 40 — "Haw"
 - 42 Visit briefly
 - 43 "By the way," on memos
 - 44 Frothy pie topping concocted by a rodent?
 - 50 Bit of a tortilla treat
 - 55 Spheres
 - 56 Cliff nests
 - 57 Seized
 - 59 Part of CD
 - 60 Throws in
 - 61 Actor Arnaz
 - 62 "Jazz" writer Morrison
 - 63 Serious rifts
 - 65 Rodent blurring out secrets?
 - 69 Shooters' gp.
 - 70 How cliffs incline
 - 72 Very bad grade
 - 73 Rodent who's a pop star?
 - 77 Fishing boat
 - 81 Chevy now called the Sonic
 - 82 Tune for two
 - 83 Utterances of disgust
 - 85 Ames' home
 - 86 Series with Agent 99
 - 88 Of the eyes
 - 91 Middle name of Poe
 - 92 Malia Obama's sis
 - 93 Rodent who was a U.S. president?
 - 96 Outrage
 - 98 Battery terminal
 - 99 Massive fight
 - 100 Revelation of all the relevant facts about a rodent?
 - 106 Nary a soul
 - 111 Shuffle or Mini
 - 112 Silvery gray
 - 113 Silver of film
 - 115 Special air
 - 116 Fight against
 - 118 Rodent-themed hit for Peter Paul and Mary?
 - 125 Franklin of soul music
 - 126 Bolsheviks' theory
 - 127 Laotian, say
 - 128 Eye liners?
 - 129 Infunates
 - 130 Idylls, e.g.
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Turned white
 - 2 Stirred from sleep
 - 3 Poe bird
 - 4 Ideology
 - 5 That woman
 - 6 — facto
 - 7 Muslim ascetic: Var.
 - 8 Sch. in Manhattan
 - 9 Manning the quarterback
 - 10 Suffix with auction
 - 11 TiVo is one, for short
 - 12 Stinging thing
 - 13 Actress Page
 - 14 Not in secret
 - 15 T. — (big dino)
 - 16 Petty swindle
 - 17 Old weep
 - 18 New, to Julio Stevenson
 - 19 Roomy auto
 - 24 Actor Charlie
 - 29 Sin
 - 32 Just — once
 - 34 Imitating sorts
 - 35 Spelling of the screen
 - 36 Mayberry tyke
 - 37 Fish parts
 - 38 Having one sharp, musically
 - 39 — that the truth!
 - 41 "My word!"
 - 44 Young guys
 - 45 Actor Stoltz of "Mask"
 - 46 Go well (with)
 - 47 Apple debut of 1984
 - 48 G.P.'s study
 - 49 Start of an expiration notice
 - 51 Deliberate choice
 - 52 China's — En-lai
 - 53 Pullets, e.g.
 - 54 Comics dog
 - 58 TV and radio stations
 - 60 "Jack & Jill" actress Peet
 - 61 Certain baseball hit: Abbr.
 - 64 — Lanka
 - 65 Roseanne's mom on "Roseanne"
 - 66 "Chi-Raq" director Spike
 - 67 Mo. #4
 - 68 Advanced deg. for a designer
 - 70 Arrange for
 - 71 Pec pic, say
 - 73 Binges
 - 74 Iris locale
 - 75 Filming sites
 - 76 "A Clockwork Orange" novelist Anthony Heaved
 - 77 Heaved
 - 78 Entertainer Falana
 - 79 Moviedom's McGregor
 - 80 Novelist Ayn
 - 83 Peptic problem
 - 84 With female chum
 - 87 Inn worker
 - 88 "Horror!"
 - 89 Co. big shots
 - 90 Language in Lahore
 - 91 Bnt's prefix for plane
 - 94 See
 - 94-Down "Wheel of Fortune"
 - 97 Ranch ropes
 - 100 Like the flu
 - 101 "Rigoletto," for one
 - 102 Doesn't win
 - 103 Plat of song
 - 104 Dish with kidney beans
 - 105 Make blank
 - 107 Low voice
 - 108 Navel type
 - 109 REM activity
 - 110 Tall stories
 - 114 Bits of resistance
 - 117 That woman
 - 119 Wet lowland
 - 120 Ld. relative
 - 121 Move hastily
 - 122 Raggedy
 - 123 Trash-talk
 - 124 Hiker's aid

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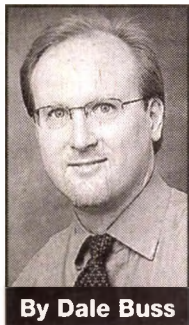
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Car Report

AUDI KEEPS POSTING RECORD MONTHLY SALES, AND THE 2017 Q7 SUV IS LEADING THE BRAND'S OUTSTANDING RESULTS



By Dale Busb

The Audi Q7 large SUV is about as hot as a vehicle can be. It is leading percentage gains in sales for Audi of America, which remains about as hot as any automaker in the United States these days, especially given how the overall market is leveling off.

A fully overhauled version of Audi's largest vehicle featuring useful high tech, greatly improved amenities, better fuel economy and some nice new exterior touches, the 2017 Audi Q7 came onto the market with just the right capabilities, style and presence — and at just the right time: as quiet gasoline prices and confident luxury buyers have come together to keep the premium-utility category smoking.

Audi just reported a phenomenal 77th consecutive month of record sales as well as the fifth-best sales month in

the brand's U.S. history. In May, Audi of America sold 19,197 vehicles, an increase of 2.5 percent over May 2016. And for the year to date, Audi sales rose by 6.5 percent over the first five months of last year.

Leading the parade for Audi was Q7. As total deliveries of Audi SUVs increased by 6 percent over last May and by 16 percent for the year to date, Q7 led the gains with an increase of 14 percent and the second-best month on record for the model.

And it's no wonder. All the premium automakers have been paying lots more attention to the booming SUV market over the last few years, but arguably no other has succeeded in trumping the Q7 that has sat atop Audi of America's utility-vehicle lineup for several years.

The new version, priced at \$49,000 to nearly \$90,000 for the priciest Prestige model, brings a quick powertrain, traditionally taut Audi handling, interior quiet, and lots of amenities that are helping keep Audi loyalists in the house and attract lots of other buyers as well.

The 333-horsepower, 3.0-liter V6



The Audi Q7 is hot, and there are many reasons why.

supercharged gasoline engine, and the eight-speed automatic transmission, provide plenty of thrust — actually, remarkable get-up-and-go for such a large vehicle, with none of the acceleration lag that is typically associated with big SUVs. The previous Q7 offered a diesel variant, and one whose diesel power Audi proudly promoted — but the Volkswagen emissions scandal has caused that version to go away.

In any event, the new Q7 generates 20 combined mpg, a respectable marque for such a large and capacious vehicle. The ride is soft, comfortable and quiet. Yet Q7 handles admirably in a variety of situations.

Another big draw for Q7 is the fact that it offers standard seating for seven, which remains a non-universal feature in the class. In fact, as a standard feature, it helps Q7 beat the BMW X5,

whose third row is only optional — and retailing for more than \$55,000.

And, of course, there's a luxury interior that helps separate Audi from luxury competitors and certainly from the mainstream. Leather seating is standard and wood trim is a nice touch. There's Audi's trademark contemporary design, and lots of soft and padded surfaces. The only drawback in the cockpit is a shifting system that is far from intuitive and takes quite a while to master.

A standard panoramic sunroof plays especially well in a vehicle with as large a roof as Q7 has. Tri-zone automatic climate control also is standard, enabling the setting of different temperatures for the driver, front passenger, and rear passengers.

Reviewers will tell you that Q7 has one of the smallest cargo areas in its class, with 14.8 cubic feet behind

the third row, 37.5 cubic feet behind the second row, and 71.6 cubic feet with both rear rows folded. I found the space plenty adequate for taking a run of household goods up north, ranging from a six-foot ladder to lamps, small tables and sundry other stuff.

However, I've got to admit I was disappointed when I took the Q7 to Pier One and couldn't manage to fit a medium-sized side chair in through the rear hatch. Seemed to me maybe the hatch could have been just a tad taller.



The second row of Q7 is about as roomy as they come.



The Q7's huge panoramic sunroof is a great feature for traveling.

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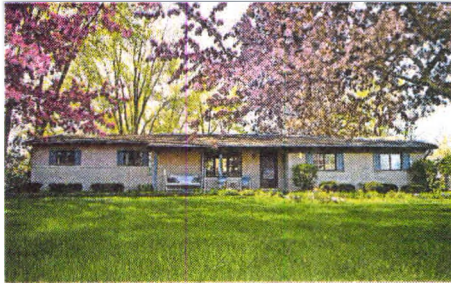
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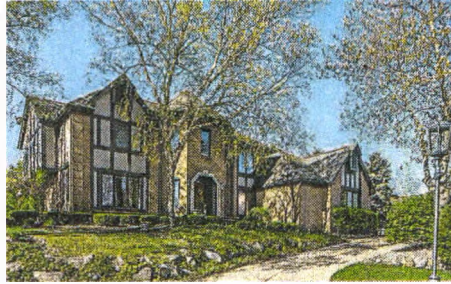
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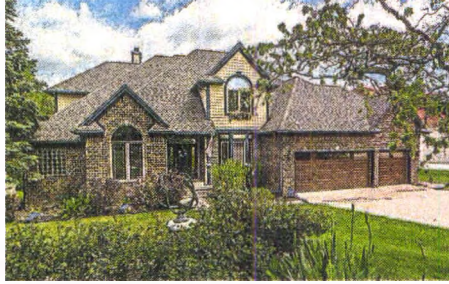
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 *This five bedroom, four and half bathroom, cozy cottage home has amazing lake views
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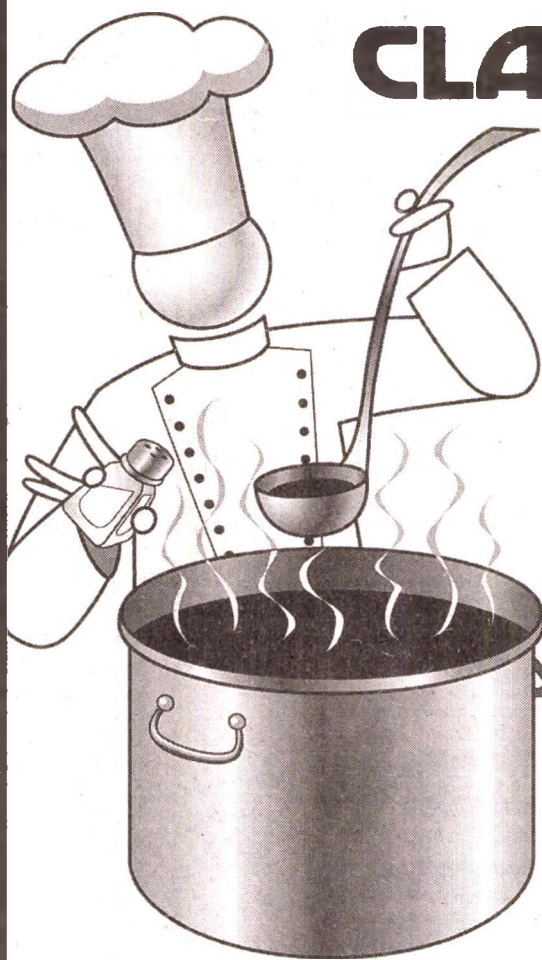
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SUMMER OF THRILLS THEME PARKS RAISE THE STAKES

The Na'vi River Journey introduces guests to *Avatar*'s Pandora in a serene float through a bioluminescent forest.

STEVEN DIAZ, DISNEY

ARTHUR LEVINE
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Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of the summer travel season, and what better way to celebrate than with new thrills? Theme parks around the USA will be opening new rides and attractions, but the biggest news falls to Disney, which just unveiled Pandora – The World of *Avatar* at Disney's Animal Kingdom, and *Guardians of the Galaxy – Mission: BREAKOUT!* at Disneyland. Not to be outdone, Universal Orlando has opened the gates to its new water park, Volcano Bay.

HEED THE DETAILS IN PANDORA

It might seem curious that Disney chose James Cameron's CGI-heavy *Avatar* as the source material for such an ambitious project. While the film generated enormous box office receipts, and sequels are on the way, it doesn't have the emotional resonance or the cultural cachet of, say, the *Star Wars* franchise (which will be enshrined as theme park lands in 2019 at both Disneyland and Disney World). But the land and its features are so compelling, they stand on their own.

"You come to us for transportive experiences," says Joe Rohde, Walt Disney Imagineering's portfolio creative executive and the visionary who has been leading the charge for both Pandora and the *Guardians* ride. "They are experiences you can't get anywhere else."

Even if visitors come to the park without remembering much — or anything — about *Avatar*, Rohde says that Pandora is designed so that they would be able to access and enjoy it. The land's details, he notes, help fill in the blanks and advance the story.

"You could choose to ignore detail and just come ride two rides," says Rohde, "but you'd be wasting your time. Please, pay attention to detail!"

Exotic vegetation and strange sounds envelop guests from the moment they walk across a bridge and enter the Valley of Mo'ara. The Imagineers have seamlessly blended real plants with ones they have conjured such as large pod-like flowers, multistemmed "spiny whips," and bluish "puffball" trees.

As visitors round a corner, the land's signature floating mountains are revealed. Through the use of forced perspective, they appear to be massive. Up close, guests can appreciate the mountains' intricate carvings.

Visitors experience a perpetually bioluminescent forest aboard the Na'vi River Journey. During the four-minute ride, passengers can see



The Magic Kingdom's new fireworks show, *Happily Ever After*, uses Cinderella Castle as canvas.

MATT STROSHANE/Disney

shimmering plants, native animals such as viperwolves, and the movie's indigenous Na'vi people, all under a canopy of darkness. The highlight of the ride is the Shaman of Songs, a 10-foot-tall animatronic character whose elegant movements are startlingly lifelike.

Avatar Flight of Passage is an E-Ticket ride that, as in the movie, "links" humans to avatars. A next-generation flying theater attraction, it takes the hang-gliding concept that the Imagineers developed for the popular *Soarin'* and cranks up the action to a giddy level. It simulates, quite effectively, the Na'vi rite of passage experience of riding on the back of a banshee.

THE GUARDIANS MIX THRILLS, SONG AND STORY

Like the films on which it is based, the tone at *Guardians of the Galaxy – Mission: BREAKOUT!* is lighter than at Pandora. That's partly why Disney chose the quirky intergalactic heroes for its first major Marvel attraction in the USA.

"There's something about the *Guardians* — an energy, irreverence, an atmosphere of fun," says Rohde. "I think (they provide) an interesting way to get in fast to something super energetic, accessible and loveable."

Disney California Adventure repurposed the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror building and ride system for the *Guardians* attraction. The former Hollywood Tower Hotel is now the fortress of The Collector, a shady character who scours the universe for precious objects — some of which are living — so that he can display them to VIP guests (i.e., you).



The Krakatau Aqua Coaster sends riders up- and downhill at Universal Orlando's Volcano Bay.

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Guardians' multiple drops and rises, with gut-wrenching falls and butterflies-in-your-stomach ascensions, seems more intense than the Tower of Terror. There are six ride sequences choreographed to six songs that might find their way onto one of Peter Quill's "awesome mix tapes." Culled from the 1960s and 1970s, the hits include the Edgar Winter Group's *Free Ride*.

VOLCANO BAY BRINGS SOME WET THRILLS TO UNIVERSAL

Over the past few months, motorists traveling through Orlando's theme park corridor along I-4 have seen a whimsical 200-foot-tall mountain taking shape. They might be more distracted now as waterfalls have begun roaring down the mountain by day and glowing, molten lava flows at night.

Krakatau volcano, as the folks at

More at Walt Disney World

RIVERS OF LIGHT, a new nighttime show at Disney's Animal Kingdom

HAPPILY EVER AFTER, a new fireworks show at the Magic Kingdom

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More new rides and attractions around the USA

INVADR at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, a new wooden coaster

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MYSTIC TIMBERS at Kings Island in Mason, Ohio, the park's 15th coaster

THE JOKER 4-D FREE FLY coasters at Six Flags Great America, Six Flags New England, and Six Flags Over Texas

JUSTICE LEAGUE: BATTLE FOR METROPOLIS interactive rides at Six Flags Over Georgia, Six Flags Great Adventure, and Six Flags Magic Mountain

VR ADDITIONS to coasters in SeaWorld Orlando and all Six Flags parks

Universal Orlando have dubbed the mountain, is the centerpiece of Universal's Volcano Bay. Spanning 30 acres, the new park features 18 attractions, including the Krakatau Aqua Coaster. Using linear induction motor technology (as opposed to the water blasters that power most water coasters), the ride sends passengers in canoes racing downhill and uphill through the volcano.

Other attractions include a multi-directional wave pool, a lazy river, multiple family raft rides, and speed slides that start at the apex of the 200-foot mountain. Guests can rent private two-level cabanas on the beach.

"We call Volcano Bay a 'water theme park,' because it's not going to feel like a typical park," says Thierry Coup, senior vice president of Universal Creative. "This is a whole different level. It's a theme park built around water."

Among the innovations, Coup says that some of the attractions incorporate media and other immersive storytelling techniques used at Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure. Perhaps the most anticipated advance is TapuTapu, the new crowd management system that Universal developed for the park. All visitors will need to make reservations to board the rides, and no one will wait in any lines.

Take the heat off your summer budget

ELIZABETH RENTER NERDWALLET

Summertime brings more than sunburns and barbecues — it can also send your monthly expenses through the roof. But with a little work now, you can enjoy the hot season and avoid pinching pennies in the fall.

“Ideally, one saves a little bit of money in each of the cooler months and then spends down those funds in the summer,” says Michael Schupak, founder of Schupak Financial Advisors in West New York, N.J. But, if you’ve failed to plan your budget that far ahead, all is not lost.

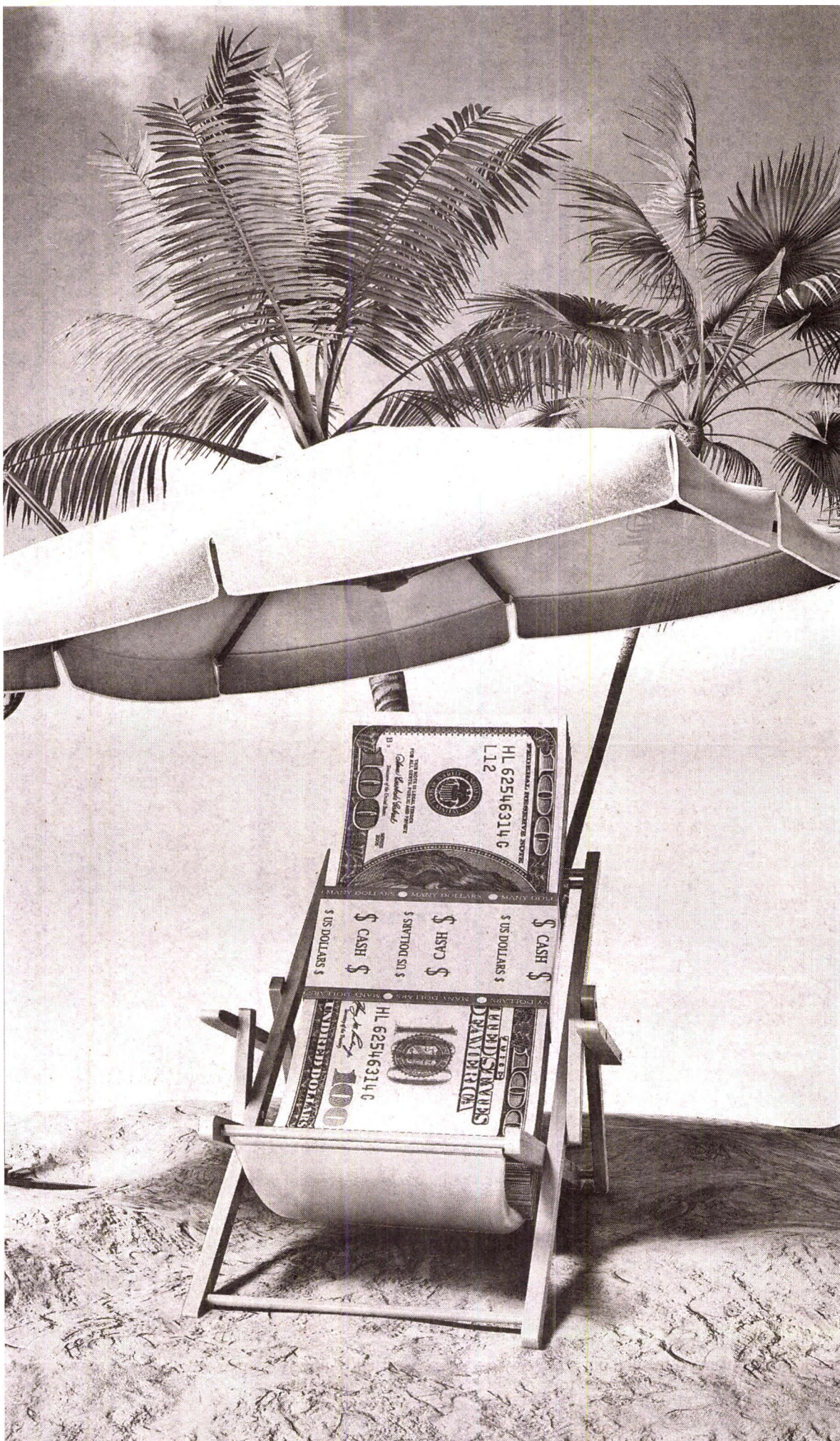
SAVING ON TRAVEL

Plan vacations wisely, paying for as much as possible in advance. Lodging, transportation and entertainment in many cases are less expensive when booked ahead. And getting started early means there will be less scrambling for money later.

If you’re down to the wire and don’t have enough money for a big trip, visit family who’ll put you up or plan a staycation this year. Crashing on a relative’s couch or being a tourist in your town may not be a dream vacation, but it is still a break and can give you a head start on saving for next year’s vacation.

SAVING WHILE AT HOME

On the homefront, find out if your utility company offers a flat rate plan. This can spread power, heating and cooling costs across 12 equal monthly payments, eliminating spikes on your bill caused by more people, such as school-age children, being at home



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Tips for cutting summer costs

- » Opt for free or cheap weekend activities.
- » Cut out streaming subscriptions.
- » Encourage older children to get a summer job for their own spending money.

during the day in summer.

Older children home for the summer may spend their days raiding the fridge. Couponing is one way to save on groceries, but it can take a lot of effort to see measurable payoff. Instead, encourage your kids to cook and limit convenience foods — those that are easy to eat mindlessly — on your shopping list.

If you are looking for supervised ac-

tivities for younger children, an overnight summer camp or full-time day care — generally the most-expensive choices — aren’t the only options.

If you didn’t budget for these big-ticket items, look for local day camps, which are often run by religious or community organizations and parks departments and cost a fraction of the cost of child care.

For next year, Schupak recommends estimating how much expenses climb in the summer and setting aside — through automation, if possible — a portion of each paycheck for a summer fund.

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Promoted without a raise? What to do if it happens to you

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You’ve worked hard, delivered results and are finally getting the acknowledgment you deserve in the form of a long-awaited promotion.

There’s just one problem: Your glorious new role doesn’t actually come with a bump in compensation.

It’s the sort of thing that happens more often than you’d think, so here’s how to handle the situation if it (unfortunately) arises.

CALL THE COMPANY OUT POLITELY

There may be a very good reason why your promotion doesn’t come with a raise. For example, if your company’s policy is to only give out raises at the start of the new calendar year, and you’re promoted in July, you may have to wait to get your hands on that extra cash.

Still, you deserve an explanation, and if your manager doesn’t offer one, you should know that you have every right to ask. As long as you inquire respectfully, your question shouldn’t trigger a whole lot

of backlash.

NEGOTIATE OTHER BENEFITS

Perhaps your company is on some sort of budgetary freeze or simply doesn’t have enough money to offer additional compensation immediately. If that’s the case, and you know your promotion is going to increase your workload, then it pays to negotiate some added perks in lieu of cash.

Try requesting an extra week of vacation, or the option to work from home more frequently to shave down your commuting costs.

Furthermore, if your absent raise is truly a matter of lacking finances, you might negotiate some sort of deal wherein you get priority the moment that cash flow picks up.

DECIDE IF IT PAYS TO DECLINE

If, despite your best efforts, you’re unable to secure an alternative means of compensation and your company is unwilling to make any raise-related promises with regard to your new role, then you’ll need to figure out whether it makes sense to accept it in the first place. Start by thinking



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about the responsibilities you’ll be taking on. Will they help boost your skill set and advance your career, or will you simply be doing more of the things you’re already doing in your current role?

Remember, even if your promotion doesn’t earn you extra money at your current job, working at a higher level for, say, a year might offer an opportunity to pursue a better-paying job elsewhere.

Will passing up that promotion impact your job security? There’s always the chance your company will view you as less of a team player if you decline a promotion that betters the business, but not you individually.

On the other hand, if your company’s management is reasonable, and you respectfully make your case, they might come to appreciate your honesty. Either way, take it as a sign that it may be time to start looking for a new job elsewhere.

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Suffering with Lyme disease? Keep fighting

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I was finally diagnosed with Lyme disease in January after months of various doctor visits. My struggle with the health care system started in October, when I made my first doctor's appointment for vague symptoms including fatigue, abdominal weight gain, constipation and some minor muscle pain.

After a variety of tests, there was no definitive answer as to what was the problem. The symptoms persisted and then multiplied: irregular heartbeats, pins and needle sensations, as well as numbness throughout my body, brain fog, mood swings and a feeling of restricted breathing. I felt as if any day could be my last, and I was scared to death.



Jennifer Achterberg

I switched doctors, and it was with the new provider that I was finally tested for Lyme disease — only to have test results come back negative. It turns out the blood tests for Lyme can be susceptible to false negatives depending on the stage of the disease. In the medical community there is disagreement about whether Lyme disease can ever be a chronic condition, but the Centers for Disease Control recognizes the long-term effects of Lyme disease as "post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome," which is treatable.

I was sent to a cardiologist, a rheumatologist and a neurologist. I was tested for everything under the sun; I could not believe that in the year 2016, science could not explain what was happening to me.

This was the all-time low in my life. I went from running eight miles a day to barely being able to walk at times. I was feeling worse and worse and no one could tell me why. Even a four-day stay at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota did not help me. I drove back to Wisconsin without a diagnosis.

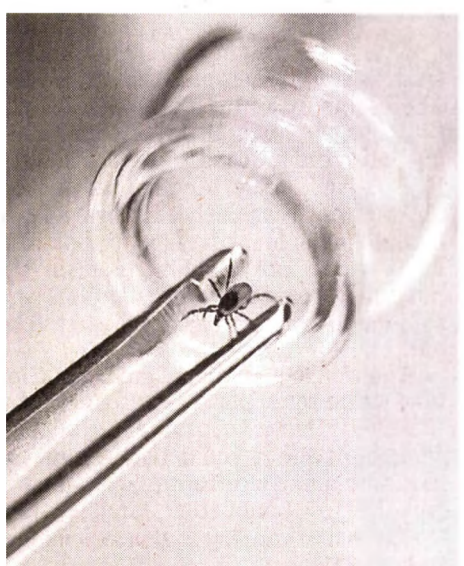
I was determined to get my health back, so I continued to seek out sources who might help me. My journey to healing began when I heard about a Lyme-literate medical doctor, something those in the community of people with Lyme call an LLMD. He asked me why I was in his office. In a desperate voice, I said, "You are my last hope. I have been tested for everything." After listening to my array of symptoms, he said he had no doubt I had Lyme disease.

I have been on a variety of treatments since my diagnosis, and I am on the slow path to recovery. I am not 100 percent myself yet, but I am doing much better. Still, I am deeply disturbed by this journey. I cannot believe that it took this long and this much of my own research to diagnose a disease that is so common in Wisconsin. And I am one of the lucky ones; many Lyme sufferers are either misdiagnosed or undiagnosed for years!

The number of people suffering with this disease is astounding. The CDC recognizes 300,000 diagnosed in the U.S. every year. Wisconsin, Minnesota, and 10 states along the eastern border make up the vast majority of that number.

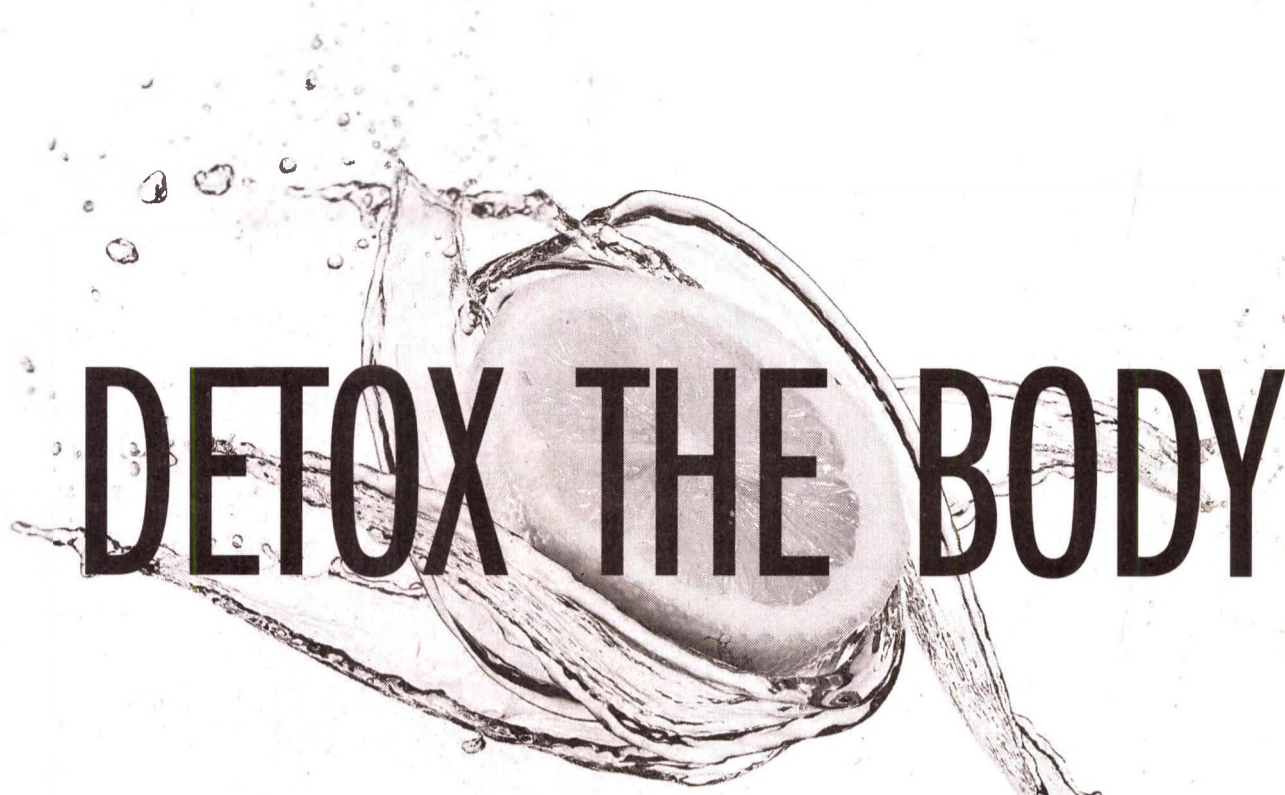
I encourage people to be their own advocates when it comes to their health. If your health deteriorates with no explanation, do not take a lack of diagnosis for an answer. I am not saying doctors do not want to help their patients; I am saying there is a lack of knowledge of this disease. If you feel you have Lyme do not passively wait for a diagnosis; seek out an LLMD.

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It's that time of year when ticks are an issue.



Right and wrong ways to cleanse

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GREEN BAY- To cleanse or not to cleanse? That is the question. Every day it's as if there's some new trendy fitness routine or fad diet inspiring people to get off the couch and put down the pizza. On the surface, it's great — people changing their lifestyle and eating habits. But it's only positive when measures taken to get trim are actually healthy.

Cleanses and detoxes are methods that have been around for centuries, thought to help people's insides feel better and potentially jump-start weight loss. It often involves ingesting only liquids for a certain amount of time as a way of fueling and re-hydrating the body, supposedly ridding it of nasty toxins.

But does it truly do all that? Furthermore, is it really all that healthy?

Turns out, it depends on three main things: Who you ask, the type of cleanse and how committed consumers are to making a dietary change and sticking to it.

Here are some takeaways from experts, including area physicians as well as a member of the local juice cleanse industry.

The purpose

Charlee Wilson, owner of Nectar — a juice, smoothie and infrared detox sauna bar in downtown Green Bay — said cleanses, specifically juice cleanses, give the body a break from solid foods, cleaning the digestive system of toxins that stem from eating foods with pesticides, preservatives, food coloring, artificial flavor enhancers, genetically modified organisms, fatty oils and more.

"It's kind of a funny comparison, but think of a car," she said. "If you put the wrong fuel into it, it's not going to work properly. You have to then think if you put fuel in your body the wrong way, it won't work the way it's supposed to either and it might need help getting back on track."

Lee Hyrkas, Bellin Health dietitian and performance nutrition specialist, takes a slightly different approach.

"In my line of work, when I hear the words cleanse or detox, I always think of some type of product that's trying to be sold and that's it," he said.

Evidence indicates the digestive system and the kidneys do a good job of detoxing the body on their own, so a cleanse likely won't make drastic changes in that respect, he said.

However, Hyrkas added, the value of cleanses done right is that it highlights the importance of keeping the body hydrated, which is integral in all functions.

Not all cleanses are created equal

Some ideas of cleanses have become distorted over the years.

Wilson said the internet is filled with DIY cleanses that are anything but healthy.

For example, an all-too-common one is to drink only warm tap water mixed with Cayenne pepper, lemon juice and maple syrup for 10 days, capping off with a laxative-infused tea each night.

"That is not a cleanse," Wilson said. "That's a crash diet and can be very dangerous."

Kristen Lindgren, Prevea Health physician, said this type of long-term cleanse can cause the body to go into starvation mode or ketosis, in which the body does not have enough carbohydrates so it starts burning stored fat instead. She said people might lose a couple pounds, but it hurts metabolism in the long run.

Wilson only offers her customers one- and two-day cleanses consisting of all-organic fruit and vegetable juices. She said she would never recommend consumers do more than two or three days.

Hyrkas agrees. If people want to incorporate nutrient-rich juices, he suggests doing so in moderation over a couple of days, maybe as a single meal replacement.

Protein is key, laxatives not so much

Lindgren said for some patients she'll prescribe a certain seven-day liver cleanse, but she only recommends it because it's combined with healthy solid foods that contain protein. Her fear, she said, is a lot of fad cleanse diets don't contain enough protein, which is key to healthy weight loss, building muscle, energizing the body and more.

Wilson is on the same page.

"Protein is essential," she said. "People need to know that." The easiest way to ensure a cleanse has the necessary protein is to incorporate protein-rich vegetables such as spinach or kale.

She also encourages consumers to question how companies juice. Some common juicers, she said, press fruits and vegetables in a way that the leftover juice contains hardly any vitamins and nutrients, including proteins. Cleansing locally versus ordering online, she said, allows consumers to ask these questions and see where their juice is coming from.

Regardless, skip the laxatives. Hyrkas said longer liquid diets and those that incorporate a laxative aren't friendly because they stimulate the digestive system too much. After a while, he said, the body can become dependent on it, requiring a laxative in order to go to the bathroom normally. He recommends normal doses of probiotics to promote a healthy digestive tract.

Nothing replaces a good diet and sticking to it

So there's a right way and a wrong way to cleanse. What the various experts also agree on is a cleanse doesn't make a person healthy outright. Nothing replaces a regular healthy diet and exercise.

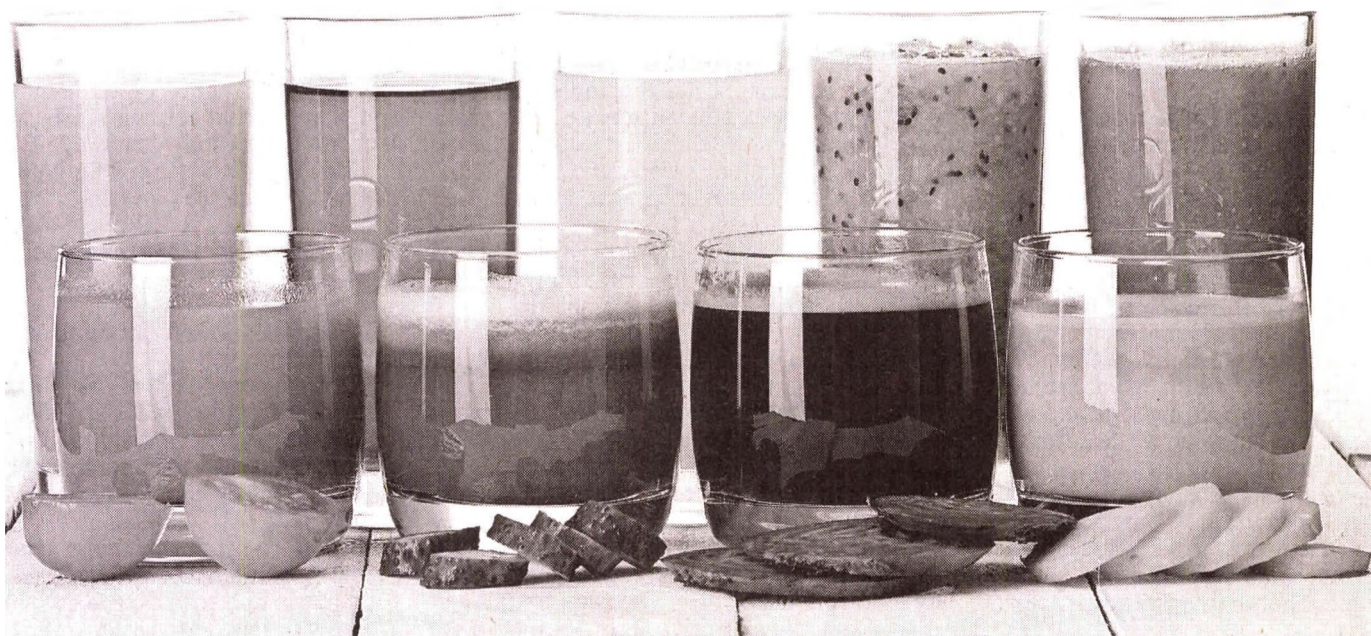
"It especially means nothing if after that one- or two-day cleanse, they return to going all out with foods that are bad for you," Hyrkas said.

Wilson admits she's happy to think someone might choose her juices or smoothies over fast food even once.

"Because then I know that person at least got some good nutrients that day," she said. She added any good juice cleanse will highlight the things to eat in the days leading up to and after it's over.

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Going all liquid for a couple of days as part of a cleansing can be a tricky proposition. Tread carefully.



TRAVEL

10Best: TV chef Katie Lee's favorite beach bites

Maybe it's the salt air, but there's something special about eating at the shore, says the host of *Beach Bites With Katie Lee*, which starts its second season on the Cooking Channel on June 1. "It's summer comfort food," says Lee. "It's casual and it makes you feel good." The chef, cookbook author and television personality shares some favorite bites with Larry Bleiberg for USA TODAY.

BRISKET JALAPENO POPPERS, THE GETAWAY,

T. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Lee recalls paddleboarding up to this waterfront restaurant and making a tasty discovery: peppers stuffed with brown-sugar-cooked brisket and cheese, wrapped in bacon. "They took it to another level," she says. "You get this sweet, smoky, salty taste with spiciness of jalapeno. It hits every note." thegetawaytampabay.com

PASSIONFRUIT CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES, SURFING GOAT DAIRY FARM, MAUI, HAWAII

The island of Maui has some of the best food in the country, Lee says. And one of her favorite spots is this dairy, where goats scamper over decorative surfboards. Lee got to return to her West Virginia roots when she milked the goats. But even more memorable were the chocolate truffles infused with locally grown passion fruit, which has a distinct sweet-sour flavor. "It tastes like something that is where you are," she says. surfinggoatdairy.com

NASTY G SANDWICH, HOG WILD BBQ, GULF SHORES, ALA.

This one menu item includes nearly everything that makes Alabama food famous: pulled pork, Gulf shrimp and white sauce – a spicy mayonnaise-based barbecue topping. It also has chicken



QUESO FUNDIDO, COASTERRA, SAN DIEGO

This waterfront Southern California eatery nods to its Mexican neighbors with a Monterey jack and Oaxacan cheese dip mixed with chorizo sausage and served with flour tortillas. "I had mine with a coconut margarita, and it was a great combination," Lee says. cohnrestaurants.com

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Coasterra pays homage to its Mexican neighbors with queso fundido served with flour tortillas.



BENJAMIN GALLAND, H2O CREATIVE GROUP

The crab hush puppies served at the Georgia Sea Grill on St. Simons Island take the humble hush puppy to a new level.

and cole slaw to round things out. "It was messy and absolutely what I wanted it to be, and I got it all over me," Lee says. hogwildgulfshores.com

CRAB HUSH PUPPIES, GEORGIA SEA GRILL, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA.

Lee doesn't mince her words about this dish, which takes the humble hush puppy to a new level. The seafood house staple is transformed by the addition of crab. "These are crazy-good," she says.

"You get these big chunks of crab meat with a wonderful herb dipping sauce. I've re-created this at home." georgiaseagrill.com

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER, THE BLACK PEARL, NEWPORT, R.I.

The restaurant's location on Bannister's Wharf overlooking Newport Harbor has made it a local institution. And all it took was one taste of its clam chowder to make Lee a fan. "It's so rich and velvety and indulgent," she says. "I didn't order anything else. I think I had two bowls, and took home a few cans." blackpearlnewport.com

ROPA VIEJA NACHOS ON PLANTAIN CHIPS, PARROT CLUB, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

This colorful Old San Juan restaurant puts a local twist on nachos, substituting plantain chips for tortilla chips and topping it with a shredded beef preparation popular in Cuba and throughout the Caribbean. "They've taken a traditional dish and made it their own. Have one of these with a rum drink and you're very, very happy," she says. parrotclubpr.com

APPLE FRITTERS, DONUT POST, LAKE HAVASU, ARIZ.

With 450 miles of shoreline, this inland

body of water is big enough to have its own beach food, says Lee, who particularly loves the freshly made fritters. "Every bite you take has plenty of apples and tons of cinnamon sugar on it," Lee says. "Get one with a cup of coffee and it's heaven on Earth." facebook.com/donutpost/

FRIED OYSTERS, SEA CAPTAIN'S HOUSE, MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

For Lee, who vacationed at Myrtle Beach as a child, this restaurant brings back memories. "It was my grandpa's favorite place," she says. But even if you have no connection to the area, you'll love the seafood on offer. "They're these big, plump, milky sweet oysters, just dusted in flour and fried perfectly crispy with just the right amount of batter," she says. seacaptains.com

LOBSTER ROLL, BOSTWICK'S CHOWDER HOUSE, EAST HAMPTON, N.Y.

Lee's a regular at this Hamptons favorite, and is a huge fan of their roll. It starts with a fresh mayonnaise-based lobster salad and comes on a split bun with fries on the side. "They make the best lobster roll in town. It's the classic Long Island beach bite," she says. bostwickschowderhouse.com

Why does so much food go to waste?

Lack of understanding food safety part of reason

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Americans don't set out to waste food. People don't buy an apple because they plan to throw it away. Instagram isn't filled with posts bragging about tossed leftovers. There isn't a pro-food-waste lobby in Washington.

So why do we waste more than a third of our food a year?

A handful of scholars wanted to find the answer. They conducted studies and found, in essence, that Americans waste food because we don't know another way, and because we can.

The first study to look at U.S. consumers' attitudes about food waste came out of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future in June 2015. One revelation was that having a leaky faucet or leaving lights on bothered people more than throwing away food did. But the gas created by food decay in landfills is a major environmental threat.

The second study, out of Ohio State University in 2016, found that a majority of Americans think food waste is a problem but find it difficult to reduce their own waste. Indeed, a quarter of respondents said they're too busy to change.

It's not all bad, though. There's hope for us yet.

Americans are "concerned about wasted food, and are interested in taking further action," the Johns Hopkins study said.

Our good intentions go bad

Americans are conditioned to seek out the freshest, most nutritious food.

Grocery stores stock only the most beautiful fruits and vegetables on displays that give the feeling of abundance. And why not? The produce department has some of the biggest profit margins in a grocery store.

Armed with the intent to feed ourselves and our families only the best, we fill our carts with "good fat" avocados, antioxidant-rich berries and all the fixings for that salad we're definitely going to bring to work this week.

And then life happens.

The avocados turn to mush. Those berries grow fuzzy before we know it. That salad becomes another thing we didn't get to this week. In the trash they go.



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Borderlands Food Bank in Nogales, Arizona warehouse is filled with rescued fresh produce.

Most of the time the reason the produce won't sell is because of cosmetic damages such as rain stains and discoloration.



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Sixty percent of people in the Johns Hopkins study said they threw away food out of a desire to eat the freshest foods. A similar number said the same in the Ohio State survey.

Across the globe, fruits and vegetables have the highest wastage rates of all food products, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Those fruits and vegetables are some of the most nutrient-dense food available. In a new study that's under review for publication, researchers at Johns Hopkins discovered that annual food waste represents 1,217 calories per person per day in America. That waste was high in protein, fiber, vitamin D and other things necessary for a healthy diet.

We are not self-aware

Americans think they waste less than their neighbors.

More than 70 percent of people in the Johns Hopkins study and more than 85 percent in the Ohio State study said they toss fewer foods than others do.

That's a "natural tendency," said Brian Roe, director of the Ohio State Food Waste Collaborative and co-author of the

university's study.

Food-waste reduction advocates say people should sort their trash to find out how much they waste. They say putting food scraps into a separate container from other trash for a few weeks will give you an accurate understanding of your behavior.

But sorting and measuring trash is a lot to ask of busy people, said Katy Franklin of ReFED, a non-profit aimed at reducing waste through a data-driven approach.

A much easier way to see what you waste is to keep your grocery receipt, she said. When you clean out your fridge or throw food away, highlight whatever got wasted on that receipt. It'll give you a snapshot on what you toss most often and how much it's really costing you.

Once you're aware of your habits, you can start to see the patterns.

We don't understand food safety

Americans would rather be safe than sorry.

Sixty-five percent of people in the Ohio State study said they discarded food because they worry about food poisoning. Of those respondents, 91 percent said they pay attention to date labels on food.

But more often than not those dates refer to quality, not safety. And most food-borne illness is caused by contamination along the supply line or improper

food handling, not from expired food.

Infant formula is the only food product with federal regulation for label dates. Everything else is left up to a patchwork of state and local laws.

Take milk, for example.

In most states, the date printed on milk cartons is 21 to 28 days after pasteurization. In Montana, that date is 12 days after pasteurization. When that date passes, retailers are not allowed to sell or donate the milk.

The Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic examined Montana's law in a documentary called "Expired? Food Waste in America." They pointed out that since milk is pasteurized, which removes potential contaminants, it's unlikely to make you sick if it's spoiled.

This year, two of the biggest trade groups in the grocery industry encouraged manufacturers to voluntarily adopt two standard phrases. The Food Marketing Institute and Grocery Manufacturers Association urge producers to label food with "Use By" if it's a highly perishable item for which there is a food-safety concern. Otherwise, food should be marked with a "Best If Used By" date to describe product quality, not safety.

The complications around date labeling come back to affordability. Most Americans can afford the "extra layer of safety" of basing their actions on a date label while those with tighter budgets "look at a label twice, sniff three times and then make a decision," said Roe, co-author of the Ohio State University study.

We can change

Americans might say reducing food waste is simple: Just stop throwing away wholesome food. But it's not that easy.

It's a fundamental shift in our thinking and actions, activists say.

That could mean buying less, or storing food more carefully so it lasts longer. It could mean learning how to cook with leftovers, or not minding them in the first place. Composting, donations and rallying to change laws are all on the table.

America has a national goal of cutting food waste by 50 percent by 2030.

ReFed thinks consumer education campaigns and innovation have huge potential to make a difference. In April, it launched an Innovator Database that tracks more than 400 organizations that fight food waste.

However we get there, Americans are setting out to waste less.