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Novi Woods Elementary unveils new Butterfly Land

Democrats to meet

Democrats of West Oakland County host its next meeting Tuesday, June 20, at the Novi United Methodist Church.

Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting features a panel discussion on running for office, organizing a campaign, the cost of running and who should be on the campaign team. The discussion is aimed at seats ranging from school board to state representative.

Novi United Methodist Church is at 41671 W. 10 Mile. For more information, go to www.dwoc.info.

WLCSO food program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district will participate in the Summer Food Service Program beginning Monday, June 19. This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Adults may purchase a meal for \$2.

Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail.

This program will run from Monday, June 19, through Friday, Aug. 18, with the exception of July 4.

For more information, contact the Walled Lake Schools' Food Service Department at 248-956-3081.

A project in the planning for three years, Butterfly Land at Novi Woods was unveiled at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony June 2.

Using a \$650 grant from the Wildflower Association of Michigan - as well as additional funding from the Novi Woods PTO - K-4 students were excited to see

the finished habitat.

"It's very pleasant for me because I see that everybody enjoys it," said 8-year-old Morgan, a Novi Woods second-grader who has been involved with the project from the beginning.

A few dozen people attended the event, including several artists from the high school,

school board Vice President Ann Glubzinski and city Councilman Andrew Mutch.

A brainchild of Stacy Tanner, an English Language Learners educator at Novi Woods, the butterfly garden was also a collaborative effort with art students from Novi High School, who created beautiful ceramic

art pieces for the outdoor space. "That really makes it all stand out," Morgan said of the ceramic figures scattered around the garden, which is located on the south end of the school building.

Novi Woods students had

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Jennifer Harvey (background) and her third- and fourth-year art students unveiled their Jurassic-inspired wall mural in the science hallway at Novi High School (from left): junior Min Hyeok Seo and seniors Miranda Rhea, Hannah "Oliver" Davis, Hannah Pickett and Emma Hammelef.

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ART STUDENTS LEAVE MURAL AS LASTING LEGACY

More than a dozen students committed approximately 1,000 combined hours to create a lasting legacy at Novi High School.

Using a beige wall as their canvas, Jennifer Harvey's art students produced an amazing work of art that will be visually enjoyed for years to come by

future students, teachers and staff. The Jurassic-inspired acrylic painting is located near Megan Chapin-Dube's classroom and features several creatures, highlighted by a bright blue sky and an orange raptor.

"It's going to be a source of inspiration for many, many

years to come," Principal Nicole Carter said. "It's just another prime example of how remarkable this high school is and how amazingly talented our students are. The mere fact that they would be willing to dedicate their time outside of the regular school day to leave their mark

on Novi High School is heart-warming."

The mural is Harvey's final visual contribution to the school as she is retiring at the end of the month. Under her tutelage, each of the past five graduating

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Compromise eyed in July 4 parade dispute

Matt Jachman
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The Northville Democratic Club is appealing a move that could keep its general membership from marching in the Northville Independence Day Parade, though a compromise was being considered earlier this week.

Club members met last week with representatives of the Northville Community Foundation, which sponsors the annual parade, to ask the foundation

board to reconsider its decision to bar the club from the parade, which is scheduled for July 4 in downtown Northville.

"We are not looking to fight," said Lisa DiRado, president of the club, which has more than 340 dues-paying members. "We are members of this community, we're an integral part and we just want to walk in the parade."

A compromise, however, that would allow Democratic precinct delegates to march was

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FILE PHOTO

Participants are surrounded by soap bubbles during the 2016 Independence Day Parade in Northville.

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classes has painted a hallway mural.

Harvey says she's astonished at the growth in each project's scope and complexity.

"Usually I'm a hands-off teacher. I teach them what they need to know," Harvey said. "You can't structure creativity. You can offer it up for technique and you can offer ideas, you can help with time management. But when you let them create, this is what happens and it gets better and

better. They have a passion for what they do. You can see it. You can see the detail that they put in it."

Led by extremely talented artists Hannah "Oliver" Davis and Miranda Rhea, the team managed to overcome obstacles, as well as a hectic spring, in order to meet their early June deadline. Even after graduating June 3, four seniors were back at school two days later to add a few more brush strokes to the mural and to remove protective plastic from the floor, ceiling and adjacent brick wall.

"The team environment is so interesting, sometimes difficult, but I would say ultimately very rewarding," said Davis, who will attend Detroit's College for Creative Studies in the fall.

The theme of the project, which took two months to complete, was a group decision.

"A couple people suggested doing dinosaurs for the earth science program since this is the last year it will be offered to incoming freshmen," Davis said. "I thought on the idea of dinosaurs and started brainstorming on different types of them. We were estimating doing 40 different raptor sketches and at least 10 different finished designs. I worked through a lot of

the design phase on my own and then Miranda came in and helped a lot, especially with the color stuff."

Seniors Emma Hammelef, Hannah Pickett and Kayla Savage all worked tirelessly on the project, which also received part-time contributions from Gabrielle Mack-Blamy, Jihye Choi, Rebecca Kemski, Shrinali Patel, Valarie Gray, Lisa Schechinger, Morgan Dickerson and junior Min Hyeok Seo.

All but one of the students who worked on this year's project plan to enter some artistic field as a career choice.

"Other than Emma, everybody here is going into art," Harvey said. "Art is important and this is how they are going to ply their trade in the

future, through creativity and hard work."

Hammelef, who is headed to Case Western Reserve University to study bio-medical engineering, said the team dynamic was a big gain for many of the project members.

"It's was definitely the teamwork," she said. "A lot of people had me stepping in and doing work off of what they were doing, so as much as I would like to apply my own style, I had to take into account their perspective on it and how they did versus how I would do it. So definitely, I would say that teamwork has been the biggest takeaway."

Those who see the painting will be challenged to locate some of the artists' hidden characters,

including a piece of Cheerios cereal embedded in the mural.

"Everybody was putting their little pieces in, like the turtle, the rat, the rabbit," Harvey said. "This is a jungle and we don't know everything that was back there, so I do kind of a 'Where's Waldo' where people can become intrigued and start looking for other small things."

During her freshman year, Hammelef said she never envisioned being part of Harvey's mural team. Now she's glad to have been a part of creating something so special.

"Yeah, that's pretty cool," she said. "I never really saw myself getting into art that much. ... But as it turned out, I was pretty good at it."

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enough funds to purchase eight different types of perennials – beardtongue, bluestem goldenrod, zigzag goldenrod, penstemon, common milkweed, swamp milkweed, heart-leaved aster and sweet everlasting – along with wood chips and mulch for cover used in the flower beds.

The hope is that butterflies will lay eggs on the leaves to create a lasting habitat for years to come.

"It means a lot to me, because I love butterflies and Monarch butterflies are endangered," second-grader Yuna said. "So I try to help out."

With Principal Dave Ascher's blessing, Tanner created a gardening group and, along with



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Students from Novi High School and Novi Woods pose for a photo in front of the new Butterfly Land outside of Novi Woods Elementary.

Rick Meader, the city of Novi's landscape architect, developed a plan.

"It's fun to see how enthusiastic they all are about this," Meader said. "They really are a great group of kids."

Tanner then enlisted visual arts teacher Erin Harbar, who made an assignment for roughly 75 of her high school art students. Working in

groups of four or five, the high schoolers conceptualized, researched and designed the art based on what they thought elementary school children would like.

"They were excited to do it for the little kids," Harbar said. "I think they were excited to have something on display for the community

and I think that led into the pride in the work, because it wasn't just for them. I think when you're doing something for other people outside yourself, especially when it's for students in the community, that makes things more exciting and makes them do their best work."

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Longtime YMCA volunteer honored for her service

The Metro Detroit YMCA recently paid tribute to volunteers and donors at its annual Living Our Cause celebration.

Held at the Boll Family YMCA in Detroit, the event honored individuals who have served and supported the YMCA in their communities, including Northville Township resident Linda Rose, who was honored with an Advocacy Award for nearly 20 years of volunteer service.

Rose was also recently recognized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce with a volunteer of the year award, presented during the chamber's Plymouth Showcase, held at the Inn at St. John's.

"It is certainly an honored to be recognized by both organizations," Rose, who currently serves as a YMCA board member, said in a press release. "My volunteer work with the Y started when my children were very young. They were Y kids, participating in everything from basketball to T-ball to dance. It was a natural fit to go from Y parent to Y volunteer."

Receiving the Advocacy Award is particularly gratifying as a Northville

resident, Rose said, because she believes that her role with the organization includes helping to make her community aware that the Plymouth Family YMCA also serves Northville. Although its office is located in the heart of Plymouth, the Y partners with facilities, parks and other organizations to bring programs and services to the community, including the Northville area.

"The Plymouth Family YMCA plays an active role in Northville in many ways," Rose said. "Over the years, the Y has facilitated youth sports programs in the community, the Youth Volunteer Corps participates in service projects in Northville and the Y currently offers Girls on the Run and Stride programs in many schools." Girls on the Run and Stride are 10-week programs for children in third to fifth grade, providing lessons on positive emotional, social, mental and physical development.

"The YMCA Living our Cause event was an opportunity for us to say thank you to the volunteers and donors who make what we do possible," said Scott Landry, president and chief executive officer of the Metro Detroit YMCA.



YMCA Advocacy Award recipient Linda Rose attended this year's Living Our Cause event with daughter Lia Busse.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Pickup stolen outside apartment complex

A pickup truck with work equipment in it — two post-hole diggers and a dolly — was reported stolen June 2 from an apartment complex on Wellington Drive in Novi.

The theft occurred between about 9 p.m. June 1 and 10:30 a.m. the next morning, according to a Novi Police Department report. The owner of the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado told police he hadn't heard anything during the night and that his dogs hadn't barked.

Church vandalism

Someone with a BB gun apparently shot up a light fixture, a new door and a gutter at the Church of the Holy Cross on 10 Mile in Novi.

The light fixture over a door had been shattered, a metal door about 30 feet away had been dented and a nearby gutter punctured with dime-sized holes, a police report said.

An employee told police the broken light fixture was discovered the morning of May 28, a Sunday, along with an empty beer can sitting in a nearby bush.

The dented door was new, the police report said, having just been replaced May 27.

— By Matt Jachman

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scheduled to be voted on Monday evening by the Community Foundation's board, executive director Jessica Striegle said. The foundation would also review its policy for future parades, she said.

The Democratic Club had walked in the Independence Day Parade in 2015 and 2016, bringing about 40 marchers, identified by a Northville Democratic Club banner, to the event each year, DiRado said.

But foundation officials are concerned that allowing a partisan organization into the parade could jeopardize its nonprofit status, a worry club members say is unfounded.

"Due to our tax-exempt status, we are prohibited by the IRS from directly or indirectly promoting any political organization," Striegle told the Northville City Council on June 5. Elected

officials are allowed to march, provided they do not campaign, Striegle said, because the foundation does not control who is or is not elected.

"Throughout the years, our goal has been to create a fun and celebratory event for the community. Each year, our staff and volunteers put in hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to produce a parade that is entertaining and festive, no matter which side of the aisle you are on," Striegle told council members.

This year's parade will be the 19th the foundation has sponsored. Striegle said Monday that the Democratic Club was allowed to participate in the 2015 parade because of a foundation oversight and that last year's participation was approved the morning of the parade, when club members showed up and said they hadn't been notified that the club's application had been denied.

DiRado said she was pleased that Community Foundation members agreed to meet.

"We had a nice discussion. I don't

think anything was settled" in the way club members had hoped, she said. "We didn't get the response we wanted, but it was very cordial and I think it's terrific to meet face to face."

Limiting Democratic participation to precinct delegates, DiRado said, is "not really the same thing," but is a compromise the club could accept.

"I would hope that they would eventually allow us to march as the Democratic Club," she added.

There are 28 local elected Democratic precinct delegates, not all of them club members, DiRado said, and close to 20 of them have applied to walk in the parade.

Striegle's remarks during the council meeting followed comments from dozens of people, not all of them Democratic Club members, who spoke in favor of allowing the club into the parade. The city issues a permit for the Independence Day Parade to the Community Foundation.

Linda Liedel of Northville Township, who is not a club member, said she had

been in Midland, which she characterized as a conservative city, for a Memorial Day parade and saw participation by four Democratic organizations.

"I find it incredible that a town like Midland can have it and we can't have it," Liedel told the council.

Mayor Ken Roth said the city would take a hands-off approach, but that he hoped the club and the Community Foundation could reach an agreement.

Requiring the foundation to allow participation by a specific group as a condition of the parade permit would make the parade a city, rather than a foundation, event, Roth said Monday.

"When the city starts controlling who is and isn't allowed to participate, it's now getting the city (into) the organization and logistics of the event," he said.

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The CrossBow band provided high energy Celtic music on a warm Sunday afternoon at the Motor City Irish Fest held last year at Greenmead in Livonia.

Motor City Irish Fest returns bigger than ever

David Veselenak
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Now that the Motor City Irish Festival has one year under its belt in Livonia, organizers hope its success will continue this year as well. The annual event celebrating all things Irish will return Friday through Sunday (June 16-18) to Greenmead Historical Park. Featuring 24 bands, Irish vendors, whiskey tasting and children's activities, the event is expected to attract thousands.

And this comes as certain aspects of the festival will see expansion because of so much success. "We are expanding. We're making a larger children's area," said Kevin Murphy, a Livonia resident and one of the organizers of the event. "Our bar area's going to be much larger." Murphy said the bar will double in size this year and will host the whiskey tasting event this year.

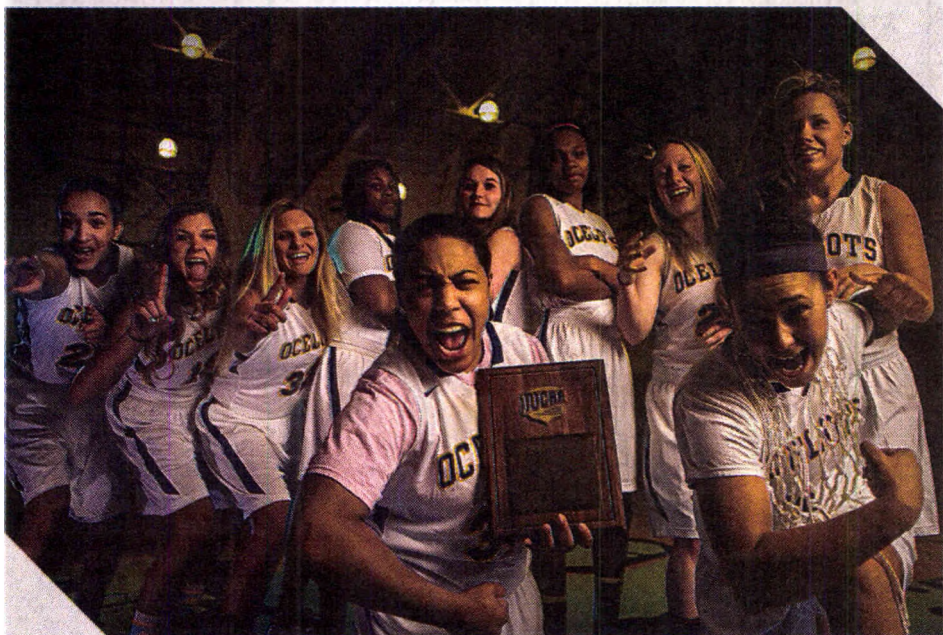
Also new this year will be bring special music coming from across the Atlantic Ocean. The Druids, an Irish rebel band, will travel to Livonia and perform at the festival, the first time a band straight from the Emerald Isle will perform at the Motor City Irish Fest. Murphy said the group only comes to the United States for two weeks out of the year to tour. He had a chance to hear it perform earlier this spring when it stopped by the

Ancient order of Hibernians hall in Redford Township. "They played here in March and it was just packed to the rafters," Murphy said. "They put on such a great show." Food offerings will include traditional Irish fish and chips, provided by the Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, in Livonia; as well as corned beef sandwiches, pizza, burgers and ice cream. Livonia Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan will serve as honorary chairwoman of the festival this year and brought Murphy to share news of the festival at Monday's

city council meeting. "It is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after events and festivals on the festival circuit," she said. "We work really hard to attract families to our community and this is one of the signature events each year that helps us to do exactly that." The festival moved from Western Graham Field in Redford last year, citing space concerns. The first year went so well, Murphy said, they were able to make such expansions to the bar and the children's area. He said organizers have also been pleased

with the site and the people the festival has worked with in Livonia. "What a great group of people to work with at Greenmead. Really impressed," Murphy said. Tickets for the three-day festival are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance. Tickets can be purchased before the event at Greenmead, the Claddagh, the Ancient Order of Hibernians hall at 25300 Five Mile in Redford and Murphy's Restaurant, 26009 Five Mile, in Redford.
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Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 7, 2017 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 25, 2017. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner of 718 Grandview, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new garage on the same site as the existing garage on premises zoned R-1B First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-003-02-0020-004. The City's Building Official evaluated the proposal and has determined that a four (4) foot side yard variance is required from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday July 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance requests will also be received at the above address.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2017-2018 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017-2018 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 27, 2017, a copy of the 2017-2018 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Willy Mena, Secretary
Novi Community School District Board of Education

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A close-up photo of a mat crocheted by Amelia Blasich shows how the plastic grocery bags are pieced together.

95-year-old makes mats for homeless people

LeAnne Rogers
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When Amelia Blasich heard from her daughter about an effort to make mats for homeless people utilizing plastic shopping bags, the 95-year old decided to give it a try.

"I said to my daughter, 'Why don't we do it? I crochet it. I have a big needle — I can tag anyone with it,'" said Blasich, who lives at South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation. "I figured I'm comfortable in bed, warm and taken care of. I can do this. It makes me feel good."

Blasich adds she doesn't want to be called a bag lady.

Her daughter, Joan Jones, preps the plastic bags so Blasich can make them into a mat. It involves flattening, folding and cutting the bags into strips.

"She calls me every

five minutes saying she is out of strips," Jones said.

The sleeping mat program is being done through the Women's Group at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg. They are distributed at no charge by Genesee Catholic Social Services of Flint at the Centers for Hope.

"There are sometimes not enough cots at the shelter, so they give them a pillow and blanket," Jones said. "They can sleep on it. They can take the mat with them if they want. They don't weigh much."

Largely bed-ridden, Blasich said she doesn't watch TV, but loves to read — James Michener and John Grisham are among her favorite authors.

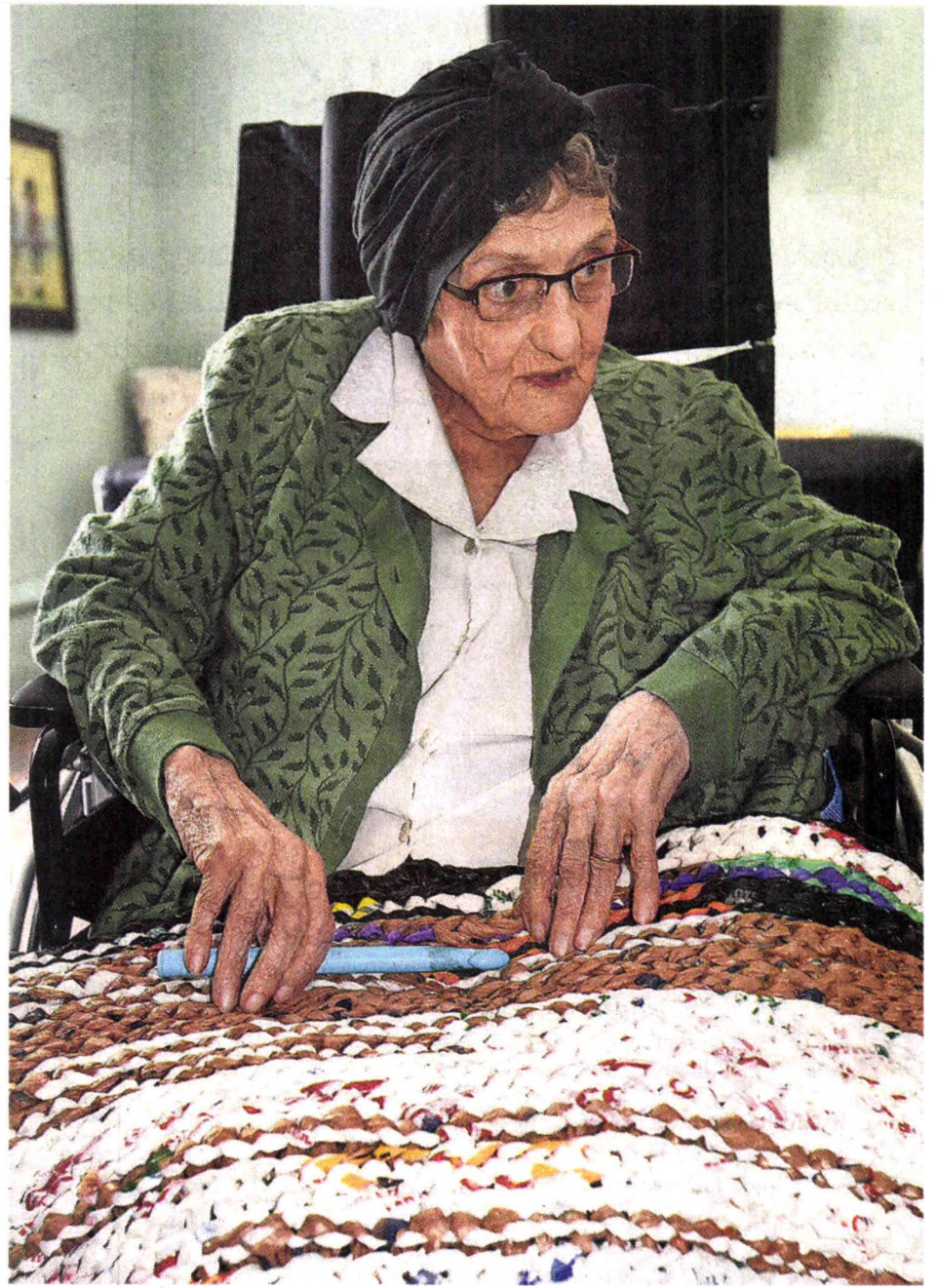
"I like to do anything with my hands and eyes. When you start losing the use of your legs, you

can't get around," Blasich said. "I always knitted and crocheted. I didn't think I could do it anymore — my fingers were so stiff. They're not stiff anymore."

While she has some physical challenges, Jones said her mother's memory is better than her own. Blasich regularly plays "Jeopardy!" against the facility social worker.

"I always get the question. When you are younger, you have a million and one things going on," Blasich said. "As you get older, you can think and remember. He (the social worker) says, 'I'll stop you today.' He never does. It's a lot of fun."

Blasich spent most of her life in Taylor. Her husband Victor died in 1984 — the couple had been married 43 years and had three children. Jones, her oldest child, had moved to Green Oak



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Amelia Blasich, 95, displays one of the mats she's crocheted out of plastic shopping bags. Blasich, a resident of South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation, makes mats — each taking about four days total to piece together — for a homeless shelter in Flint. They're used as sleeping mats so guests do not have to sleep directly on the floor.

Township about 45 years ago.

"I liked it up here. I was all alone and I wasn't quite making it. Joan investigated Colonial Acres," Blasich said. "I lived there nine or 10 years. I was very happy there. One day, I went into the hospital. I decided I didn't want to go back. I didn't want to be a

pain in the neck to my kids."

Blasich decided that she needed to go into a nursing home and came to South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation.

"I can't believe anyone would say they love a nursing home, but I do," Blasich said.

Long life seems to run in Blasich's family — her

sister is 90 and her brother is 92.

"You have to remember, life is chapters," she said. "You go on to the next. Doors slam and you have to go to the other side. If you don't accept it, you're an old grouch."

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Emily Finger, before and after competing in the Spree Pie-Eating Contest last year sponsored by the Livonia Observer.

Livonia Spree returns June 20

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Warm weather, school winding down and Memorial Day weekend wrapping up means one thing: the Livonia Spree is coming.

The annual festival, complete with food, rides and entertainment, will begin at 4 p.m. June 20 at Livonia's Ford Field. The Spree runs through June 25 with the finale fireworks over Farmington Road.

Many favorites are returning this year, Spree chairman Dan Spurling said, including the pig races, petting zoo and thrilling rides brought to town by Wade Shows.

"All in all, it's the same, good old Spree," he said. "Not making it bigger, just trying to make it better."

New this year will be a dart tournament, taking place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the main tent. New in location only will be this year's Wine, Brews and Tunes event, which takes place starting at 7 p.m. Friday. This year, the event has moved from outside to inside, taking place in Eddie Edgar Arena.

Plenty of entertainment will return to woo

Spree-goers, including Spree mainstays like 50 Amp Fuse, Steve King and Dittilies, Major Woody, the Killer Flamigos and Parallel Fifth.

Headlining the Saturday night show will be Captured Detroit, a Journey tribute band based in metro Detroit. The band will take the main stage at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"We've got a good lineup of entertainment," Spurling said.

Also returning this year will be the annual pie-eating contest, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric. The pies and all the messy goodness will take place at 6:30 p.m. June 21 at the kids tent, with registration taking place starting at 5 p.m.

This year's midway and rides will see all of the same favorites return, with Wade Shows bringing rides with some improvements to them. More than 40 rides will be available.

The company has retooled some of its rides, including the Zipper. Now, riders will be a little more open when on the thrill ride, as they've changed some of the cages.

"We sent our old Zipper back to the factor, and they retrofitted it,"

said Frank Zaitshik, owner of Wade Shows. "You can actually see what's going on outside as you spin around."

The Ring of Fire thrill ride has been rebranded as Free Bird, though it will still provide riders with 360 degrees of thrills. The Spider ride has also gotten a facelift.

Returning as well will be lockers for attendees to keep their items, as well as cellphone charging stations for those who run out of battery while Instagramming.

"That's one of our signatures," he said. "We're one of the only companies to provide free phone charging stations."

More information on all the activities and events can be found at livoniaspree.com.

Parking will still take place at Livonia City Hall, with shuttles running Spree-goers to Ford Field at no cost. Shuttles will run throughout each day Spree is open.

"Park over at city hall and ride in," Spurling said. "That's still the best deal in town."

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Newest Holocaust Memorial exhibit explores fashion

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus has announced its newest special exhibit, "Stitching History From The Holocaust," will open Thursday, June 22. On display through Dec. 29, it explores the true story of Paul and Hedvika (Hedy) Strnad, a Prague couple who tried to escape the onslaught of Nazi Germany and enter the United States, where Hedy could use her skills as a talented dressmaker.

Seeking an affidavit proving they could be financially independent in the United States, Paul sent a carefully written letter to his cousin Alvin in Milwaukee in 1939. Enclosed were eight sketches of Hedy's work. Unfortunately, the couple perished in the Holocaust before they had a chance to receive a response.

In 1997, Alvin's son Burton and his family discovered Paul's letter and the sketches while cleaning out his mother's basement. He donated his findings to the Milwaukee Jewish Histori-



Here are some of the eight recreations of Hedy Strnad's dresses, which were created by the Costume Shop of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

cal Society, which later became the Jewish Museum Milwaukee. When the museum opened, curators put the sketches and letter on display and, thanks to a visitor's suggestion, created and premiered an exhibit in 2014. Exploring fashion,

immigration and Holocaust history through one family's eyes, it is highlighted by eight recreations of Hedy's dresses, which were meticulously created with historic accuracy by the Costume Shop of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.



Paul and Hedvika (Hedy) Strnad were a Prague couple who tried to escape the onslaught of Nazi Germany and enter the United States.

"Stitching History From The Holocaust' serves as an example of what happens when human suffering is ignored," said Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center. "It also is an abject example of the immense

loss of the Holocaust. If Paul and Hedy had been able to escape the Nazis, who knows what kind of fashion empire she could have created, providing jobs and countless articles of beautiful clothing. Theirs is just one of many stories of what

could have been, the contributions to society taken away."

The Holocaust Memorial Center will host special docent-led tours of the display at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, and Aug. 13 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28.

The exhibit is generously supported by Rozie and Bernie Friedman, Lisa and Robert Gittleman, Sandra Seligman and Gilbert Glassberg, Nancy and James Grosfeld, Michael Liebowitz, Martina Venter and Frithjof Oldorff, Dorothy and Hershel Sandberg, Sara Guyer and Scott Straus, Malke and Gary Torgow, Anita and Ken Volk, Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg, Stacey and Marc Wittenberg, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts and Masco Corp. Foundation.

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Livonia resident named U.S. Navy Reserves Sailor of the Year

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Mark Brown sees his service in the U.S. Navy Reserves as his duty. That didn't diminish the fact that the Livonia resident was quite honored when selected by the Navy Reserves as Sailor of the Year earlier this spring.

"I say timing is everything. Timing worked out perfectly," said Brown, who was recently named a chief petty officer. "I didn't have the aspirations to become Sailor of

the Year. It was just keeping doing what I'm doing, take care of my people."

Brown was selected as the Sailor of the Year over thousands of other sailors nationwide. It was a selection process that took several months and involved Brown heading to Washington, D.C., as a finalist and again to receive the award.

He currently is assigned to the Naval Reserve Mobile Tactical Operations Center Detachment 273 and works out of Selfridge Air Na-

tional Guard Base in Harrison Township, as well as some support down in Jacksonville, Fla.

Brown competed against members in his unit before moving up to go against others in the region. After being selected up the chain, he was selected of the Sailor of the Year for his region, one of six.

In February, Brown said he got a call from the Pentagon, inviting him to be a finalist for Sailor of the Year and to come to Washington, D.C.



Chief Petty Officer Mark Brown salutes during the Memorial Day ceremony May 27 in Livonia.

The time spent in Washington involved speaking to superiors, such as the

chief of the Naval Reserves, and seeing the nation's capital.

Brown said he saw the camaraderie between the sailors, rather than a competition.

"So my wife and I got to go out in April," he said. "They call it a competition, but it really was a week of recognition. Because each of us were our respective No. 1's."

After that week, it was announced that Brown had been selected as Sailor of the Year during a ceremony. Brown said

emotions ran through him.

"They read my name and it's this incredible feeling. I just drop my head," he said. "It was just a super-emotional feeling that I never thought that would be on my radar, ever."

They returned to Washington in May for the pinning ceremony, which took place at the Navy Memorial.

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May Dubuc's sunken garden is said to be a mini Butchart Gardens.

The story behind the mini Butchart Gardens

The Country Garden Club of Northville was organized in 1977 and this year celebrates its 40th year in the Women's National Farm and Garden Organization. The following story is the second in a series of three articles submitted by the club featuring longstanding Garden Club members and their gardens.

May Dubuc joined the Country Garden Club of Northville branch of the WNFGA in 1987. She was very active in the garden club and tended her own garden until seven years ago, when she turned 85. She is a delightful, unique lady with vast gardening knowledge. May's garden has been featured on the Country Garden Club of Northville's garden walk several times.

May yearns to be in her garden, but accepts the fact that her body is not as agile as it used to be. She taught her helper, Patrice, everything she knows about gardening. May knows what she wants in her garden and Patrice makes it happen. They are a talented team.

If May is not visiting her grandchildren or showing off her garden to visitors, she can be found reading in her cheerful sun room. In this room, there is a painting of a man in coveralls, standing in front of a small, flat roof structure. The story behind the painting is fascinating.

May Dubuc's father, William Skinner, was born in Birmingham, England. His father was a gardener for a lush English estate. William worked alongside his dad planting, pruning, weeding and tending beautiful gardens from the time he was 6 years old. In 1912, when William was 16, England offered £500 to anyone willing to go to British Columbia to help settle this English territory in Canada. William and his friend Sid, an avid photographer, grabbed at the opportunity. The young men spent two weeks in steerage planning their new life while crossing the ocean. In Montreal, they hopped a freight train and rode in a box car across Canada. In B.C., William and Sid soon found a job with the Canadian Pacific Railroad working as gandy dancers (section hands).

They each purchased a half-acre parcel of land and constructed sturdy, basic, structures to live in. William's gardening background served him

well. He tilled the ground in front of his humble abode and planted a collection of seeds, creating a beautiful pallet of colors and vegetables to sustain him through the coming year. Following a year of hard but rewarding work, the energetic young men became homesick. They made the arduous three-week return journey to their families and their respective mother's home cooking. During his stay, William attended a dance at church and fell head over heels for 16-year-old Maude Clayton. She worked as a governess for a German couple. Her responsibilities included traveling with them and their two young children. As he listened to her story, William felt that he'd found a kindred spirit in this beautiful young woman. Maude, in turn, was fascinated by the handsome lad with his stories of the exciting land across the ocean. Before William departed, he announced that Maude had agreed to become his wife in a year. He could not stop thinking and planning for Maude's arrival. Maude saved every penny she could and purchased a beautiful wedding gown and trousseau for her new life. A year later, she boarded an ocean liner to meet her groom, filled with excitement and a heavy sadness, wondering how long would it be before she saw her mother, father and family again.

Accommodations in the steerage/cargo area of the ship were basic. Temporary partitions were constructed for "rooms." Access to the deck above was through a narrow passageway and up a steep ladder. Maude was sick for the entire two-week journey to Montreal.

Thankfully, the next six days of her trip on the railroad across Canada were better. Maude made friends and shared stories, hopes and dreams with fellow passengers. All the time thinking of being in William's arms made her giddy. However, his welcome as she stepped from the train was not at all what she'd pictured. Years later, when recalling her story, Maude could still feel her disappointment when William greeted her with a less than romantic, "Good day, Miss Clayton."

Maude spent the evening with William's



May Dubuc (left) poses with her longtime and sadly departed friend, Lillian Roller.

friends in town. He fetched her the following morning in his horse and buggy for their wedding. Unfortunately, her trunk did not arrive until three months after her arrival, so Maude was married in the dress that she had traveled in for three weeks. On the way to the church, as they drove past a store, a loose awning fell on Maude's head. She suffered a concussion and couldn't even remember the ceremony.

However, the concussion probably tempered the shock of the first glimpse of her new home. It was nothing like she had envisioned. The tiny structure contained only a potbelly stove, a table, chairs and a bed. Maude had given up a governess job that afforded countless luxuries for this? But the cottage's saving grace that made her smile was the magnificent garden blooming profusely in front of the house.

The young couple settled in and Maude made the best of it. They were blessed a year later with twins, a boy and a girl. The midwife who delivered the twins ad-

vised Maude to let the baby girl die as she was too tiny to nurse and to put her efforts into keeping the little boy alive. Maude was not about to give up on her tiny, baby girl. She ground barley from William's garden into a gruel and fed the twins with an eyedropper. The stove's warming drawer made a splendid incubator. The twins not only survived, they thrived. Thelma lived to age 94 and Fred to 77.

Two years later, baby Henry joined the family. The railroad had plans to extend the line up to Prince Rupert on Kaien Island, just off the coast of B.C., 40 miles from the Alaskan border. It was an excellent job, so William moved his family to the little town, but Maude refused to unpack for six weeks. (The daily rain was not to her liking.) Little did she know that Prince Rupert would be her home for the next 70 years.

Twelve years after the move, Maude and William received an "unexpected blessing." May was born and became the darling of the family. When May was 5, William surprised Maude with a trip back to England to see her family. Maude and May crossed the ocean, traveling in proper cabins on the main deck. Maude's little helper was always at her side. The cheerful little girl absorbed her father's love of gardening by helping him dig in the dirt to plant vegetables and beautiful flowers. William was a very devout Christian who read the Bible daily and his daughter loved listening to him.

By the time she went to school, May had absorbed much from being around her older siblings. She loved school and excelled in her studies. She told her mother that she wanted to be a teacher. After graduation, she enrolled in a teacher's college in the town of Victoria, on Vancouver Island, B.C. She discovered a hidden gem in Victoria: Butchart Gardens. The gardens were established by Jennie and Robert Butchart. They originally came to western Canada for the rich limestone deposits and opened a quarry and cement plant. When the limestone quarry was exhausted in 1909, Jennie set about turning it into a sunken garden. It was completed in 1912.

May spent every Sunday in her favorite place in the sunken garden. She loved the serenity and beauty of Jennie's creation. Her dream was to one day recreate this favorite place in her own garden.

World War II brought 10,000 American G.I.s to Prince Rupert. The 7½-mile island that had a fish processing plant as its largest industry was now turned into a bustling place. The local girls, including 17-year-old May, loved the excitement. She met Roger Dubuc at a dance. It didn't take him long to decide she was his "cup of tea." Three months later, he asked May's father for her hand in marriage. He said yes and so did May. She returned to Victoria to finish college and managed to see Roger on her school breaks. After graduation, her first job was in a one-room schoolhouse with 37 children in seven grades. She taught for three months until a new school was opened near Prince Rupert, where she could be near Roger.

Roger's unit was preparing to be sent over-

seas and they were given a 30-day furlough before departing. He convinced May to go back home with him to meet his family and arranged for her to ride with him on the troop train from Seattle to Detroit. The journey was interesting, to say the least. In Detroit, Roger's family embraced her with open arms.

The wedding date was set for the following year, so May returned home, saved her money from teaching and purchased her wedding gown and trousseau. By the time Roger's leave ended, the war was over and Roger was sent to New Orleans to complete his two years of service.

Unfortunately, a problem arose when the marriage paperwork was filed. The priest wouldn't grant permission for Roger to marry May because she wasn't Catholic. Roger wrote an angry letter to the priest that gave her a glimpse of him that she hadn't seen before and made her question whether he was the man for her. Subsequently, she traded her wedding trousseau for a teacher's wardrobe and went back to school. In four months, she had her teaching accreditation and a teaching degree.

Roger was heartbroken. He finished his military service and returned home to mope. May received a letter from Rogers' sister, pleading with her to marry him. Then the postman delivered an unexpected package from him containing an engagement ring. May still loved the handsome brute, so in spite of her original concerns, she relented and headed to Detroit. They were married Jan. 18, 1947. Three hundred people came to the wedding and May didn't know a soul. She wished that her mother and father could have afforded the trip to be at her wedding.

Roger and May raised seven children and moved four times over the years. May created a beautiful garden at each home. One home had an attached greenhouse, where May grew the annuals from seed for her gardens. Another home had a beautiful terraced yard, where Roger built an awesome tree house. May often dreamed of her favorite spot in Butchart Gar-

'HE STEPPED UP AND IT MADE A DIFFERENCE'

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While other motorists honked at a truck not moving at a stop sign, 16-year-old Howell High junior Max Greenwood jumped out of his truck and ended up being a good Samaritan.

It appeared the man at the wheel of the stopped truck was disoriented and needed help, Greenwood said. He later learned the man may have been suffering from low blood sugar.

"You preach to your kids that you need to do the right thing and when he did, I was really proud," his mother Mary Pudelko said. "In this day and age, when a lot of kids don't think about anyone but themselves, he stepped up and it made a difference."

"It's a person," Greenwood said of why he didn't hesitate to help the man. "If I was in his situation, I would want someone to help me. ... I stopped because I always try and make an effort to help people on the side of the road."

Greenwood was driving on Eager Road, near Golf Club Road, in Ocoola Township around 3 p.m. May 31, when he noticed the stopped truck.

"He didn't move when (the intersection) was clear of traffic, so I knew

something was up. At first, I thought he was broken down," he said.

Greenwood said the man seemed "really out of it" and had trouble remembering his name and where he was.

"A few people were honking and a couple of people passed him because they were frustrated he was stopped. I didn't want to just honk and be a dirt bag like that," he said.

Greenwood told the man to pull over to the side of Golf Club Road to get out of the way of traffic.

Two women had also pulled over to help the man.

"He told the women he thought his blood sugar was low," Greenwood said. "He got progressively worse. One of the women gave him a Coke to help his sugar levels, but I could tell it wasn't helping, so I called 9-1-1."

"When my son was telling me the story, I got emotional. I was like, you're only 16. How did you know to do this?" Pudelko said.

"What would have happened if I didn't help? If I didn't stop and drove past him, he could have tried to drive and then hit someone and someone could have died and I didn't want anyone to get hurt," Greenwood said.

He does not know the man's name and they did not exchange information.

"I'd like to know if he is OK. I have a feeling he was," he said.

EMS and 9-1-1 officials did not release information about the man's identity or medical condition due to federal medical privacy laws.

County 9-1-1 manager Joni Harvey said the next day it is "unusual" for a teenager to react like he did to a stranger's medical emergency.

"You don't see that often with the young ones. Usually, young people call one of their parents, who then calls 9-1-1. ... I think it's inspirational that a young person was trying to be a good Samaritan," Harvey said.



Max Greenwood, 16, stopped to help a driver who wasn't moving.

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dens, but there was never the opportunity or the right yard for it.

When Roger lost a leg in 1968, he told his bride that they needed a new home as he could not navigate a terraced yard. May was reluctant to give up her beautiful home and garden. One day, as they were driving around, Roger showed her a quarry on Beck Road, where he used to swim as a kid. A developer was building homes around the former quarry, now lake, to create a new community. The following day, a real estate agent knocked at May's door with papers to sign. When May explained to the agent that she hadn't bought anything, she was informed that her husband had. May was not happy about the news, but then a light bulb went off in her head. The double lot property could be the perfect place for her mini Butchart Garden. To appease his wife, Roger agreed that May could have her wish, but she wasn't taking any chances. She drew up a contract stating that she could have whatever it took to create her garden. Roger signed her contract and the work began. The landscaper couldn't believe May wanted to dig a sunken garden. He said most people bring dirt in, but she wanted to cart it out. May had a vision and she designed and chose everything herself. It took 10 years for her dream to come to fruition.

The resulting garden is stunning and a masterpiece of floral art. Many brides have had photos taken in it and visitors have remarked that it looks like Butchart Gar-



When May's father William died, her mother Maude found a sepia-toned postcard in his Bible, taken long ago by his friend Sid. It was a picture of William standing in front of his little cottage, with the field of flowers in front. Maude had never seen the photo before and knew that, if she had, she probably would not have joined William in Canada. May had this color painting made of this sepia postcard, her reminder of the fascinating story behind the painting and of her family heritage.

dens. May smiles when she hears that. She has

dedicated her garden to God and, before he died,

Roger made plaques with Bible verses on them to place among the flowers. Each spring, May and Patrice rededicate the garden to God. She thanks God for the wonderful life she had with Roger for 58 years and for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She feels truly blessed. She also opens her garden to anyone who enjoys gardening and invites friends to visit it and spend time in it. She believes that the garden brings healing and love.

Although May's garden is not on the 2017 walk, we have six beautiful new gardens to show you. The Northville Garden Walk is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 12. We have an exciting day planned, with vendors, music, complimentary homemade cookies and surprises. Go to <http://www.cgcnv.org> for more info and see us on Facebook.

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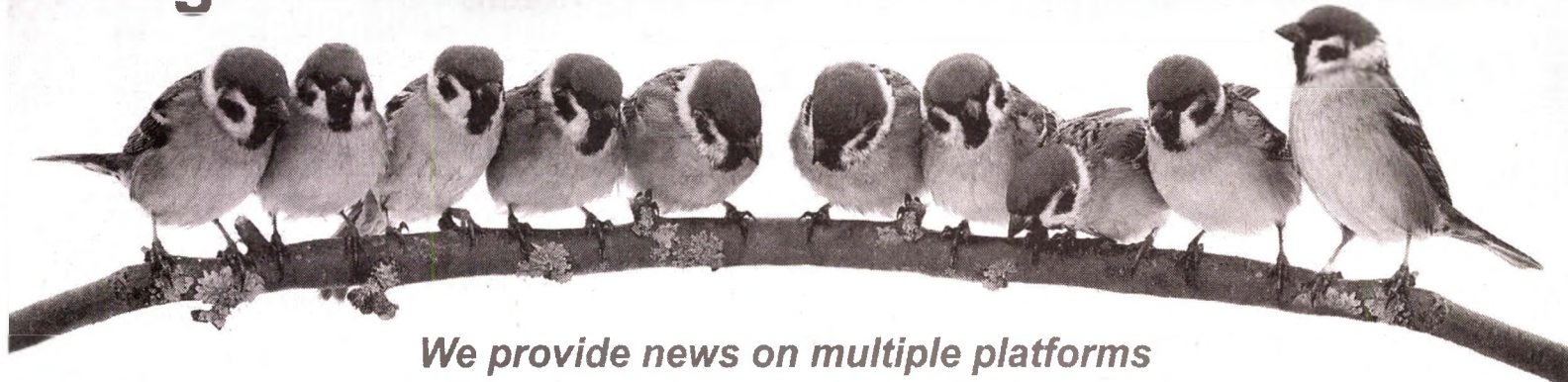
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On any given day in Michigan, you'll find someone "smurfing" at the local pharmacy.

Smurfing is the act of buying cold and allergy medicines containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) on behalf of criminals who plan to use the products to cook meth. Over-the-counter products such as Allegra-D, Claritan-D and Advil Cold and Sinus all contain PSE — a key ingredient in meth.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, at a press conference June 7 at the Mills Pharmacy & Apothecary in Birmingham, unveiled a new anti-smurfing campaign that targets people who are purchasing cold and allergy medicine for the wrong reasons.

"Don't be a smurf," Schuette said. "Don't be one of those who helps find the ingredients for the cooks in the meth labs."

Both said the best way to catch someone smurfing is through the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEX) system

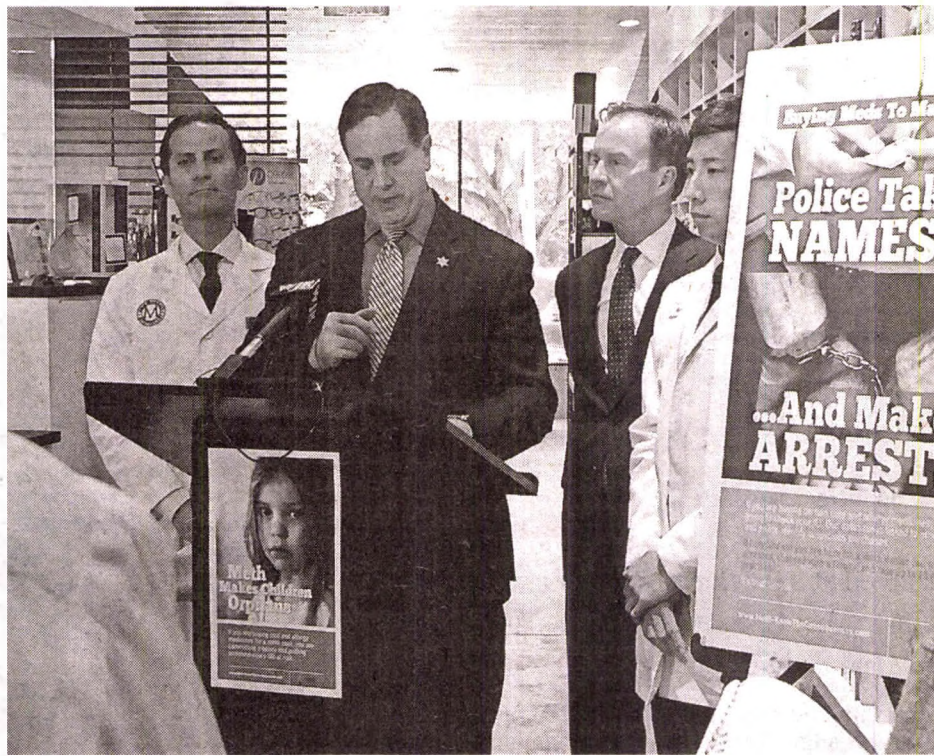
that records the purchase of products containing PSE. More than 2,000 pharmacies across the state are logged into the system.

Bouchard said law enforcement agencies will look for names that pop up repeatedly on the NPLEX system, especially if the person appears to be buying PSE products at different pharmacies. In 2016, 8,744 boxes of cold and allergy medicine were blocked from sale after being flagged as suspect by the NPLEX system.

One way criminals are getting around the NPLEX system is by recruiting people into buying PSE products for them. But there's a steep price to pay if you're caught: a person convicted of smurfing faces a penalty of up to one year in jail and a maximum \$5,000 fine.

Bouchard, a resident of Birmingham who lives near the Mills pharmacy, said meth and opioids can be found almost anywhere.

"Someone in your family or your circle has been affected," Bouchard said. "My daughter knows three girls she



Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard talks about the dangers of smurfing.

played soccer with who are dead. And she grew up with them about 800 feet from where we're standing. It affects every community in an incredibly sad way."

Does meth have a presence in Birmingham? Not according to a pair of Seaholm students

who were walking around downtown Birmingham last week.

Neither Tatyana Grauman nor Madison Daminato were familiar with the concept of smurfing. Both students said while marijuana is popular among some high school students in Birmingham,

hard drugs are not.

"Meth is not a problem," Daminato said.

Pharmacy owner Pierre Boutros, a member of the Birmingham City Commission, encouraged his fellow pharmacists to display posters in their stores promoting the anti-smurfing cam-

paign.

"I have a message for these criminals or for the people who are using the pseudoephedrine in the wrong way," Boutros said. "You are being watched. If you are smurfing for a meth cook, you will be caught."

The campaign is being coordinated with the Michigan Pharmacists Association. Eric Liu, director of professional affairs for the MPA, also attended the press conference.

"We stand strongly with our allies in law enforcement to fight against meth production, and we believe that the anti-smurfing campaign is a great resource," Liu said.

Schuette said meth is more popular in rural areas of Michigan, while heroin and cocaine are the drugs of choice in bigger cities and the suburbs. He said the key to the campaign is to discourage people from buying the cold and allergy products for another person.

"If you are a meth cook, we're going to get you," he said.

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Bills would make it hard for young smokers to get cigarettes

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

Smoking cigarettes would get a lot harder, especially for young people, under a package of bills introduced in the Legislature last week.

The bills would make it illegal to sell or furnish tobacco products to anyone under age 21. Now, the age is 18 for cigarette sales.

The bills also would ban tobacco product vending machines, online sales of cigarettes and change the infraction for selling to a minor from a misdemeanor crime to a civil infraction.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 36.5 million adults in the U.S. smoke cigarettes. In Michigan, 29.1% of high school youths report

using tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, and 10% say they smoke cigarettes.

Other bills introduced last week include a package sponsored by Democrats ensuring the civil rights of immigrants, including prohibiting police from arresting or detaining a person based on immigration status.

The bills came up in the same week that a House committee approved a pair of bills banning communities from adopting ordinances that would identify the town as a sanctuary city, unwilling to cooperate with federal immigration officials.

HB 4692: Designate a portion of M-53 as the Eric C. Post Memorial Highway. Sponsor: Rep. Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

HB 4693-95: Repeal licensing and fees for landscape architects and revise prohibition of contracts with public entities against indemnification provisions. Sponsors: Reps. Shane Hernandez, R-Port Huron, John Reilly, R-Oakland Township, Sue Allor, R-Wolverine.

HB 4696: Require reporting the number of juveniles under the age of 18 tried for felony or misdemeanors as adults. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

HB 4697: Expand definition of a disaster to include a cybersecurity incident. Sponsor: Rep. Patrick Green, D-Warren.

HB 4698: Exempt specific fuel oil from taxation. Sponsor: Rep. Jason Wentworth, R-Farwell.

HB 4699: Allow choice of vehicle registration plates at a reduced fee for disabled veterans. Sponsor: Rep. Jason Wentworth, R-Farwell.

HB 4700: Eliminate the provision that precinct delegates to file as a write-in candidate on election day. Sponsor: Rep. Jim Lilly, R-Macatawa.

HB 4701: Waive fees for Michigan limited liability companies for certain veterans. Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.

HB 4702: Provide for the automatic expungement of arrest records for wrongful arrest because of mistaken identity or identity theft. Sponsor: Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster.

HB 4703: Provide for supplemental allocation for certain school districts to pay down debt. Sponsor: Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster.

HB 4704: Allow local units of government to regulate use of consumer fireworks. Sponsor: Rep. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

HB 4705: Provide a training component in

drivers' education curriculum regarding protocol when pulled over by a law enforcement officer. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 4706-07: Enact the extreme risk protection act, allowing a judge to remove guns from a person who presents a danger to others or themselves and prohibit that person from purchasing a gun. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Wittenberg, D-Oak Park.

HB 4708: Allow schools, colleges and universities to purchase electricity from an alternative supplier. Sponsor: Rep. John Reilly, R-Oakland Township.

HB 4709: Provide for the regulation and licensing of certified anesthetist assistants. Sponsor: Rep. Hank Vaupel, R-Fowlerville.

HB 4710-11: Allow certain entities to prohibit the open display or carry of firearms. Sponsors: Reps. Jim Ellison, D-Royal Oak, Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4712: Require municipalities to bill customers for water or sewerage services on a

regular basis. Sponsor: Rep. LaTanya Garrett, D-Detroit.

HB 4713-14: Create a state division on behavioral health for deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing. Sponsors: Reps. Phil Phelps, D-Flushing, Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

HB 4715: Create a no-fault auto insurance fraud prevention authority. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 4716: Require termination of parental rights for subjecting a child to female genital mutilation. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 4717: Create a fund-raising license plate for the Michigan Humane Society. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4718: Modify the number of township landowners needed as a threshold for a petition to abandon or discontinue a highway. Sponsor: Rep. Steve Marino, R-Harrison Township.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-28.57

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 34, "UTILITIES," ARTICLE III, "SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM," DIVISION 3, "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE," SUBDIVISION XV, "SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 170 SEWER EXTENSION," SECTION 34-499.17, "THE NON-SAD PROPERTIES," IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF AN AVAILABILITY FEE ONCE THE ENTIRE INDEBTEDNESS UNDER SAD 170 HAS BEEN PAID.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 5, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-183.01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 21, "NUISANCES," ARTICLE II, "RELATED TO PROPERTY," DIVISION 8, "REFUSE COLLECTION," SECTION 144, "RECEPTACLES," IN ORDER TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENT OF REFUSE RECEPTACLES.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 5, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson,
City Clerk

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING TIME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is changing the commence time for its regular meetings to 7pm, unless otherwise noticed. This change is effective with the July 5, 2017 BZA meeting.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The 2017 meeting schedule is posted at the City of Northville Municipal Building and on the City of Northville's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

All meetings are subject to change. Any changes or special meetings called will be noticed as required by law.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.283

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 14-271, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED AT ARTICLE 5.0, "SITE STANDARDS," SECTION 5.5, "LANDSCAPE STANDARDS: OBSCURING EARTH BERMS AND WALLS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY BUFFERS, AND INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS" IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE THE LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS AND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 5th, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU17-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for PAUL GROUGAN INVESTMENTS, LLC is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary on site vehicle storage at parcel 50-22-24-251-010 and 50-22-24-251-002 north of Grand River Ave and west of Seeley Road from JULY 7, 2017 through JULY 7, 2018. The property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00AM on JULY 7, 2017 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to JULY 6, 2017 at 3PM.

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Can you travel the world without leaving Michigan?

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Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

Michigan has many towns with the same names as major cities around the country, 44 of them, all but one founded before 1900. Many were actually named after their counterparts in other states. Here they are, starting with Atlanta, Georgia; Portland, Ore.; and St. Louis, Mo.

Michigan's Atlanta is in Montmorency County, at M-32 and M-33. Named after the Georgia city, but a bit smaller (population 300).

Northwest of Lansing on I-96 in Ionia County is Portland. Sure, it's smaller (population 900) than the Portlands in Oregon and Maine, but look how close it is. It's named for its fine boat landings on the Grand and Looking Glass rivers.

St. Louis is a city of 7,500 in Gratiot County, off U.S. 127, north of Lansing founder Charles Gratiot named it after the one in Missouri.

The other 41 Michigan towns that share their names with some of our nation's larger cities include:

» Akron, in Tuscola County west of M-24, near Bay City. This village of 400 and its township were named after Akron, Ohio.

» Michigan's Augusta, closer but smaller (population 900) than the ones in Georgia and Maine, is in Kalamazoo County, west of Battle Creek. It was named after the city in Maine. It's also the home of Fort Custer National Cemetery.

» Michigan has two Austins. One is south of U.S. 12 in Hillsdale County and has 100 population.

The other Austin (population 200), founded 1901, is south of Marquette in the U.P. Neither Austin was named after the Texas capital.

» Bangor, a city of 1,800, is on M-43 in Van Buren County. Also a Bangor Township nearby. Named after the city in Maine.

» Closer by far than Montana is Billings, Gladwin County. It's part of Billings Township (population 700).

» Birmingham is a city of 20,000 in Oakland County. First called Bloomfield, it was renamed after the city in England, not the one in Alabama.

» Bismark, N.D., is has a counterpart in Eaton County, west of Lansing, a town within Sunfield Township (population 2,200).

» Our Brooklyn is south of the city of Jackson. In 1833, its residents voted to rename their town after its New York namesake. Population 1,700.

» Charleston, S.C.? We have one in Cass County, another in Sanilac County. Little of either town is left.

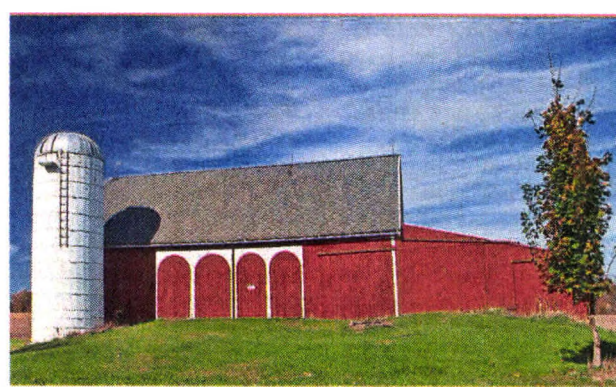
» Charlotte is a city of 9,000 just off I-69, Eaton County. It was named after an early settler's wife, not the North Carolina capital.

» Our counterpart to Ohio's capital, Michigan's Columbus is one of dozens of U.S. cities named after the founder of our country. In St. Clair County, near I-69. Barely 200 residents, but it's in Columbus Township.



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By the 1850s, Walker Tavern became a major stagecoach on the Chicago Pike (U.S. 12) at Brooklyn, Mich.



GENE SCOTT

One of the many beautifully restored barns near Manchester.



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This former C&O Railroad Depot is now the St. Louis, Mich., Historical Museum.

Township (population 3,100) in Shiawassee County. Named after Moses Pitts. Like at least 12 other Pittsburgs around the country, it's spelled without the 'h.' So the first Pittsburgh, the one in Pennsylvania, does not have an exact same name counterpart.

Only two of the 44 same-name places just are in the U.P. — Austin in Marquette County and Phoenix in Keweenaw.

Our travels didn't take us to Chicago or New York, but there once were places in Michigan with those names — long-gone mining towns in the U.P. And there were many other same name U.S. towns among the more than 2,000 in Michigan's past.

Look them up in "Romig's Michigan Place Names," "Dodge's" or "Wakefield's Michigan Ghost Towns," in Michigan's nearly 200 county histories or by contacting local historical societies (we have hundreds of them).

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns.

» Michigan has many Dovers, towns within townships in four counties: Cass (population 300); Clare (300); Lenawee (1,800); and Washtenaw (6,000). None are connected with Dover, Del.

» You don't have to go far to get to Michigan's Fargo, in St. Clair County. It's now a town of less than 50. Named after its postmaster, Charles Farr.

» Lexington is on Lake Huron in Sanilac County Like most other Lexingtons in 17 other

states, it's named after the Revolutionary War battle near Lexington, Mass.

» We once had three Lincolns, all named after our beloved 16th president. One is left, west of Harrisville off M-72 in Alcona County. Population 300.

» Manchester is on M-52, southwest of Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County). It's named after the Manchester in New York, which was named after the one in England.

1,200, is on M-19 and borders Macomb and St. Clair counties. Like the city in Tennessee, it's named after a city in ancient Egypt.

» There's a New Haven (population 5,000) in Macomb County, at 26 Mile Road and I-94. A second New Haven, northwest of Flint in Shiawassee County, is nearly deserted, but has a cocky little rooster farm. No Connecticut connections.

We've got a Pittsburg, a town within Bennington

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Passengers have few rights when airlines overbook

Over the past few weeks, there have been a number of stories in the news about airlines overbooking flights. Most of us have probably seen videos of passengers literally being dragged from the plane. The question I had was, what rights, if any, do we have as passengers? I thought I would do some research and share it with you.

First, you should know that, contrary to what many people think, airlines are allowed to overbook flights and nothing in the law prevents this. In fact, it seems over the last few years, overbooking has become the norm. Unfortunately, the airlines hold all the power when it comes to who gets bumped from a flight and there's nothing



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

we can do to guarantee that we do not get bumped. As passengers, our only right deals with the compensation airlines must pay us if we are involuntarily bumped.

Although there's no way to guarantee that you won't be bumped, there are some things you can do to lessen your risk. Each airline has its own rules as to who gets bumped. In general, airlines do not bump people who have status with them. That is why you see experienced travelers try to fly the same airline as often as they

can, because it builds their status with that airline. In addition, you lessen your risk of being bumped if you check in early and get a seat assignment. These things won't guarantee that you won't get bumped, but they do lessen the risk.

When a flight is overbooked, first the airline must ask for volunteers. In fact, the great majority of people who are bumped from a flight are volunteers. To entice volunteers, the airlines are free to offer any type of compensation they choose. Typically, airlines offer vouchers, free meals and, in many situations, cash. When they seek volunteers, it's important to recognize that you, as a passenger, can negotiate for a better deal. For passengers who

have flexibility, volunteering to be bumped can be very profitable. In fact, there are a fair number of passengers who intentionally book flights, hoping they will be bumped. When they seek volunteers, always remember the first offer from the airline is always a low-ball offer; don't hesitate to negotiate a better deal.

In many unfortunate situations, the airlines do not have enough volunteers and involuntarily bump people. Although you don't have a right not to be bumped, there is minimum compensation that they must offer you if you are involuntarily bumped. The compensation depends upon whether you are on a domestic or international flight and how long you are

inconvenienced. In addition, if you are involuntarily bumped, you do not have to accept vouchers. You have a right to either cash or a check. However, if you voluntarily decide to give up your seat, the airline can give you a voucher. If you do accept a voucher, you should check the expiration date. Many people who are voluntarily bumped end up never using their voucher because they expired. For those who do not fly a lot, receiving a voucher when you are bumped may not be such a great thing.

It is important to realize that we do not have rights when it comes to being bumped, even if we have already boarded the plane. If someone from the flight crew tells you

that you must exit the plane, it is in your best interest not to cause a commotion. If you do cause a disturbance, there could be criminal charges brought against you and that's certainly not something you would want.

The bottom line: we don't have many rights when it comes to airplanes. Unfortunately, it is what it is. If we are going to fly, it is important to know our rights or, when it comes to airlines, our lack of rights. Good luck!

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

Maintain children's reading levels through the summer

School's out for the summer!

These words bring joy to so many children and, correspondingly, strike fear into the hearts of parents.

Most students like school – most of the time. But thinking of summer makes students deliriously happy. There is just so much to anticipate.

No longer will there be homework to complete before you go to bed. Summer camps, vacation, trips to the swimming pool or beach, baseball games. Summer



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

holds an enormous amount of promise.

Each of those items also creates potential headaches for parents. How do we get things scheduled? How do we make sure everyone has a place to be every day?

One thing to remember is that summer is also a time that can take a toll on academic achievement. Many re-

searchers have studied the "summer slump." Richard Allington, a reading researcher, suggests that young readers can actually go backward in the summer. By the end of sixth grade, this accumulated loss during the summer can create a reader who is up to 18 months behind where he or she should be.

Why? In the summer, some young readers never get the chance to practice. In the summer, young children are so busy that we never encourage them to read. The Kaiser Family

Foundation says that on any given day, 30 percent of all children will play a video game, spending just over an hour engaged with the game. While video games may have a purpose, they are not meant to help develop readers and writers.

Jim Trelease, an advocate of reading aloud to children, advocates getting books into the hands of students during the summer. This is especially important for students from preschool through sixth grade.

If we value education, then it is important for us

to help our children or children that we know in the summer. While summer is meant to be relaxing and enjoyable, it is also important for us to encourage the students we know to read.

Check out the Novi Public Library. This summer, the library and the Novi Community School District are collaborating once again on a summer reading program. Get involved with your children this summer and encourage them to read. Make a commitment to read to your children every night. Make a com-

mitment to get books into the hands of your children so that the skills they have developed during the school year don't begin to erode.

If we take just a little bit of time in the summer to maintain our children's reading skills, then summer will not only be a lot of fun, it will make school more enjoyable when we return in the fall.

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

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Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert Series

The Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert Series begins July 1 with "An American Salute" at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The 75th Anniversary of the Metroparks with Movie Music@The Metroparks kicks off July 15 at Kensington Metropark, featuring music from favorite films including "Frozen" and "Back to the Future."

All concerts are free.

Parking at the metroparks is free with your metroparks pass.

» **An American Salute**

7 p.m. July 1, Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

7:30 p.m. July 15, Kensington Metropark

» **Movie Music Magic**

6:30 p.m. July 21 (special screening of "Back to the Future" immedi-

ately following), DTE Energy-Grand River Park, Detroit

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

7:30 p.m. July 22, Lake St. Clair Metropark

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

7:30 p.m. July 29, Stony Creek Metropark

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017-2018 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2017-2018 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Roland Hwang, Secretary

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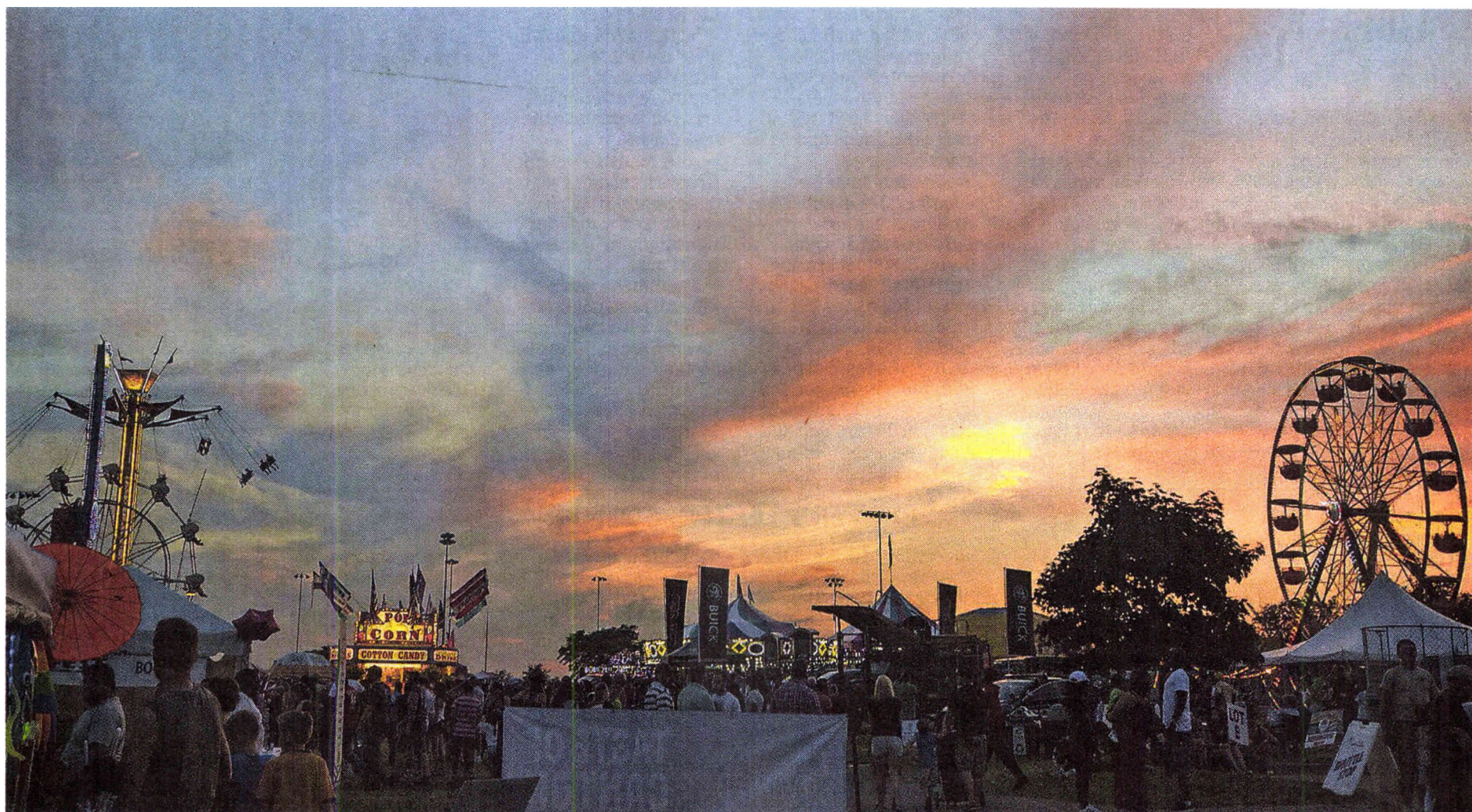
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Night falls over a past Liberty Fest.

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American ninjas, global dancers, Octonauts, rides, food: It's all at annual Liberty Fest

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Name one place where “American Ninja Warrior” contestants, Michigan-made beer, the Detroit Circus, “The Octonauts” ocean explorers, international performers, flashy classic cars, carnival rides and a dazzling fireworks show can be found.

It's Canton — specifically, the 26th Liberty Fest.

Canton's biggest community celebration runs June 15-17 in Heritage Park. While crowd estimates are difficult at best to gauge, Canton Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Provenzano said organizers expect 50,000-70,000 festivalgoers, including repeat visitors.

“While it isn't a science, those are the numbers we're using right now,” she said.

Different this year, the Canton Rotary beer tent and expanded food options will be moved near the park's amphitheater — a decision intended to ease crowd congestion by using a bigger area of Heritage Park.

“We're hoping to disperse the crowd a little bit,” Provenzano said.

Don't go to Liberty Fest looking for trouble, though, because Canton police are ready for it by assigning officers to walk and bike on festival grounds, while others plan to ride the area in patrol cars.

“We're going to dedicate a large number of our police officers throughout the festival so that everyone can enjoy the attractions and focus on having a good time,” said Chad Baugh, Canton deputy director of police. “We plan to let the people enjoy all the exciting attractions that are coming our way this year.”

Paramedics will be on-site to tend to minor injuries, while police will have a central location where the few children who get lost can be reunited with parents.

The beer tent area will offer live trivia and a dueling pianos show,



Diversity is celebrated at Liberty Fest as a wide array of performers grace the International Stage.

KELLY DOBSON

Provenzano said, and hungry visitors can find everything from Indian cuisine to sushi to pizza — and an abundance of food trucks.

“American Ninja Warriors” contestants Wes “Kilt Ninja” Whitlam and Andrew Karsen are tentatively set to appear 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Liberty Fest. Provenzano said visitors also can try their luck at a climbing wall or, for children, an obstacle course.

Captain Barnacles and Kwazii Kitten, stars of the television series “The Octonauts,” are scheduled to appear on Friday's Canton LIVE! stage. Crowds will get a chance to see the underwater duo perform and mingle with fans 2-7 p.m.

Friday, June 16. Other performers that night include Silver Sounds DJ spinning tunes 7:30-9 p.m. and the Detroit Circus performing feats of strength and acrobatics 9-10 p.m.

Liberty Fest runs 1-11 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 17. One reminder: Pets are not allowed on festival grounds.

Discounted, single-day wristbands are available for attendees for \$22 at <http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com> until noon June 15. So-called “mega bands” can be purchased for \$60 for all three days. One-day wristbands also can be bought at the festival for \$25 Thursday,

\$27 Friday and \$30 Saturday.

Among the festival highlights: » Taste of Liberty Fest will feature area restaurants competing for bragging rights in a taste contest presided over by Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams.

» Liberty Street Brewing Co. of Plymouth is sponsoring an adult beverage tent, hosted by Canton Rotary, where a festival thirst can be quenched with craft beers and hard ciders.

» Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will have its annual spaghetti dinner 5-9 p.m. Friday, while supplies

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last. The money raised is used to help local families in times of need.

» The Canton Lions Club will sponsor its 22nd annual pancake breakfast 7-11 a.m. in the Heritage Park north pavilion. The club raises money to buy eyeglasses and other visual aids for those in need and also to provide scholarships to students with hearing and vision problems.

» Saturday morning, hundreds are expected to

join the sixth annual Liberty Run, including 5K, 10K and one-mile events. Participants are encouraged to register on the Liberty Fest website.

» On Saturday, the International Festival returns 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring performances representing cultures from around the world.

“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,

adding the stage “comes alive with colorful costuming and exotic instruments when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries.”

The International Festival also includes a 12:30 p.m. Saturday performance by soprano Ryan Blankenburg and tenor Darius Dillard, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

» If the festival heat gets too hot, visitors can go to the H2O Zone noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday near the Canton

LIVE! stage.

» Oasis Animals will offer a wildlife safari experience Friday and Saturday, bringing an array of animals to the festival site.

» A festival-crowning fireworks show is set for dusk Saturday, where crowds can watch the skies light up over Heritage Park.

For much more on Liberty Fest, go to <http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com> or call 734-394-5460.

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KELLY DOBSON

The skies are almost ready to light up again as Liberty Fest nears.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grad photo disappointed

I've been a subscriber to the Northville Record for over 30 years and have always enjoyed your local news and sports and have never written a letter to the editor.

However, I was alarmed and disappointed about the graduation photograph you used for our front page this past week! Why does the press and your small town newspaper have to use a unconventional photo rather than a photo of the young man going to the Naval Academy or someone to the military or another top student that accomplished his or her degree in the correct way? I admire this girl for finishing high school and getting her second chance and obviously hope that she has a bright future. But to dignify her having a child while in high school with front page coverage is wrong and sends the wrong message to young people.

Joe Lineman
Plymouth

Muslims treated with kid gloves

I recently had to chuckle (although while gagging on my saliva) when I heard the news about a Little Caesars in Dearborn which caused some fuss by serving up some non-halal pizza. Now the offended Muslim is suing the company for millions for putting pork on his pizza. Sometimes all this political correct mollycoddling of Muslim perplexes me to the point that I want to climb onto the house-top and shout to the top of my lungs “Ah! Aha! Allah! Allah fudge bar! and “Ali, Ali ups ‘n’ free!”

I mean really, maybe Muslim should come with a label that reads “Please handle with PC kid-gloves.” Meanwhile, Muslim terrorists are killing people in England, yet it's supposed to be a crying shame that some poor smuck got a pizza with bacon!

It wasn't too long after 9/11 when the initial shock, sorrow and temporary political unity waned away that I noticed the liberal media thinking it was more important to focus on not

offending Muslim rather than recognizing the threat that they could present. We couldn't single out Arab males at the airports and so we had to subject everyone's grandparents to strip-searches — how asinine. Our last couldn't even bring himself to say one untoward word about muslims.

Even though most Muslim are peaceful, the Koran and Mohammad actually teach death to the infidel. The peaceful, modern version of Islam is a heresy. Anyway, it's a false religion, regardless of the interpretation. Allah isn't Jesuah Yaweh of the Bible. They should just accept the revelation of the Bible — you don't see Jews and Christians lopping off heads in the name of religion!

Americans with European roots don't fear or hate Muslim or suffer from Islamicphobia, however, they're expected to go out of their way to accommodate Muslim cultural practices as Muslims establish mini Caliphates within America rather than assimilating: Veils, the burkini, foot basins in men's rooms, mosques built in

your 'hood, etc. Meanwhile, Christians are slaughtered in Muslim nations! Here in America, the only group in which it isn't politically incorrect to discriminate against is Christians! Christian bakeries are sued by ‘inappropriate clientele’, etc.

Political correctness objects to a travel ban that would keep us safer. The wars in the Middle East drag on forever as we're expected to use precision bombing when we should be carpet-bombing them into oblivion!

Leo Weber
Livonia

Part-time legislators wrong answer

Plutocracy is a “a country or society governed by the wealthy.” The Clean Michigan Government petition being circulated would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot that if enacted would establish Michigan as a plutocratic state adversely influenced by lobbyists and special interests with an inexperienced group making our laws.

If passed the amendment would limit Michi-

gan legislators to one 90-day session per year and cut lawmaker pay in half to about \$31,000 annually while maintaining current term limits of six years. How many average citizens interested in running could get a three-month furlough two consecutive years from your employer so that you could serve a term as a legislator? Very few, I would guess. Likewise, how many deem yourself qualified and could afford to quit a full-time job for a three-month gig for \$31,000/year for a couple of years? Again, very few.

Who will be available to run for office? Those who are independently wealthy. I wonder whose interests a body of lawmakers who were all wealthy would pursue?

Under the new law lawmakers would gain so little experience on the job to really learn the job even if elected to multiple terms. In that case from whom do lawmakers learn the ropes? Lobbyists who are around to advance special interests or in other words those representing the corporations and wealthiest 1%.

The Michigan GOP-controlled legislative branch who owe their dominance to shameless gerrymandering have delivered little more than large tax cuts to businesses and corporations since 2011. Meanwhile the roads are still mess and getting worse and education continues a downward spiral intentionally wounded by GOP backed cuts to funding.

One can understand public frustration with our lawmakers and a public desire to punish them. Fact is that you will be making the situation far worse if you fall for the Clean Michigan Government amendment. Government will become even less responsive to public will than it already is and more of a tool of the wealthy and corporations.

The solution is not to change the rules handing those who hope to further rig the system the opportunity, but to vote out GOP office holders who have since 2011 controlled all levers of the state government and failed in solving few if any of our problems.

Mitch Smith
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BOY'S BUDDY BENCH IDEA CAUGHT ON

Playground concept helps kids create friendships all around the world

MIKE ARGENTO
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.

Christian Bucks was in second grade when his family was contemplating a move to Germany.

His father, Justin, works for Magnesia Refractories in York, Pennsylvania, and the company was considering transferring him to work overseas temporarily.

His mother, Alyson, began researching schools in Dusseldorf, and while Christian was checking out the website of an international school, something caught his eye.

The school had something called a Buddy Bench on its playground.

The idea: If a kid feels lonely, or has no one to play with, or is being bullied, he or she takes a seat on the bench, a signal to other kids to come over and talk or offer to play.

Christian thought it was a good idea. He had often seen kids on the playground at his school who had no one to play with. This seemed like the kind of thing that would help foster friendships.

At the beginning of the school year, he broached the idea with his teacher and principal. They thought it was a good idea and erected a Buddy Bench on the playground at Central York School District's Roundtown Elementary School.

It was a hit. "I noticed a big difference," Christian said. "I saw a lot of new friendships being made."

It wasn't so much about combating bullying, he said. It was about making new friends. But the effect was that the bench helped prevent bullying.

He had no idea that his simple act would spread. The bench attracted national media coverage — including a piece on "NBC Nightly News" — and before Christian knew it, other schools



CHRIS DUNN/USA TODAY NETWORK

After Christian Bucks learned about a Buddy Bench at a school in Germany, he helped make the idea a reality at his school in Pennsylvania. Kids who want to play or talk can sit on the bench.

were installing Buddy Benches.

There are more than 2,000 Buddy Benches at schools in all 50 states and, at last count, 13 countries, including Italy, Russia, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, Norway, Thailand, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

"I just like how the idea has spread," said Christian, now in fifth grade. "It's a little thing, but just little things can be big."

Christian Bucks

Location: York, Pa.

Age: 11

Profession: Fifth-grade student and advocate for Buddy Benches.

Mission: To spread the word about Buddy Benches so kids will learn to be kind to one another.

Q&A WITH CHRISTIAN BUCKS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me, being an American means being proud of your country, standing up for what you believe in and treating others the way you want to be treated.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I was motivated to launch the Buddy Bench when I started thinking about how hard and sad it must be if you were lonely at recess. Recess is a time to play and have fun with friends. I didn't want anyone to feel lonely or left out. My teachers and principal thought it was a good idea.

What gives you hope?

What gives me hope is that so many people — kids and adults — have wanted to put Buddy Benches at schools all around the world. This makes me think that people really want to help each other and make friends. We thought it would just be at our school. It was a shock when it started spreading to more and more schools. I got to go to Hawaii to put in a Buddy Bench. That was an incredible trip. I just like how the idea has spread. (When the playground at Sandy Hook Elementary School, site of the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, shootings, was renovated in 2016, the school installed a Buddy Bench.) I noticed a big difference with it around. I've seen a lot of new friendships being made. I love seeing people not being lonely and disappointed at recess.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I hope to accomplish is for all schools to have Buddy Benches and that through the Buddy Bench, kids will learn to always be kind and include one another, even as they get older. To me, it was more about making new friends than bullying, but (combating) bullying did go along with it.

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Warriors claim 13th straight state title

Brother Rice needs late goal to defeat Shamrocks, 8-7

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Same teams. Same result. Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central met for the fourth straight year with the Division 1 boys lacrosse state championship on the line. And, like the previous three meetings, it was the Warriors again claiming state bragging rights.

But it certainly wasn't easy. In their closest title game yet, Brother Rice survived to post an 8-7 victory and claim its 13th consecutive MHSAA state championship Saturday at Parker Middle School in Howell. With the game tied 7-7, Warriors junior attack Cameron Gould scored the game winner with

4:27 remaining in the fourth quarter on a low hard shot, with an assist from senior attack Nick Dudley.

"The streak is a huge deal and no one wants to break the chain," said Gould, a first-year varsity player who finished with four goals. "But at the same time, I'm overwhelmed with emotion and I'm very happy for my team.

"When I got the (game winner), I was excited and really pumped," he added. "I was confident the whole game and I was hitting my shots. I knew I had to step up for my team. It was probably my best game of the season and I'm really happy."



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Connor Beals (right) tries to pick up the ground ball during Saturday's lacrosse state final against Brother Rice.

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DIVISION 1 BOYS GOLF

CC, medalist Niles cap dream season

Self-taught senior tweaks swing to earn individual title

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Sean Niles and his Detroit Catholic Central teammates celebrated their third straight MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state championship Saturday by going out to Pizza Hut.

"It was coach (Mike) Anderson's idea," said Niles, the individual state medalist. "One of the guys on the team's dad actually owns the restaurant, so we kind of have an in there."

As they were able to "gather 'round the good stuff," Niles reflected on his two rounds at Michigan State's Forest Akers West Course, where he shot 70-69—139, three shots better than runner-up Justin Kapke of Plymouth.

"I'm ecstatic, really," said Niles, who is one of CC's five seniors. "It

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Catholic Central senior Sean Niles, who earned individual medalist honors, is all smiles while holding the state championship trophy.

PREP BASEBALL



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's Aram Shahrighian (right) slides back to the first base bag as Hartland's Logan Tobel awaits the throw.

Northville finally breaks through to rule regional

Mustangs beat Hartland to earn first quarterfinal berth in 45 years

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

The Northville baseball program has recently put together several highly successful seasons, but had little to show for it during the postseason.

But that all changed Saturday at Novi High School, as the Mustangs captured what is believed to be their first regional title in 45 years when they upended Hartland in the championship final, 6-3, after disposing of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the morning match-up, 12-2.

With the victory, Northville (28-10) moves into the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals, scheduled for Tuesday at Wayne State University against Rochester.

"We knew we hadn't won the region

anytime recently, so that was a big motivation to come out play well this weekend," Northville senior shortstop Kevin Morrissey said. "I thought we did really well defensively and then our bats, especially in the first game today, they stayed hot and carried over from last weekend. That really helps. It makes the pitcher's job easier."

Hartland (34-8), the 2015 Division 1 state champion and state semifinalist a year ago, had won two regionals in a row at Novi, but this time it was the Mustangs' turn.

"We been here many times and, unfortunately, we haven't been able to get over the hump, so it's pretty nice moment to get over the mountaintop, so to

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MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's Michael Lionas, who went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, runs the bases during Saturday's 12-2 regional semifinal win over St. Mary's.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Northville rocked by Rams in state semifinal

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Northville's maiden voyage into the MHSAA Division 1 girls lacrosse state semifinals ran into stormy seas June 7 in East Lansing as the Mustangs were shipwrecked by four-time defending champion Rockford, 22-4.

The Rams (19-2) came into the semifinal on a nine-game winning streak while averaging nearly 20 goals per game.

Northville (15-5) found itself cap-sized early on by a Rockford squad that came out flying, tallying seven straight goals during the first 7:32 before Northville's Jessica Tardich scored from Kendall Wasik to plug a hole in the leaky Mustangs boat.

"They're fast and they transition the ball very well," first-year Northville coach Dan Madigan said of the Rams. "We kind of knew that going in a little bit, but to actually see it live ... they're good. They're as good as advertised, for sure. They can move the ball well. All their people in the midfield pass-catch real well. And they finish at the end. They take advantage of that."

Madigan had to burn an early timeout to try to calm down his team after the Mustangs spotted Rockford a seven-goal lead.

But the Mustangs simply couldn't handle the waves of Rams attackers buzzing around goalie Emma Mathie. Karrington Vander Molen's goal to end the half gave Rockford a commanding 13-3 advantage.

"We knew what we were going to see," Madigan said. "I think they were a little shell-shocked, as well. We knew they were going to be fast. We knew they were going to move the ball well. Our game plan was to try to slow it down and turn it into a half-field game."

And with a 10-goal spread already by halftime, a running clock was implemented to start the second half and the Rams just kept coming, going on a 7-0 run that was halted by Northville sophomore Kendall Wasik, who scored with 8:46 remaining to make it 21-4.

"Even though we're starting eight freshmen and sophomores, we've got a lot of kids that are battle-ready and battle-seasoned," Rockford coach Mike Emery said. "We were a little sloppy tonight, so we've got some things we need to clean up. But they had a hard time handling our pressure and handling our speed."

Brooklyn Neumen, the Rams' leading scorer, finished with four goals and four assists.

Other multiple scorers for Rockford included Mckenzie Vander Molen (four goals), Karrington Vander Molen (three goals, one assist), Sydney Zimmerman (three goals, one assist), Madison McCreery (two goals, one assist), Siseily Vonphasouk (two goals) and Maggie Hammer (one goal, one assist).



Northville's Kendall Wasik (right) tries to shake Rockford defender Madison Kleefisch.

OLIVIA LESH

Lilly Newmann and Madison Kleefisch rounded out the Rockford goal brigade.

"We have five players with over 70 points, so we've got a lot of kids that can score," Emery said.

Wasik finished with a goal and two assists to lead Northville. Other goals came from Ally Blough, Emma Dietrich and Tardich.

Despite the lopsided season-ending setback, it was a productive season for the Mustangs, who captured Kensington Conference and regional titles.

"We can only go up," Madigan said. "I believe we have great young team. We're only graduating only four seniors. It's a good group, a young group that's got a lot of potential. And I think this senior group kind of really set this bar pretty high that the girls know now what they need to do. We're graduating a lot, don't get me wrong, but we've got a lot of talent coming up, as well."

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Jessica Tardich (middle) scores Northville's first goal against Rockford goaltender Madelyn Yakes (right) and defender Maggie Hammer.

OLIVIA LESH

BOYS LACROSSE

CC escapes Hartland in OT thriller, 12-11

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily

The clank of ball striking metal is a sound that will haunt Hartland's boys lacrosse team until next season.

Maybe longer.

A trip to the Division 1 state championship game was on the potent stick of Hartland sophomore Reece Potter 42 seconds into sudden-death overtime June 7 against Novi Detroit Catholic Central at Troy Athens.

That was the last scoring chance in a season of unprecedented success for the Eagles. Brennan Kamish scored for the Shamrocks 1:34 into overtime, handing Hartland its only loss in 22 games this year by a 12-11 score.

A rare opportunity eluded the grasp of the Eagles, who scored the game's first four goals, then needed two goals 18 seconds apart by Andrew Spisz in the final 1:40 of the fourth quarter to force OT.

Hartland was attempting to become only the third public school to reach the Division 1 championship game in the 13-year history of the tournament.

The Eagles had hopes of ending Birmingham Brother Rice's 12-year reign, a quest that took on more legitimacy when the Warriors struggled to get past Rockford in the other state semifinal, 8-6.

While Brother Rice and CC have annually battled for the state championship, Hartland was struggling to get itself on the state map. The Eagles never won a league or regional championship until this season.

"This year's been unreal," said junior attack Jake Gallaher, who scored three goals. "We were a total family this year. It says it on the back of our helmets. Family is like everything to us. This year, people can't hold their heads down. We did so much this year. We broke records that Hartland has never done. We got our names out



Catholic Central's Peter Thompson leaps for joy after a 12-11 OT win in the state semifinals over Hartland.

DAVE DONOHER

there."

Gallaher had two of the goals that gave Hartland a 4-0 lead with 3:12 left in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks slowed down the Eagles after that, cutting the deficit to 5-4 by halftime and taking their first lead, 6-5, on Nick Capatina's goal with 9:47 left in the third quarter.

It was desperation time for Hartland after junior Peter Thompson's third

goal of the game gave the Shamrocks an 11-9 advantage with 4:42 left in the fourth quarter.

Spisz came through with two hard shots that found the mark from long range, scoring with 1:40 and 1:22 left in the fourth quarter to tie it and give him four goals in the game.

Hartland's Jake DeYoung won the ensuing face-off, giving the Eagles the chance to hold the ball for the last shot.

"We were sweating bullets all week. You game plan so something like this doesn't happen, but they're very talented ..."

DAVE WILSON, CC coach

CC goalie Hunter Braun made a save with eight seconds left to keep the game tied.

DeYoung won the draw to begin OT. Shortly after, Garnet Potter IV fired a shot high, Reece Potter ripped a high 10-yard shot off the post.

The Shamrocks won it when Kamish came out from behind the net and put a low shot past goalie Evan Griffin.

"We've been waiting for them all year long," said Kamish, who had three goals. "The hype's been coming over there since early March. It's another level. We're glad we came out with a win today."

Glad — and relieved. "We were sweating bullets all week," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "You game plan so something like this doesn't happen, but they're very talented. ... We knew we'd have our hands full. Nobody ever wants it this close, especially when you're over 40."

Ryan Sullivan also scored two goals for the Shamrocks.

Potter scored twice for Hartland, while Carter Eiden and DeYoung added one goal each.

"This was a year that they could have won the state championship," Hartland coach Garnet Potter III said. "It didn't happen. They aren't easy to win. It may seem for Rice that it's easy and CC's gotten there the last (four) in a row. It's been a private school sport ever since it basically started. We're trying to change it. We gave an effort today; it just didn't happen."

GIRLS SOCCER

Early goal holds up as Plymouth blanks Novi

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Less than three minutes had elapsed June 7 during the Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal at Dearborn and fans were still settling into the bleachers, adjusting their sunglasses to shield their eyes from blinding sunshine.

Suddenly, a loud cheer erupted from Plymouth fans as junior Hailey Melnick's free kick from 30 yards out eluded Novi junior goalie Callie Rich to make it 1-0 in the "Battle of the 'Cats."

Melnick's wind-aided drive darted past Rich and Plymouth's staunch defense — backed by sophomore goalkeeper Rebecca Przybylo — took it from there, blanking Novi 2-0 to move on to regional final.

"That was no fluky goal. It was a good set-piece hit, upper part of the goal," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "The way the wind was shifting around today, that made it a tough shot, but that was a good shot."

Melnick, who said it was "an amazing feeling to score in the first three minutes of the game," nearly had one in the second half off a direct kick, but officials ruled a Plymouth foul on the play to nullify the goal.

Plymouth did get an insurance goal with just 1:26 left. A corner kick by Melnick bounced around in the box until sophomore Kennedy White wheeled and chipped it over the keeper.

But the way Przybylo and her defense continues to shut teams down (Plymouth also blanked Canton in the district final), perhaps the extra goal wasn't needed.

"She's really found her niche," Neschich said about Przybylo. "She's not going to let a bad goal in. She's rock-solid on anything in the air or in the box."

Novi head coach Todd Pheiffer said his squad played better than the final outcome indicated, but stressed that "when you get to this level, you know you got two very good teams."

"And we both saw each other before (in the Kensington Conference game, won 2-0 by Novi), so when you give up a free kick early in the game like that, it just kind of floated in," Pheiffer said. "We knew we were going against the wind in the first half and the wind seemed like it shifted, through the game. I think we went against the wind both halves, which was unfortunate."

"But we've come from behind, we didn't let it bother us, we talked about it and said, 'Let's play the next five minutes and get ready.'"



Battling for possession in the corner of the field are Novi's Julia Stadtherr (left) and Plymouth's Madelyn Rush.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

Novi (13-6-3) had some chances to get the early goal back, but was not able to connect much in the offensive end of the pitch.

One shot that looked to be sure goal was ripped by sophomore Lexi Whalen from about 20 yards, but the ball barely missed the left side of the net.

"It's hard, especially for the seniors, to lose like this, giving up a goal early," Pheiffer said. "We felt we controlled most of the possession. We had a lot of the ball most of the game, but just in the final third, we just couldn't put things together."

"They scored the one off a free kick

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TODD PHEIFFER, Novi coach

and at the very end they got one off a corner kick. Other than that, they didn't really have a lot of high-pressure scoring opportunities on us."

Novi senior co-captain Gracie Backus said Plymouth "out-muscled us, we were a step behind every tackle."

And once the second half started getting down to lower numbers, she acknowledged players started to feel extra pressure.

"I think we started to get a little frantic with how we were playing," Backus said. "We weren't relaxed, because we were down 1-0 and the clock seemed to go faster and faster. We just couldn't finish today."

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville shortstop Morrissey named to East squad

Will represent Mustangs at Comerica Park All-Star game

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Northville's Kevin Morrissey would probably be the first to admit that, when it comes to playing shortstop, he prefers substance over style.

Nobody will confuse him with the acrobatic Ozzie Smith, a Baseball Hall of Fame star who played short for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I don't like to be very flashy with how I play, so I just try and get it over there to first, get the out," said the slender 6-foot, 165-pound senior, who was recently named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at Comerica Park.

Northville coach John Kostrzewa believes Morrissey's style of play at short is less "Wizard of Oz" and more like former Tigers star Alan Trammell.

"That's the guy I compare him the most to, because he's not going to have a lot of flash to him," Kostrzewa said. "He just catches it and knows exactly how hard to throw the ball with every guy that's running down the line. Just been a huge asset to us, not just on the

defensive end, but he's been our lead-off guy, huge offensive year as well."

The soft-spoken senior is one of the big reasons why this Northville team has gone where no other Northville baseball team has gone before after the Mustangs captured their first regional title since 1972 with a 6-3 win Saturday over Hartland.

Heading into Tuesday's quarterfinal match-up against Rochester at Wayne State, the left-handed hitting Morrissey was batting .357 (40-for-112) out of the lead-off spot, with eight doubles to go along with a team-best 36 runs scored.

In the field, he's had 145 chances with 135 putouts, three assists and only six errors for a .958 fielding average.

"He just makes every routine play," Kostrzewa said. "And he's a great practice player, one of the hardest working kids I've ever had in the program, quiet leader. Had an outstanding year last year. Sometimes, you take for granted a ball on the left side and that he's going to make it. When he does happen to make a mistake, you've almost got to catch yourself because it doesn't happen very often."

Morrissey, a third-year varsity player, became the Mustangs' every day shortstop during his junior year.

"My sophomore year, I played first base and outfield just because that's where the team needed me to play, but



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville senior shortstop Kevin Morrissey will play in the East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park

growing up, I always played shortstop," said Morrissey, who was also a three-year varsity basketball player for the Mustangs.

Morrissey will play for an East All-Star team that also features two other players from the Kensington Lakes

Activities Association: Branden Posky, a pitcher-outfielder from Livonia Stevenson, and Kolby Dewhirst, a pitcher-third baseman from Livonia Franklin.

Northville native Scott Combs, a catcher from Dearborn Divine Child who signed with Michigan State, will also play for the East.

Canton's Mark Blomshield and Lutheran High Westland's Kevin Wade will be members of the East coaching staff.

"It's pretty cool," Morrissey said. "My sophomore year, Evan Flohr (Northville grad/Michigan State signee) was in the All-Star game. I didn't think I was going to get picked. I was pretty surprised when I first heard the news from my coach. But it means a lot. I'm going to try to do my best and represent Northville well."

Morrissey's future plans probably won't include college baseball, although he's received some interest from smaller schools.

"I haven't decided yet. I'm still talking to some colleges and some other schools trying to figure out what would be best for me," he said. "I'm not completely decided, but right now I'm leaning toward going to Michigan State next year."

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HORSE RACING

Northville Downs adds six harness racing dates to 2017 schedule

Harness track celebrating 100th year with more December dates

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Christmas will come a little early for area harness racing fans.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board recently approved six additional 2017 harness racing dates at Northville Downs, extending the season

until Dec. 16. The additional dates are: Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16.

"This is the third consecutive year one of Michigan's pari-mutuel horse racetracks has requested and received additional race dates," said Richard Kalm, MGCB executive director.

Northville Downs originally requested eight additional days, but MGCB staffing issues will not permit racing Sept. 1-2 at both Northville Downs and Hazel Park. Northville

Downs declined the agency's offer to extend racing to Dec. 22-23.

The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association supported Northville Downs' request.

The 2017 season now expands to 60 dates.

The track, celebrating its 100th year of racing in Northville, originally was granted 54 days of live standard-bred race dates for 2017 on Fridays and Saturdays from March 3 through June 10 and from Sept. 8 through Nov.

25. (Post times are at 7 p.m.)

Simulcasting schedules remain unchanged through the end of the year for both harness and thoroughbred racing.

Northville Downs is located at 301 S. Center Street, just off Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Northern lights it up at Novi regional

Knights oust Lakeland, Northville to win first regional championship

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Walled Lake Northern pitcher Cassie Frankowiak had it all going in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 softball regional at Novi.

The senior right-hander threw a one-hitter against one of the state's most vaunted hitting lineups in White Lake Lakeland to earn the Knights their first state quarterfinal appearance in school history with a 7-0 win over the Eagles.

Northern (33-7) moved into an elite eight match-up, scheduled for Tuesday at Wayne State University against Clarkston.

Frankowiak gave up a lead-off single to Lakeland's Mary Zimmerman and allowed only one more base runner the rest of the game. Opposing pitcher Teresa Menzel also reached base in the first after striking out, on a passed ball.

Frankowiak then retired the final 19 batters in order to close out the victory as the Knights avenged two previous losses, 3-1 and 13-1, to the KLAA Central Division champs.

"It's our first time beating them and it was well-deserved," Frankowiak said. "My drop ball was just killing it going down. I've been throwing my drop ball kind of as my fastball since I was 12. My pitching coach is Adam Kirkpatrick and that's what he's kind of been preaching to me, to always kind of throw a natural drop ball."

The Knights also made all the plays defensively and provided more than enough offense to end Lakeland's season at 34-8.

"I owe it to my team," said Frankowiak, who produced 10 pop outs or fly outs, eight ground outs and three strikeouts. "We got so pumped in the beginning and we were hitting it so well. They just put the confidence behind me that I could go out there and do what I could do."

Northern's Hannah Bunker led off the first with a single and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-0. The Knights got another run in the second on an RBI single by Kelsey Stachowiak.

In the fourth, Northern increased its lead to 5-0 on doubles by Courtney Callahan and McKenzie Muncy, a bunt single by Blake Lakian and an RBI single by Stachowiak, coupled with a pair of Lakeland errors.

In the top of the sixth, Callahan had a one-out single and pinch hitter Hannah Lakian ripped a Menzel pitch over the left-center field fence for a two-run homer to make it 7-0.

"(Lakian) came in and hit a home run when we played Clarkston earlier in the year, which helped us win the game, too," Northern coach Kristen Woodard said. "She's a great hitter. We have a lot of good hitters on our team. Sometimes it's hard to get her in the game, but I have total confidence in her."

Frankowiak, meanwhile, was on her game with a little help in the field.

In the third inning, Callahan, the center fielder, made a sprawling catch



Northern pitcher Cassie Frankowiak goes through the handshake line with Lakeland players after winning the regional title, 7-0.

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to rob Lakeland's Elizabeth Langley, who earlier had gone 4-for-4 in a 7-5 regional semifinal victory over defending state champion Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We were hitting the ball right at people a lot of times," Lakeland coach Joe Alsup said. "We just never had an opportunity to get something going. We just couldn't get into our game ... small ball or anything, because we never got runners on. If we had gotten runners on, I think we might have changed things a little bit. Then we had a couple of errors, mistakes that we normally don't make, couple of passed balls we normally don't make. As a result, we were in a hole."

Frankowiak, who allowed just two bases runners, was not overpowering, but masterful, to say the least.

"She just located it really well and just kept it moving, hit her spots," Woodard said. "She just pitched great. I was just really proud of her and she was

really focused out there. She made them swing at her pitches. She did a good job."

And the Knights also laid out the leather behind her.

"We pounded on our defense in practice on Friday about making those extra plays and just really going hard and they just did that today," Woodard said. "I was really proud of that."

Meanwhile, it was a bittersweet ending for the Eagles, who had high hopes of advancing after ousting Mercy.

"Honestly, they outplayed us in every aspect of the game," Alsup said. "I give them all the credit and I wish them well. They made all the plays they were supposed to make, made all the throws, hit the ball. They out-hit us dramatically. That's the only time this year where we've had one hit in a game. It just didn't happen. There's days like that."

And the day belonged to Northern,

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JOE ALSUP
Lakeland coach

which captured the Bogie Lake Road battle in a match-up of schools located only a mile apart.

"They did a remarkable job against us," Alsup said. "I think they can be very successful in the next round. They're solid all the way around. They have a couple of kids that can punch the ball and a couple that can bunt the ball. And they have a solid team."

Northville grounded

In the other regional semifinal, Northern rolled to an 11-0 five-inning win over Northville (27-11) using a 15-hit attack led by McKenzie Knight, who went 3-for-3, including two doubles and four RBIs.

"I like the way we came out hitting the ball and our defense made some really great plays, so that's what we wanted to do," Woodard said.

Other offensive contributions came from Stachowiak (3-for-3, RBI), Bunker (2-for-4, triple, RBI) and Sam Harris (2-for-4, two-run homer).

Frankowiak, who went the first three innings, combined with Knight, who worked the final two, on a three-hitter.

Losing pitcher Hannah Laurin was tagged for seven runs on seven hits in three innings.

In a previous meeting May 31 against Northern, Laurin had allowed just two runs (both unearned) as she trailed 2-1 before the Knights went on to a 12-2 victory.

"I felt comfortable coming in here with Hannah and having her do her thing," first-year Northville coach Scott DeBoer said. "With that being said, you can't take anything away from them. They put the bat on the ball and Hannah wasn't pitching that bad. You've got to credit them for putting the bat on the ball."

Maggie Petix came on in relief of Laurin and allowed four runs on eight hits.

Sarah Hige went 2-for-2 in a losing cause.

"Nobody thought we were going to be here," DeBoer said. "Sometimes, you've got to come to the big dance to learn how to play in the big dance. That's what we'll take away from here. We know mentally there's a lot of jitters and it showed. We made some uncharacteristic errors and played a game we normally don't do, but you've got to learn how to play here and today it showed a little bit."

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BOYS GOLF

No surprise: CC captures third straight state crown

Shamrocks claim another title by 16-stroke margin

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central won another boys golf state championship Saturday — and it wasn't surprising.

The Shamrocks continued their dominant run by posting a 16-shot victory in the MHSAA Division 1 finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

It's the third consecutive title for the Shamrocks, who had three players finish in the top five.

Detroit CC shot 6-over 294 Saturday and finished 5-over 581 for the tournament.

Grosse Pointe South (597) was runner-up at 21-over, while Plymouth (610) was third, followed by Clarkston (619) and Rockford (622).

Oakland University signee Sean Niles led the way for CC, finishing as individual champion with a two-day score of 5-under 139 (70-69), one shot ahead of Plymouth senior Justin Kapke (70-70).

"It is a strategy course," said Niles, a senior who was also regional medalist at Dunham Hills. "You are basically doing all you can to keep it in the fairway. It's a placement course. That is all it is."

Seniors James Piot (Michigan State



Novi Detroit Catholic Central captured its third straight MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state title in East Lansing.

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signee) and Ben Smith (Georgia Tech) were other CC players in the top five. Piot was fourth at 146 (72-74) and Smith was fifth at 148 (71-77).

CC's fourth scorer was senior Dyllan Skinner, who finished with 78-74—152, while senior Sean Sooch rounded out

the five-player contingent with 74-80—154.

CC coach Mike Anderson said the seed for his program's dominance the past three years came at the 2014 state tournament, when the Shamrocks finished one shot behind state champion

"Today was a little different in the sense we got off to the worst start we've had all season. At one point, we were 8-over par, but shot 9-under on the back nine ..."

MIKE ANDERSON, CC coach

Swartz Creek.

"That was a tough pill to swallow and they responded," Anderson said. "They looked toward that as something they didn't want to happen again and it didn't."

In the past two years, CC didn't lose a single tournament as a team and each starter in its lineup finished as medalist in at least one tournament.

On Friday, the Shamrocks overcame a shaky start to shoot 1-under 287 to open an 11-stroke lead over Grosse Pointe South.

"It's been an incredible year," Anderson said. "Today was a little different in the sense we got off to the worst start we've had all season. At one point, we were 8-over par, but shot 9-under on the back nine, so we got those back."

"We had some tough holes at the start, didn't play them well. We did talk about it before the round, talked some strategy for them, but it turned out to be all talk. We didn't get through those holes well."

BASEBALL

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speak," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, in his 13th season. "It's been a special group for probably three weeks. They've come together and we've had a lot of things go our way along the way and I've always said, when people get to this point and beyond, that you have to have some luck."

The Eagles took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, when Jack Slavin was hit by a Connor Ziparo pitch and later scored on a single by Drew Thompson.

But the Mustangs responded with another big inning, nearly duplicating the seven-run surge they put together the previous week in a 10-0 district championship win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

This time Northville scored six runs in bottom of the second to chase Hartland starter Shane Callan.

Jake Moody got it started by drawing a one-out walk, followed by a single from Tyler Troyer and a walk to Michael Lionas to load the bases.

Alex Garbacik followed with a single to make it 1-1, then freshman Christian Williams walked to push the lead to 2-1. Morrissey and Nick Prystash followed with run-scoring singles. Bill Flohr was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force home another run and Aram Shahrigran's sacrifice fly made it 6-1.

"We knew their pitcher was a little bit wild," Morrissey said. "He had some trouble finding the strike zone, so we were trying to lay off pitches that were borderline or out of the zone. And once we did that, we got in good hitting counts or he walked us. It's easier to hit when you're up 2-0."

The Eagles pushed a run across in the fourth on a bases loaded walk with two outs.

Kostrzewa then made a pitching change, brining in Jon Michalak, a right-hander, in favor of the lefty Ziparo.

And Michalak was able to minimize the damage, getting the third out. The Mustangs also came up with a big play in the fifth on a 9-4-5 relay play from Prystash to Garbacik and Moody to cut down Justin McGrew trying to stretch a double into a triple.

But in the seventh, Hartland threatened again with two outs when consec-



Northville's baseball team celebrates its first regional title in 45 years after a 6-3 win over Hartland.

MARTHA MICHALAK

utive singles by Hunter Delanoy, Tommy Lappin and Cade Martin produced a run.

But Michalak, who worked the final 3½ innings, struck out Thompson to end the game.

"We still have good memories on that field, because we were playing that game with a chance to win it," Hartland coach Brian Morrison said. "They're a good team and one inning got away from us there, where we couldn't find the strike zone. They got a couple of hits and they had a multiple-run inning, which we were trying to avoid."

"And then we had bases loaded a couple of times and couldn't get that big one to knock in a couple of runs or more to just keep the inning going. But it was a baseball game and they made a few more plays than we did. They're a good program and a good team and you've got to play well to beat them and we didn't quite do that."

Both teams collected six hits. "We had some hard balls hit at us where we made some nice plays," Kostrzewa said, "but it's a tribute to these guys who are able to come up big for couple weeks now and get some hits

in clutch situations, making pitches and making plays."

In the first game, Lionas went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Williams doubled twice and knocked in two runs as the Mustangs out-hit St. Mary Prep, 12-4, in the six-inning run rule victory.

Flohr also knocked in two runs, while Morrissey, Shahrigran and Troyer added one RBI apiece.

The Eaglets (16-20) got two earned runs off Northville starter Ben Schmidt, who worked the first 5½ innings, striking out nine while scattering four hits and one walk. Ryan Pumper finished, getting the final two outs.

The Mustangs have now outscored their four postseason opponents by an aggregate count of 35-5.

"The difference this season, I see, is that we've done some things team bonding-wise that we haven't done in the past," Kostrzewa said. "We've always had close-knit teams, but we went to the Veterans Hospital and took a field trip to see the veterans at the V.A. Those little things are not only important for community service, but it's an opportunity for them to bond in a different way outside of the baseball field. You have

22 guys pulling for you and they're all on the same rope, cheering one another on ... it helps."

Stevenson falls 3-1

Branden Posky's 13-strikeout performance went in vain Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (31-9) fell to Hartland (34-7) in the other regional semifinal at Novi.

Posky allowed just four hits, but gave up all three runs (one unearned) in seven innings.

Hartland scored in the first inning on a single by Slavin, followed by Delanoy's double.

Stevenson scored its lone run in the third, when Danny Morris doubled and scored on a Chris Tanderys single.

The Eagles took the lead for keeps in the fourth on a Delanoy single, followed by Martin's double. Hartland added an insurance run in the seventh, when Logan Tobel singled and later came home on a Stevenson infield error.

Winning pitcher Max Hendricks went all seven innings, scattering six hits to go along with seven strikeouts.

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kind of hasn't set in. With high school, it's bittersweet now, because we're done. Four years on the ride and we're done. It really hasn't set in how big it is yet, but I'm so happy that I played well. That 'state champion' notion hasn't set in, as far as the mental part yet."

Niles didn't crack the vaunted CC varsity squad full time until his junior year, but he became a contributing member on the Shamrocks' 2016 state championship team by shooting 75-76-151 at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

Niles' ascension to the top of the high school golf ranks has been gradual over the past four years after arriving at CC as a freshman.

"I would just say it's consistent growth, someone who wants to be coached, someone who is always learning and trying to become a better player," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said.

The Oakland University signee really blossomed this spring, capturing medalist honors at the June 1 regional with a round of 70 at Dunham Hills in

Hartland.

It was a sign of more good things to come.

"I tweaked a couple of things with my swing before the regional and it clicked at the regional," Niles said. "So it was nice to actually have it click in competition. And I just kept kind of working on what I changed and I was swinging it really well this week."

Niles and Kapke were the first-round leaders at 70 each, but Niles separated himself on the greens during the second day.

"I had 28 putts today, so I putted really well," said Niles, who finished Saturday's round with five birdies and only two bogeys. "I didn't three-putt the whole weekend, actually. I hit it good enough. I didn't hit it especially great, but I hit well enough to put a good number out there. Mainly, it was all putting. I made the putts that I needed to."

Dewling said putting is a strength of Niles' game, but there's more to his game.

"He really works on that and he's very proud how he's developed as a ball striker and he works on his putting," he said. "Twenty-eight putts when you're a great ball striker like he is leads to good rounds."

Niles was also able to adapt to the

changing weather conditions from Friday to Saturday in East Lansing.

"It was hotter and a lot more windier," he said. "But the wind was really favorable today. It helped players that draw the ball, so we actually had a really good wind for that course today."

Niles' highly acclaimed teammates, James Piot, who has signed with Michigan State, and Ben Smith, who is headed to Georgia Tech, finished fourth and fifth overall with scores of 146 and 148, respectively.

Meanwhile, CC's other two seniors, Dyllan Skinner and Sean Sooch, shot 152 and 154 as the Shamrocks finished with a four-player total 581 to earn the team title by 16 strokes over runner-up Grosse Pointe South.

"I think the competitive culture that was developed just by those players in that graduating class all led to a lot of them excelling, just because they knew every tournament they had to go to they had to beat somebody on their own team just to win the event," Dewling said. "I think that Sean really gained a lot of experience and knew that, in order to be a top player in the field, he had to be the No. 1 player on CC, too."

Sean may get some of his athletic genes and drive from his father David, who was an all-state basketball play-

er at Garden City West High and later recruited by coach Dick Vitale to play at the University of Detroit, where he became a starter on Titans' 1979 NCAA tournament team.

"He has a self-taught swing," Dewling said. "I think his dad (Dave) and Sean have worked very hard together. He's never had a swing coach and he's very proud of it."

Although Niles missed qualifying for the upcoming Michigan Amateur, he'll embark on a busy summer schedule, starting with three American Junior Golf Association state events. He'll also try to earn a spot in both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Junior Amateur tournaments.

"I hope to play well in those, along with a couple that (OU) coach (Nick) Pumford has sent me for college," Niles said.

Meanwhile, as the Shamrocks gathered after capturing their third straight state title, Niles and his CC teammates could well have adopted that old Pizza Hut advertising slogan: "Now you're eating!"

Pizza never tasted so good.

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Tough loss for Shamrocks

Although the one-goal outcome was the closest in the history of their title game series, it did not make it any easier for head coach Dave Wilson and the Shamrocks to digest. CC lost by a goal to Rice in overtime during the regular season and by five goals in the Catholic League championship game.

"This is probably the worst feeling we've had," said Wilson, whose team finished with a 15-6 record. "If you would have told me we would hold them to eight goals, I would have said we probably would have won the game."

"We just didn't have the ball a whole lot. I thought our defense was great, but when we had our offensive opportunities, we didn't make the most of them," he added. "We just needed one more play. If we can make it, we're probably going into overtime. There was no fear and they wanted to win. They were just driven by ambition."

The hotly-contested game featured five lead changes and four ties.

The Shamrocks opened the scoring when Peter Thompson hit the back of the net a minute into the game. Rice rallied and led 5-3 at the half.

CC came out strong in the third

quarter, scoring the first three goals to grab a 6-5 lead. Rice scored two of the next three goals to end the quarter and the teams entered the pivotal fourth quarter tied at 7-7. The Warriors did have a goal called back at the end of the third quarter, when it was ruled the ball entered the net after time expired.

The teams ramped up the defense in the fourth quarter, with CC's all-America goalie Hunter Braun making two big saves early. Gould finally broke the deadlock and it stood up, as CC's final shot by senior co-captain Brennan Kamish was stopped by Rice goalie Teddy Lievois with 10 seconds left.

CC's goal scorers were Thompson and Kamish, with two each, and Ryan Sullivan, Joey Kamish and Nick Capatina with one.

Senior midfielder Jack Kelly scored three times and senior Daniel Reaume accounted for Rice's other goals.

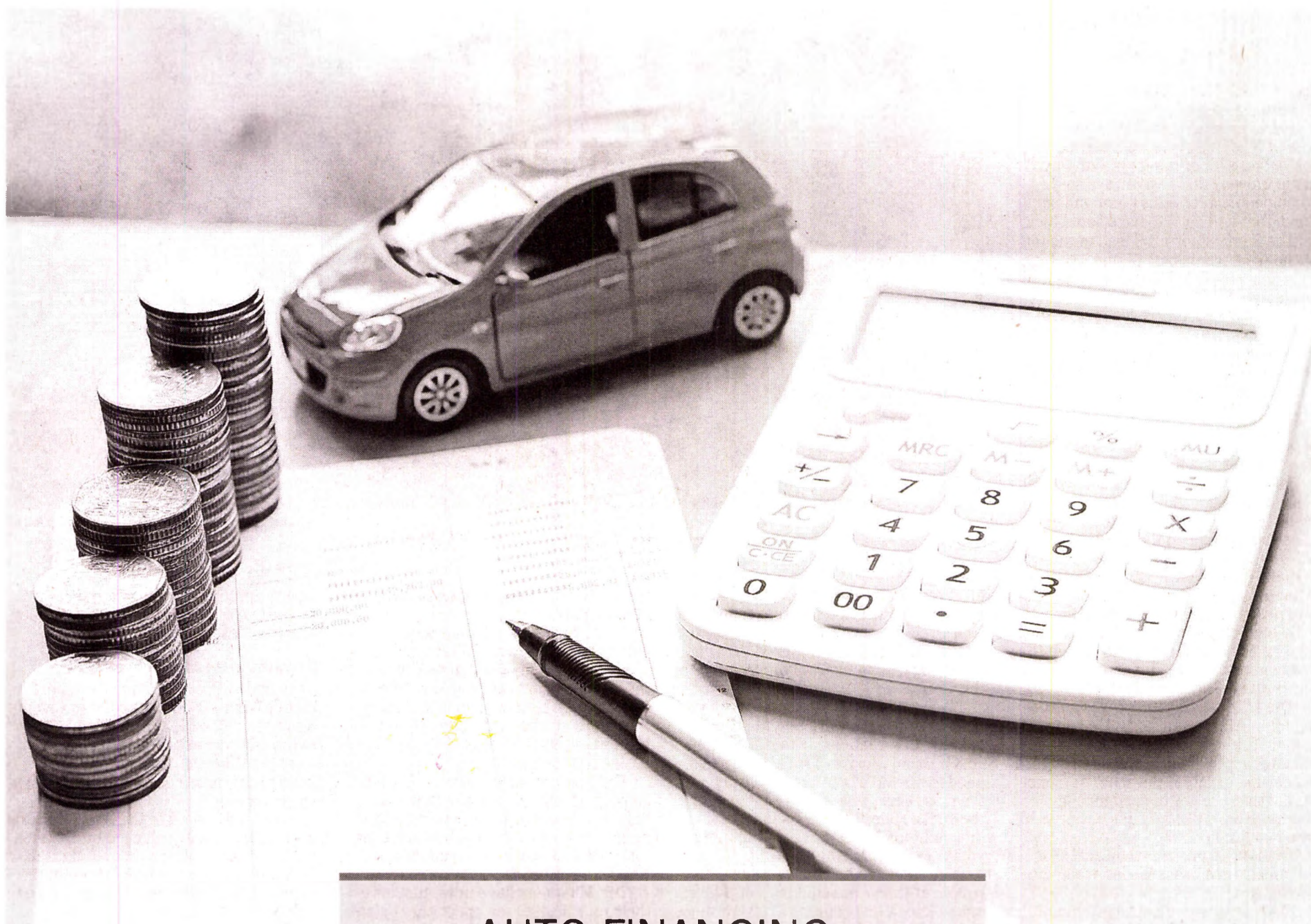
"It was awesome to have Cam step up for us," said Brother Rice head coach Ajay Chawla, whose team ended with a 20-4 record. "Every year, we somehow have somebody else step up, a younger guy, down the stretch. Cam's shooting was on. He got hurt there in the third and came back. I can't talk enough about how great these guys were today."

"Every year it gets a little tougher," he added. "Whether we win by one or we win by 10, it's a win and I'll take it."



Catholic Central's Nick Capatina (left) tries to get an edge on Brother Rice defender Carson Cochran.

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Is your car burning up your paycheck? You're not alone.

The total amount Americans owe on auto loans is at an all-time high and late payments have risen over the past couple of years, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. In the first quarter of 2017, about 1-in-26 car loans were 90 or more days late.

Here's how to avoid or address troublesome car debt.

BUYING? BE BUDGET SAVVY

Cut your risk of car loan troubles by knowing how much car you should buy and understanding that the payment is just part of the cost of ownership.

"First thing people should do when car shopping is be conservative when comparing income to payment," says Matt Jones, senior editor at automotive website Edmunds.

"What ends up happening is that for many people, their car payment is only about half of what they have to pay for the car in the month."

Add up everything car-related you'll spend each month: payment, gas, insur-

ance and maintenance. Aim to keep those expenses at no more than 20% of your take-home pay.

RUNNING INTO PAYMENT PROBLEMS? BE PROACTIVE

If you're in danger of missing a car payment — or have just missed one — call the lender.

"Many lenders are open to talking and willing to work with you, especially if

you're proactive," says Vince Shorb, CEO of the National Financial Educators Council.

Be clear about what you can pay now and when you'll be able to make regular payments again.

A common outcome is loan deferment, where the missed payment is pushed to the end of your loan term. You might have to pay the interest owed this month, a late fee or both.

AUTO FINANCING:

DON'T LET YOUR CAR LOAN DRAG YOU UNDER

Take charge now to avoid running into trouble later

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CONSISTENTLY STRUGGLING? REWORK YOUR PAYMENT

If you often have trouble covering monthly bills or have little left over for savings, get creative:

Refinance: You might be able to refinance your car loan at a lower interest rate or longer term — either one will cut your payment.

If your credit score is better than when you got the loan, you're more likely to get a lower rate.

Downsize your car: Sell your car and get a more affordable one. You're likely to get a better price selling to an individual rather than trading it in at a dealership.

Rework your budget: If you owe more than your car is worth, you might be stuck. Try reworking your budget so you can cover payments until you have enough equity to sell.

A last-resort option is voluntary surrender. It's like repossession on your own terms, without so many fees.

But it will hurt your credit score, and you'll have to pay the difference if you owe more than the car is worth.

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5 TIPS TO HELP YOU ... BUDGET SENSIBLY FOR THAT STAYCATION

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Whether you're dreaming of an hour-long massage or lazy days lounging under the summer sun, you'll want to budget wisely for your staycation.

After all, you've worked hard for this well-deserved treat, and the last thing you want is for your savings account to plummet just when you've begun to relax.

(Overspending can also tank your credit if you can't pay those credit card bills. You can see how your spending is impacting your credit by viewing two of your scores for free on Credit.com.)

To avoid a staggering credit card bill, here's how to budget for your staycation, no matter what you've got in mind.

BE REALISTIC

A whimsical tour through New York City, with stops on Broadway, in SoHo and at Bloomingdale's, probably isn't in the cards on a waiter's budget. Be realistic and do your research so you have a solid idea of what you can afford.

DRAFT A BUDGET

Just because you're staying home doesn't mean you won't spend money.

So it's a good idea to figure out how much you can comfortably set aside after you've covered your monthly expenses.

Is it \$500? \$1,000?

Even more?

Whatever it is, remember monthly pay-



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ments such as rent and utilities are a necessity, while your staycation budget isn't.

MAKE A PLAN

More than anything, the secret to drafting a great budget is knowing what it will cover. If you're planning to play tourist, checking out concerts and staying nearby, research those individual costs and factor them into your budget. Go online, see what's exciting and make a list of what you'd like to do. Once you've narrowed it down, you can decide what makes the most sense based on your budget.

SET A DAILY CASH ALLOWANCE

Once you've narrowed down how much money you can spend, it can be helpful to set a daily allowance for meals, snacks and planned-out activities.

Experts recommend inflating the number just a bit to account for unforeseen costs such as impulse purchases and emergencies. As your staycation draws closer and your plans change, rework your budget accordingly.

GET CREATIVE

Sometimes, meeting your vacation goals takes a bit of creativity. To that end, find ways to cut back your regular spending, even if you haven't given it much thought before. Holding off on those lattes or 3 p.m. snacks may just be the thing that allows you to visit the fancy restaurant you've been dying to try.



Walking tours can be simple strolls or rugged hikes such as this one through picturesque mountain trails in Fassa Valley of the Italian Dolomites. ANTONIO SCARPI, GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

Walking trips can go off the paths

EVERETT POTTER SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

Walking is good for you, so it's not surprising that there are travel companies that have made it the centerpiece of their tours. But what exactly is a walking vacation? Here are five myths taken down by two leading walking tour operators.

1 YOU NEED TO BE VERY FIT TO GO ON A WALKING VACATION.

You might think so, but that turns out not to be the case, says Michael West, founder of The Wayfarers, which started taking guests on walks in Dorset, England, in 1984 and now offers walking vacations throughout England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Spain, Austria, the Mediterranean, Patagonia and New Zealand. "But you do need to be realistic about your fitness level."

Tour operators including The Wayfarers rate their trips according to how much walking there is and the general level of fitness required. They have five walk levels ranging from "easy" at Level 1 to "energetic" at Level 5, though West adds that every walking trip is more enjoyable if you're in shape.

"We rate trips in terms of the terrain, distance, elevation gain and time spent walking each day," says West. "And we stress that walking is all about enjoyable 'slow travel,' taking time to see and appreciate the landscapes we walk through, not speeding along as if you are competing in a race."

Many locales offer a variety of terrain, which means that there often is a way to bring the less fit into the countryside, says Deborah Lewis, founder of Bredeson Outdoor Adventures which has walking trips throughout the U.S., South America, Europe and Oceania. "Virtually every walking destination offers moderate walks and hikes that are appropriate for people who can walk 3 to 5 or so miles in a day, and still experience rich local culture and beautiful scenery," Lewis points to her recently inaugurated New Brunswick Bay of Fundy tour, adding that "the hikes on this trip are dramatic, coastal adventures in areas full of seafaring history, yet they were not difficult."

2 I REALLY LIKE TO EXERCISE AND A WALK DOESN'T SOUND STRENUOUS ENOUGH.

When you mention a "walking vacation" to someone, this is indeed the other side of the coin. After all, don't most of us walk on vacation anyway?

"In response to this, I say, just join us on our Tour du Mont Blanc or Haute Route treks, and then come back to me and say that 'walking' trips are not strenuous," says Lewis. "Try going on a trip that crosses multiple mountain passes and offers 3,000 feet of elevation gain and loss daily. Challenging hiking trips can provide great exercise and adventure."

West says that "Walking can be as strenuous as you want it to be. Our Level 5 trips provide vigorous hiking over magnificent scenery with lots of get up and go required. Try our Dolomite Mountains hike in Italy for long, bracing days on Alpine trails, or our Lake District Walk in England with plenty of steep, rocky climbs and spectacular views."

Geography aside, West notes that "there's also the length of the walk to be considered. Walking for 12 to 15 miles a day for five days on our coast to coast



A walking tour lets visitors experience Italy's Cinque Terre at a slower, more intimate pace. STEVANZZ, GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO



The Canadian province of New Brunswick offers dramatic hikes along the Bay of Fundy. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

trip in Northern England is a great workout even though the trails themselves are quite easy."

3 I THINK A WALKING TRIP WOULD BE BORING.

After all, you're just walking, aren't you?

"Personally, I would find walking on a treadmill inside a gym boring," says West. "But real walking, outside in the sun and, yes, the rain, with fresh air on your face and the ever-changing landscape around you — that's never boring. Walking allows you to see things you wouldn't notice if you zoomed past on the highway. On foot, everyone is a fellow citizen of the world and you share the fun and camaraderie of the road. It can also offer a profoundly spiritual experience, as pilgrims have known for

more than a thousand years. The Wayfarers walk some of the ancient pilgrim routes, including the Camino de Santiago in Spain and the Via Francigena in Italy. On these routes you are literally walking in the footsteps of history."

4 SPENDING ALL MY TIME HIKING WILL KEEP ME FROM EXPERIENCING THE LOCAL CULTURE.

The best walking trips are designed to connect you with the people and region, where you stay in independent accommodations and eat in the same restaurants and cafés as the locals.

Advocates of walking tours will tell you that it doesn't get much more local than walking, the alternative to being "hermetically sealed away in a car or bus," says Lewis. "Try local food that has been grown in the area you have

walked through in Italy's lovely Cinque Terre region or walk to a sculptor's studio on an island in Croatia. Then imagine doing the same thing with 50 of your best friends on a tour bus."

On a Wayfarers' trips, they build in experiences along the way to entertain and inform guests about local history and culture. Depending on the trip, "these might include wine tasting, cheese making, theater performances or traditional music demonstrations," says West. "Our walks include visits to notable buildings and works of art. Our tours in Tuscany and Umbria take us to the historic centers of Siena and Orvieto and we enjoy a cookery lesson in an Italian farmhouse."

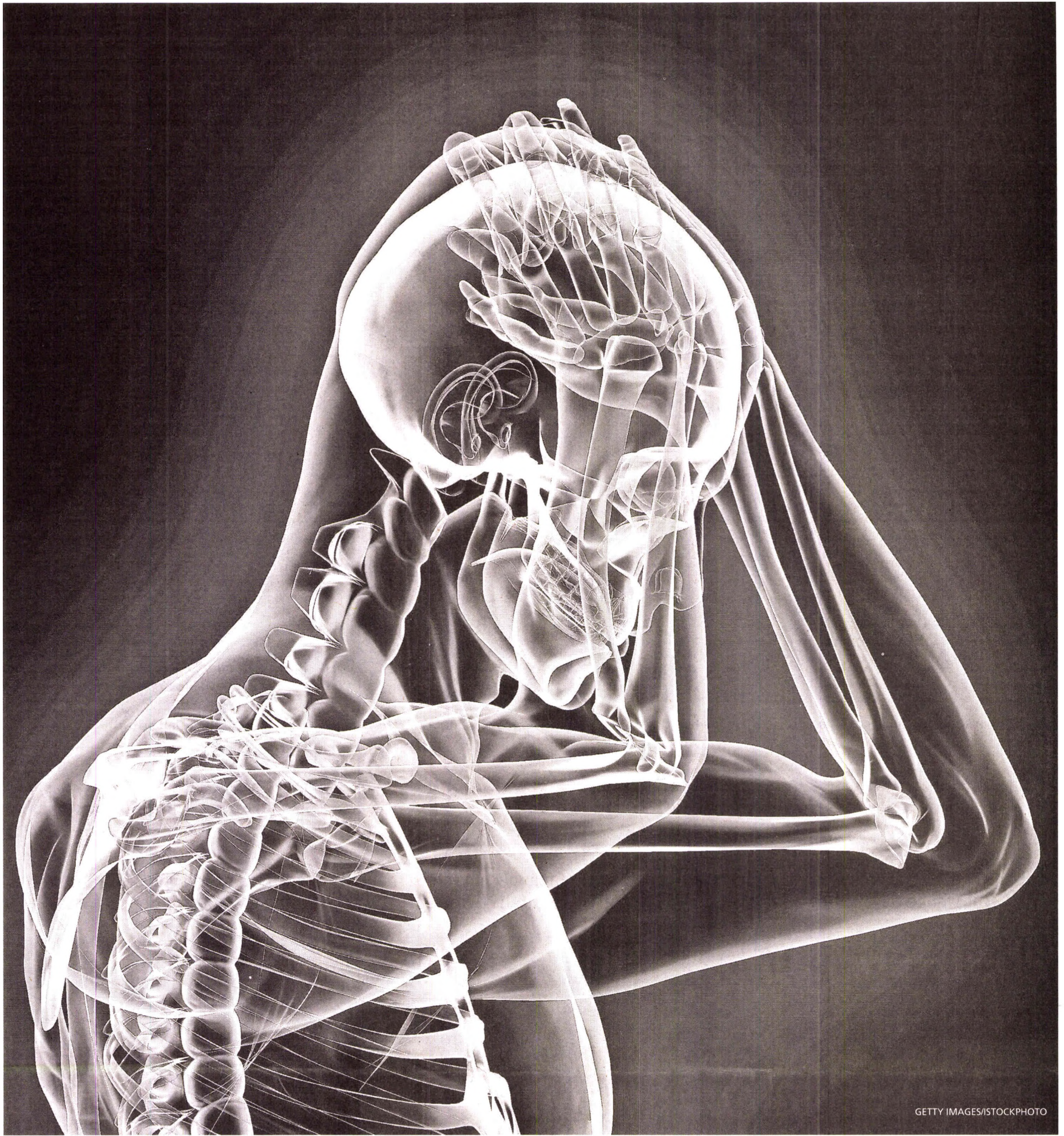
5 I DON'T WANT TO CARRY A HEAVY PACK.

The reality is that a light daypack is probably all that you need on most tours.

"On our walks you need not carry anything at all if you don't want to," says West.

"We have a walk leader and a back-up van. Our leaders accompany all our walks and carry basic necessities and first aid. Our vans meet walkers at pre-arranged intervals throughout the day to supply snacks, drinks and fresh equipment. Tired walkers can hop in the van for a stretch if they wish, or return to the hotel."

"Most people don't want to carry a heavy pack," says Lewis, whose company offers many self-guided trips. "Those who wish to trek but not schlep from place to place can sign up for a tour that offers baggage shuttle. ... How nice is that to arrive in town after a beautiful hike, and to find your suitcase with clean clothes waiting for you in your charming, family-run hotel?"



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Your head hurts?

Here are 4 possible reasons why and ways to ease the pain

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The migraine headaches were bad for this mother of two young children and small-business owner. She was getting them three or four times a month, and over-the-counter medications weren't helping.

Dr. Sandra Escandon, a Toms River-based neurologist affiliated with Community Medical Center, encounters this kind of situation regularly.

"She found that if she would eat breakfast, she would get fewer migraines," said Escandon, who specializes in headaches and headache medicine. "And with a migraine-specific medication that she took early in the course of her headache, the headache would go away within two hours and she was able to take care of her children and her business."

June is National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month. With Escandon's help, here is a look at four different types of headaches — starting with the big one.

Migraine headaches

More than 36 million Americans suffer from migraines. That's 14 percent of the adult population. The rate is even higher for women, at 20 percent.

"They are moderate to severe headaches that limit or prevent you from doing your daily activities," Escandon said. "Migraines are believed to be genetic disposition — they tend to run in families."

Their frequency varies. Some people get them once a month. Others more regularly. Chronic migraine sufferers are defined as those experiencing more than 15 headache days a month for three months in a row.

"Migraines can be triggered by a number of different things — sometimes inside the body, sometimes outside the body," Escandon said. "Not

every migraine trigger is a trigger for everyone who suffers from migraines."

Typical triggers: stress, lack of sleep, weather changes and hormonal changes.

"For some it's specific foods or skipping meals," Escandon said. "For others it might be specific odors, like perfumes or cleaning agents. It could be too much caffeine, or coming off caffeine can be a trigger."

Research has shown that more than one trigger often must be present to induce an attack.

"Maybe normally you can skip breakfast, but if you skip breakfast and a storm is coming that day, those two triggers together can set off a migraine," Escandon said.

Some migraines can be alleviated by over-the-counter medications, but not everyone is so fortunate. There are migraine-specific prescriptions that, coupled with lifestyle changes, can make a difference.

"Things like staying on a regular sleep cycle, avoiding skipping meals, and staying hydrated can help," Escandon said. "There is evidence that participating in regular exercise can help prevent migraines."

The key, she said, is to learn what your triggers are.

There's good news, too.

"There are a lot of new medications in the pipeline that will be available soon," Escandon said. "And there are treatments such as neurostimulators (hand-held devices that soothe the brain through electrical impulses) that may be becoming available."

The bottom line, Escandon said, is to get help.

"If you are getting headaches more than four days a month, then you would benefit from being on medication every day to reduce the frequency and severity of the migraines," she said.



Dr. Sandra Escandon

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Tension headaches

This is something we all can relate to — because just about all of us have had them before, and will again.

"This is a mild to moderate headache," Escandon said. "It's typically described as a bandlike pressure across the forehead. Sometimes it can go down into the neck. It tends to last only a few hours at a time."

Common triggers are stress or lack of sleep.

Most of the time, she said, they are easily alleviated by over-the-counter medications.

Cluster headaches

These are less common, though they do affect up to 500,000 Americans per year.

"They are severe, one-sided headaches, usually behind the eye or in the temple close to the eye," Escandon said. "The pain is terrific — 10 out of 10, unbearable. You can have tearing from the eye, or one nostril running, or a drooping eyelid."

How to deal with these?

"The sufferer has to pace back and forth," Escandon said. "They can't hold still."

Many of these occur randomly. "Only a few go on to be chronic," she said.

Sinus headaches

There's a misconception about these.

"Physicians think of sinus headaches as caused by an infection or inflammation of the sinuses," Escandon said.

"The general public will describe anything located in or near their sinuses as a sinus headache. Most sinus headaches are actually migraines in the frontal region. You can actually have sinus congestion during a migraine."

Other concerns

Headaches can be caused by neck injuries, even subtle ones, which require medical attention rather than medication.

They also can spring from problems with the eyes — the need for new eyeglasses or allergens that irritate the eyeballs.

One common, often baseless fear: brain tumors when a new or persistent headache arises. In such cases, it's best to check with your physician — but also to avoid panicking and assuming the worst.

"Although brain tumors can present with a headache, they are more likely to present with a loss of neurological function or a seizure," Escandon said.

For more information on migraines, visit the American Migraine Foundation's website at <https://americanmigrainefoundation.org>.

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TRAVEL

10 BEST: Bourbon goes down smooth

Bourbon is booming. Production and distilleries are popping up across the nation, propelled by growing interest from Millennials, says **Carla Harris Carlton**, author of *Barrel Strength Bourbon: The Explosive Growth of America's Whiskey* (Clerisy Press, \$24.95) and the blogger behind *BourbonBabe.com*. "It's gone from being grandpa's drink to being a really sophisticated spirit," she says. "There's a lot of culture and history behind it." She shares some favorite bars and restaurants specializing in the drink with **Larry Bleiberg** for USA TODAY.

HUSK CHARLESTON, S.C.

Not only will you find incredible food at this restaurant run by James Beard Award-winning chef Sean Brock, but you'll also find great drinks, Carlton says. The chef was an early champion of bourbon, buying it by the barrel. "Bourbon owes a big debt of thanks to him, adding so much of a cool factor." huskrestaurant.com

BOURBONS BISTRO LOUISVILLE

While Carlton struggles to pick a favorite in her hometown, this neighborhood spot wins her praises because it was ahead of the curve, incorporating bourbon into food, and educating the staff long before it was common. "They were really smart. It helped give bourbon a more sophisticated edge," she says. It's just one stop on the city's Urban Bourbon Trail (bourboncountry.com), a collection of spirit-friendly bars and restaurants. bourbonsbistro.com

YARDBIRD SOUTHERN TABLE & BAR MIAMI

With its proximity to the Caribbean, South Florida might seem like rum country, but this casual spot offers a comprehensive introduction to the world of bourbon. Carlton says she was impressed with the house-infused whiskeys on a recent visit, including orange, chocolate and smoked varieties. "They know their stuff." It also offers Southern-style eats including chicken and brisket on a biscuit. runchickenrun.com

RICKHOUSE SAN FRANCISCO

A burgeoning bourbon scene flourishes on the edge of California wine country, as evidenced by this spot in the Financial District. The bar's named for the warehouses where bourbon barrels are left to age. "They have a

really cool décor. It's a long, narrow space with walls that are either exposed brick or covered with barrel staves," Carlton says. "A little rustic with some of the rough edges polished off." rickhousebar.com

JACK ROSE DINING SALOON WASHINGTON

This Adams Morgan neighborhood bar boasts a collection of more than 2,000 bottles, including unopened vintage whiskeys acquired from collectors and estates, offering a chance to taste perhaps one-of-a-kind spirits, Carlton says. "It's always finding and serving interesting bottles. It really has a well-curated selection." jackrosediningsaloon.com

BARREL PROOF NEW ORLEANS

Kentucky has a long, historic connection with the Crescent City, shipping its bourbon down river for sale and export, but until recently New Orleans didn't celebrate the whiskey. Now it has a bourbon festival, and such places as Barrel Proof, which calls itself a clean, laid-back dive bar, with hundreds of varieties on offer. barrelproofnola.com

BUTCHER & THE BOAR MINNEAPOLIS

This high-end restaurant shows that bourbon can hold up well to hearty foods such as steak and pork, Carlton says. It offers a range of flights and cocktails. "They have a pretty good list, and it pairs well with heavy cuisine. It's nice to see that bourbon is moving northward." butcherandtheboar.com

DELILAH'S CHICAGO

While some bars lure drinkers with slick design, this Lincoln Park spot doesn't even try. "It really is a hole in the wall," Carlton says. "It does have a dive sort of



Charleston, S.C.'s Husk restaurant is known for its award-winning food, but it has great drinks.



The Manhattan bar Maysville is named for a city in Kentucky that was an early center of bourbon production.

stamp of approval." delilahschicago.com

MAYSVILLE NEW YORK

This Manhattan bar is named for an early center of bourbon production, and offers whiskey classes and tastings. "If you weren't shipping out of Louisville, you were shipping out of Maysville," Carlton says. "They're trying to evoke that history." The owners recently opened a bar and restaurant in New Orleans called Kenton's, with an equally strong bourbon focus. maysvillenyc.com

CENTURY DAYTON, OHIO

The bar owner has dedicated himself to the world of whiskey, making numerous pilgrimages to distilleries to learn the subtleties of the spirit. "He came to Kentucky to educate himself about bourbon. He takes every opportunity he can to learn," Carlton says. The bar reflects that dedication, offering classes and special tastings. "It's a cool location and worth a stop." centurybourbon.com

vibe to it, but they really know their bourbon." She says it's a regularly stop for Jimmy Russell, the legendary master distiller at Wild Turkey. "That's a big

11 CHANGES FOR IPHONE WITH IOS 11

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NEW YORK Curious about the iPhone 8? Here's what's coming, courtesy of Apple's introduction of its new operating system.

Apple kept news of a 10th anniversary iPhone under wraps on Day One of its Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose.

But Tim Cook & Co. revealed plenty about the software that will be at the new iPhone's core when it arrives, likely in the fall.

Here are 11 changes coming to iOS that caught my attention:

► **Augmented reality.** Using a platform called ARKit, developers will be able to exploit computer vision and take advantage of what Apple maintains will be "the largest AR platform in the world," given the vast user base of iPhones and iPads out there. One thing we know: AR almost always makes for a cool demo, even in its simplest form as when an Apple executive made a faux steaming cup of coffee appear on an otherwise barren tabletop.

► **Pay your friends in Messenger.** Apple is enabling person-to-person payments inside the Messages app via Apple Pay and with an assist from Siri. For example, Apple executive Craig Federighi said when you receive money from a friend it will go into an Apple Pay Cash card, of which I'd like to learn more.

► **More useful maps.** Apple is adding what it says are detailed floor plan maps at a variety of shopping malls and major airports. And Apple will provide a "lane guidance" view when you take the wheel of a car.

► **Do Not Disturb While Driving.** When you turn on Do Not Disturb While Driving, iOS 11 will silence alert and notifications while keeping the screen dark. iOS 11 will use Bluetooth or Wi-Fi to measure that you're moving in a car and, if so, to suggest activating the feature. If it is activated, anyone sending you a message will get an automated response telling them that you'll see their message when you get where you're going. If the message is truly urgent, the sender can reply urgent in the message to permit it to get through to you.

► **A smarter Siri?** Apple insists that through machine learning and artificial intelligence, Siri will indeed get smarter in iOS 11 and learn more about how to please you by learning what you're doing inside the Safari, News, Mail and Messages apps. Your Siri interactions are synced across devices (and encrypted.) International travelers will likely appreciate the fact that Siri will be able to translate English words



Attendees get their fill of Apple at WWDC 2017 on Monday.

JEFFERSON GRAHAM, USA TODAY

and phrases into Chinese, French, German and Spanish.

► **Enhancements to Photos.** Features include the ability to shoot Portrait Mode (currently a feature on the iPhone 7 Plus only) with optical image stabilization. iOS 11 also lets you add effects and trim the short video snippets inside Live Photos images. And a new format called High Efficiency Image File Format can reduce the file size of pics you take on an iPhone 7 or iPhone 7 Plus.

► **New design for Control Center.** Changes to the Control Center, where you can control audio, turn on Airplane mode, adjust the audio and more, looks to be a positive step. Control Center packs such

tools now in a single view, which you can get to with an upward swipe gesture. A new lock screen also brings notifications into a unified view.

► **New design for App Store.** Highlights include a new Today view with featured app content as well as a dedicated Games section.

► **One-handed keyboard.** Apple promises easier one-handed typing, with easy access to numbers, symbols, punctuation.

► **A richer music experience.** Apple Music subscribers will be able to follow, contribute and listen to shared playlists with friends and create profiles so they in turn can follow you. What's more, Apple

has opened up Apple Music to developers, giving them full access to the 40 million songs in Apple's cloud catalog. Apple noted that Nike can add exercise playlists through the catalog, or Shazam can automatically add the songs it identifies to your music collection. The new AirPlay 2 feature in iOS 11 will let you control Apple TV and third-party speakers in multiple rooms around the house.

► **iPad only benefits.** Apple says iOS 11 is the biggest software release ever for the iPad. Two benefits worth mentioning: drag and drop support and a new Files app, both of which would make a tablet such as the iPad Pro that much more like a Mac.



KOHLER DESIGN CENTER-KIM LEWIS ROOM

This Kohler Design Center kitchen is right on trend with an undermount farm sink and dark quartz countertops.

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE

Marble? Quartz? Glass? How to choose a countertop material

CHRISTINA POLETTO FOR THE JOURNAL NEWS

Selecting the right countertop for your kitchen can be an extremely difficult and expensive decision. • Currently, there are about a dozen different materials that are all technically suitable for a cooking environment, from marble to quartz, granite to glass, tile, and even butcher block and concrete. • With so many options, how do you know what is right for your home? • And, if you're considering selling your property in the future, which material might appeal most to potential buyers? • We asked Amy Nowak-Palmerini, principal of Roam Design in Congers (roamdesignllc.com), to steer us toward the countertops that are best for families, avid chefs and bakers, and various budgets, too.

Marble: Pretty, but not always practical

Homeowners seeking a high-end look and feel to their kitchen might gravitate toward the gray-veined look of calacatta and carrara marble, but it may not be the most ideal selection.

Because marble is naturally porous, it requires regular sealing and, what's more, staining can be a real problem. "Although a beautiful natural stone, marble is not the most practical of countertop surfaces," says Nowak-Palmerini.

"It stains and retains odors very easily, so is not a great choice for a surface that needs to stand up to things like red wine, colorful foods like beets and red meats, as well as pungent things like garlic and onions."

That's not to say marble can't be used in the kitchen at all.

According to Nowak-Palmerini, it's a wonderful surface for an in-home baking station. "Serious bakers prefer marble countertops for kneading dough since the marble naturally keeps dough from sticking to the surface. In fact, we've seen homeowners really interested in baking insist on using marble counters, at least for one surface in their

kitchens."

What about quartz?

"What many people don't realize about quartz countertops is that they are actually manufactured materials," says Nowak-Palmerini.

"Quartz is an extremely strong mineral, and it is extracted from its natural state and manufactured into slabs by mixing crushed quartz with an adhesive, and sometimes color additives. Because quartz is manufactured, it is generally more expensive than most granites and marbles, which are cut from the earth in large blocks and then sliced into slabs."

The upside? Quartz is extremely easy to take care of and doesn't require sealing like natural stone countertops.

Also, because of its non-porous nature, it's resistant to stains, scratches and heat and is available in an array of patterns and hues to fit any kitchen color scheme.

What's so great about granite?

Affordability and availability still make granite an attractive choice for kitchens.

"Granite remains a very popular



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The kitchen in a renovated apartment has marble counters. Marble is pretty, but not always practical.

countertop option due to its variety in price point, color and wide availability," says Nowak-Palmerini. It's also a dependable work surface, and the sheen of polished granite give kitchens a high-end look without breaking the bank.

To keep it looking its best, granite requires a sealing treatment that can be done every year. For those looking for the strength and durability of granite without all the shine, honed granite is an option worth exploring. It carries a softer, matte look but is equally resistant to scratching and heat.

The ROI: Granite countertops continue to give homeowners the most for their investment, but that doesn't mean you have to stick with just one material.

"We are seeing a strong movement by homeowners to have two and sometimes three different countertop materials in their kitchens," says Nowak-Palmerini.

For example, we recently completed a kitchen renovation project where the

homeowner selected a granite countertop as the main surface, and a coordinating quartz countertop for the beverage center," she says.

Nowak-Palmerini suggests that more unconventional countertop materials, such as wood butcher block, recycled glass, stainless steel, soapstone and concrete, are often considered by clients looking to create a distinct look in their kitchens.

"In the end, though, homeowners tend to return to the timelessness, familiarity and relative affordability of granite and marble for their kitchen countertop selections," says Nowak-Palmerini.

She continues: "As far as return on investment, the natural stones like granite and marble offer homeowners better value and longevity. The premium price of quartz and the more specialty countertops will not often be appreciated by potential buyers."

AREA EVENTS

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Northville Art House

Be a PART of it! The Northville Art House presents Confluence: Mixed Media Fiber Art by Jennifer Gould and Boisali Biswas. Confluence merges the talented world of two Michigan artists who weave their own observations, themes and conceptions into extraordinary fiber art using both traditional and contemporary materials and techniques.

Both artists have received numerous awards in exhibitions statewide and around the country as well as have extensive gallery representation.

The exhibition runs through June 30 during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

NHS swim car wash

Come get your car washed and support local students. Saturday, June 17, the Northville boys swim and dive team is ready to give your car some shine. Stop by between noon and 4 p.m. at the northwest corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads, in the Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics parking lot.

Project Palav

Come walk and help us breathe life into infants with weak lungs at the Palav Walk, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 17, at Mayboru State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville (use Eight Mile entrance).

Pioneer Medical Research Foundation's Project Palav implements a simple cost effective breathing support system that provides breathing support to newborns and saves lives.

To register, go to <http://www.palav.org/events.html> or register the day of the event. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 per family, \$20 per adult or \$10 per child. To make a donation, go to www.palav.org/donations.

SRP kickoff party

Join The Milford Public Library for its summer reading program kickoff party anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Kids can register for the summer reading club and do a couple of crafts. Face Flair returns to do face painting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No registration required.

Rummage sale

South Lyon First United Methodist Church (640 S. Lafayette St.) will be hosting its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 16, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17.

A wide variety of items, including clothing, household items and toys, will be available. Questions? Call 248-437-0760.

Beer Tent Fundraiser

In order to increase funding available for distribution to veteran and community charities, the Northville American Legion Post is hosting a Beer Tent fundraiser event to coincide with the Northville Arts and Acts Festival June 16-17. The event is open to the public and non-members are welcome to participate. There will be a selection of refreshments and food for purchase and a live band for entertainment. The Lloyd H. Green American Legion Post 147 is located at 100 W. Dunlap, Northville.

Democrats of West Oakland County

The Democrats of West Oakland County will host a final panel discussion, "Running for Office," beginning at 5:30

p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Novi United Methodist Church

41671 W. 10 Mile. Topics will include organizing a campaign; what does it cost; who should you include on your team, etc. Every office from school board to state representative will be discussed. For more information, go to www.dwoc.info or see Facebook Democrats of West Oakland County.

Conquer your paper mountain

How would you feel if your desk were clear, all your paperwork was filed and you could find any document you were looking for? Professional organizer Soo Porter will present a workshop with practical advice on how to organize important documents 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Wixom Public Library. Porter will present tips and tools about choosing what to discard, what to store and creating systems for filing important paperwork. You will also learn how to maintain your filing systems.

Please preregister for this free event at wixomlibrary.org, call 248-624-2512, or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

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 (located on Main Street across 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. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

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. each Thursday.

» June 15: Lookin' Back, Bob Seger Tribute Band is a Detroit band that delivers the classic rock of Bob Seger.

» June 22: 2XL is a metro Detroit band that performs the powerful rock and roll you know and love.

» June 29: Farmington Community Band allows you to enjoy an evening of patriotic music and marches in a special program that honors our veterans, active military and first responders.

» July 6: Steve King and the Dittilies will entertain you with their nostalgic rock 'n' roll.

» July 13: Kari Lynch is all the way from Nashville. Roots country, meets Americana, meets twangy pop rock.

» July 20: Persuasion thumps with their high energy hits from Motown to the Black Eyed Peas.

» July 27: Magic Bus mixes a psychedelic rock tribute with the Woodstock era.

» Aug. 3: Mr. Moody will rock the Amp with their classic rock, country rock, Motown, and everything in between.

Learn more at www.milfordtownship.com or email concerts@milfordtownship.com.

Wixom summer reading kickoff party

Kick off summer from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the



Wish you were here

Milford High School students brought a copy of the Milford Times with them when they went to Paris on spring break, here in front of Notre Dame.

Wixom Public Library with family activities, outdoor events and games and treats. We'll have tables staffed to register you for the Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is Build a Better World and we have special programs planned for all ages, from babies to adults.

The summer reading club runs through Aug. 5. Learn more about the summer reading club at wixomlibrary.org, call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

Upcoming events:

Week of June 18: Bricks 4 Kidz Mining and Crafting Camp; Bricks 4 Kidz Movie Mash Up Camp; Young Rembrandts - The Power of Drawing Camp; Kids Kamp - Buggin Out; Tiny Tot Equestrian Camp; Baseball Summer Kick Off Camp; Youth Football Camp; South Lyon Lacrosse Camp; Week day Morning Group Swim Lessons; High School Swim Camp; Zumba with Elizabeth; Summer Reading and Writing; Play and Make Music; Pizza Pals; Pizza Bumpers; Youth Stroke Improvement.

Week of June 25: Mad Science Discovery Camp; Safety Town; Kids Kamp - Michigan Adventures; Youth Tennis; Coach Levin's All Star Basketball Camp; Fun Time Basketball Camp; Lions Football Camp; Train and Play Baseball Camp; SNAG Golf; Yoga with Kymm; Adult Beginner Equestrian Lessons; Karate with Doug; Baby-sitting Class.

Milford Garden Walk

The Milford Garden Club's 22nd annual Garden Walk and Marketplace are 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17, rain or shine. Featured this year will be unique and diverse gardens in Milford and surrounding areas. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 by visiting the Milford Garden Club website www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

Tickets may also be purchased by visiting one of the following locations: Blossoms on Main, The Clothing Cove, Acorn Farms in Milford, and The Pond Place in Highland. Tickets the day of the event are \$12. Proceeds benefit scholarships to local high

the country. The top four plays will perform during the Arts & Acts Festival.

Tickets are \$15 each when reserved before June 16, \$20 each when reserved after June 16. Tickets are available at the TPT box office or at the door before performances.

This year's performance will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street. Theater patrons should enter the church using 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.

Registration fee is \$175 for seven weeks of camp. Students in grades 6-10 may attend. There are 13 field trips this year. Zap Zone, Paradise Park, AirTime, BonaVenture, Detroit Tiger game, Detroit Zoo, C.J. Barrymore's, Emagine, Novi Bowl, Kensington Park, Red Oaks Water Park. There will also be trips to the Novi Police Station, Novi Fire Station, Novi DPS and Novi Public Library.

Daily activities include, sports, games, arts and crafts, learning activities and tutoring.

Summer Teen Center has been around for more than 30 years. This is an affordable day camp teens can come to during the day open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Novi Youth Assistance for more information or to register at 248-347-0410.

Flea market and barn sale at Fisk Farm

The White Lake Historical Society will hold a flea market and barn sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17 and 24 at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, White Lake. There will be a great selection of vendors and products, both old and new.

For more information, go to www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events or call 248-684-5721.

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 - join the Summer Reading or Teen Summer Reading Program and enjoy exciting free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, weekly prizes and more. Parents, read to young ones, and help your students maintain - and improve - important reading skills to prevent summer slide. Go to northvillelibrary.org for details.

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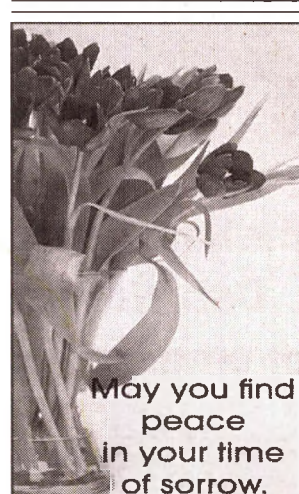
Arvidson

Margaret Ann of Waterford passed away December 10, 2016 at age 73. Beloved wife of Dennis. Loving mother of Don (Shelia) Dao, Ken Dao, Tom (Arline) Dao and Anya (Romeo) Maniquat. Treasured grandmother of seven grandchildren. Sister of Paul Fredsel. Mrs. Arvidson was an early education teacher for the Huron Valley School District. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at White Lake Presbyterian Church, 4805 Highland Road in White Lake. A memorial luncheon will follow. Memorial contributions suggested to the White Lake Presbyterian Church Endowment. Arrangements handled by the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home. www.eltonblackandsonwhitelake.com.

Elton Black & Son Funeral Home

Carney

Rose formerly of Novi, Michigan, age 95, passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the Sacred Heart Adult Care Home in Gregory. She was born on December 30, 1921, in Saginaw, MI, the daughter of Steven and Anne (Kochan) Sass. Rose had worked as a cook and retired from Ford Motor Company. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and she loved being outside. Surviving are her children, Rose Clark and Linda (Jack) Derrick, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, her sister Katie, and her brother Steven. She was preceded in death by her oldest child, Julius M. Bow, and her siblings. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.



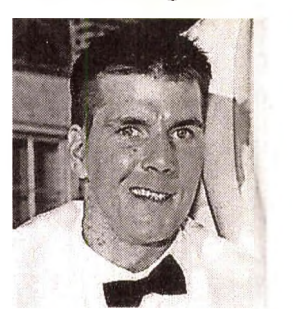
Diedrich II

William Charles "Bill" passed away on Friday, May 26, 2017 in The Villages, FL. Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 26, 1943, and graduated from Farmington High School. He enjoyed farming, traveling on motorcycles, and was an avid walker. In addition, he loved square dancing and round dancing. He was also a member of the American Legion, after serving in Korea. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; as well as, William C. Dietrich III of Fayetteville, AR, Lisa Dagenhardt of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Max V. Dietrich, of Highland, MI, as four wonderful grandchildren Gage, Colton, Avery, and Lumen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice at 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

Graycheck

Matthew Dale a resident of Brighton and longtime resident of Milford, passed away June 3, 2017. In addition to Laurie Atkins, his beloved wife of nearly 7 years, Matt is survived by his sons, Matthew Jacob Graycheck, Andrew (Jennifer) Graycheck, Ryan Graycheck, Luke (Elizabeth) Graycheck and their mother Dr. Meg Krumb Nichols; sons, Stephen Graycheck and James Graycheck and their mother Kathy Hallisey; step-son, Joseph Hyde; grandchildren, Liam, Lorelei, Hudson, Mackenzie; mother-in-law, Ann Atkins; siblings, Cliff Graycheck, Jr., Margaret (Dan) Bailey, Jim (Jennifer) Graycheck, and Mary (Richard) Ehardt; Godmother, Bernice Graycheck as well as his canine companions, Mika and Hobo the Akitas as well as extended family and many dear friends. Matt was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Lois Graycheck and nephew, Jeremy Bailey. Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde officiated. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 and www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Ramsey



Charles Edward "Char", our son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on Monday, June 5, 2017, at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital, at the age of 53. A memorial service in Char's honor will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta, on Friday, June 30th, at 11:00 AM with Pastor Greg Buchner officiating. Visitation will take place at the church one hour prior to the service. Char was born July 21, 1963, in Lansing, MI, the son of Charles F. and L. Diane Ramsey. He graduated with the Class of 1981 from Northville High School (Michigan) where he lettered in swimming and soccer. Char was also active in the Boy Scouts of America, becoming an Eagle Scout. After graduation, Char attended Western Michigan University until his near-fatal car accident at the age of 21. He suffered a traumatic brain injury and was left partially paralyzed. Although Char's body had been affected by the accident, his spirit wasn't. He was a fun-loving person that enjoyed helping others. Charismatic, charming, outgoing and a leader, Char could also be a trickster with a mischievous smile and personality. Left to cherish his memory are: his mother, Diane Larsen (Tom); father, Chad Ramsey (Gail); brother, Cam Ramsey (Linda); half-brother, Chase Ramsey; half-sister, Brooke Ramsey; step-brothers, Mike Larsen (Marilyn), Jeff Larsen (Angel), and Craig Larsen (Kim); step-sister, Lori Martin (Jason); niece, Emma Ramsey; and beloved dog, Gizmo. Char was preceded in death by: his grand-parents, Charles P. Ramsey, Jr., Arlene E. Ramsey, George E. Pritchard, Ruth H. Pritchard; and step-brother, Brian Larsen. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the church. Friends may share a memory at the church or online at [Janowicz Family Funeral Home](http://JanowiczFamilyFuneralHome.com).

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These 5 things can improve your career

BY MATT TARPEY
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When you're thinking about career goals, it's easy to fall into the trap of focusing too much on intangible and non-specific ideas. Get your head out of the clouds with these five things you can do right now (and keep doing every day) to start improving your career.

1. Keep up with industry changes

No matter how good you are at your job, if you don't stay up to date on industry news and trends, you're likely to get left in the dust. Understanding the bigger picture for the industry at large is the difference between having a job and having a career.

"Subscribe to the leading journals or publications for that industry. Each day or week, depending on how often the content is published, give yourself ample time to read the news and understand possible implications or outcomes," says Evan Harris, co-founder and CEO of SD Equity Partners. "Don't just skim the information; absorb it. Becoming an industry expert is a foolproof way of improving your career."

2. Read job listings

You probably have a pretty



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good idea of what your dream job would be. But how do you get there? A good way to begin charting your course is through job listings.

"The best way to determine the path to your dream job is by looking at current job listings and seeing the skills required for that role," Harris says. "Now that you know what skills you need, figure out how to acquire them. Take online classes, read articles, watch videos – do whatever it takes to learn those skills,

bringing you one step – or many steps – closer to the career you've always wanted."

3. Rely on a mentor

Early in your career, keep your eye out for potential mentors, and don't hesitate to approach people to ask for advice. Once you've begun establishing a mentor/mentee relationship, don't neglect it.

"Being able to turn to an advisor with whom you build a history, especially someone of stature in your company or

industry, offers enormous opportunity to benefit from their insights and perspective," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "They can offer you feedback to address both your strengths and weaknesses and recommend strategies to best manage the latter. Mentors help you to identify shortcuts to accelerate your potential to advance and to identify and avoid the landmines that are inevitable."

4. Get involved

Depending on your position, you may not typically work with many people outside your immediate teammates and managers. Branching out and meeting people from other areas of the company can have an impact on your career.

"Get involved in committees to increase your visibility in the organization and make a contribution outside of your department," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "Many large companies have committees to review processes or improve employee retention. Joining such a committee can expose you to other people in a large organization that you might not otherwise meet and can open the door for future job opportunities."

5. Become an authority

Career advancement often hinges not only on the quality of your work, but on your ability to differentiate yourself from the rest of the pack. A great way to do this is to find a useful area in which you can specialize. "Any worker who wishes to move up the ladder in terms of both responsibility and compensation is wise to find a topic of some kind about which to become an expert," says Jacob Dayan, partner and co-founder of Community Tax, a national provider of tax preparation, bookkeeping and accounting services. "If, for example, you work in an accounting firm, then become the firm's go-to resource on a nuanced but important tax issue. Then, find ways to share this knowledge regularly."

Dayan suggest writing posts for your company's blog, conducting lunch-and-learn meetings at the office or speaking at industry groups about the topic of your expertise to spread the word and establish yourself as an authority both inside and outside of the company.

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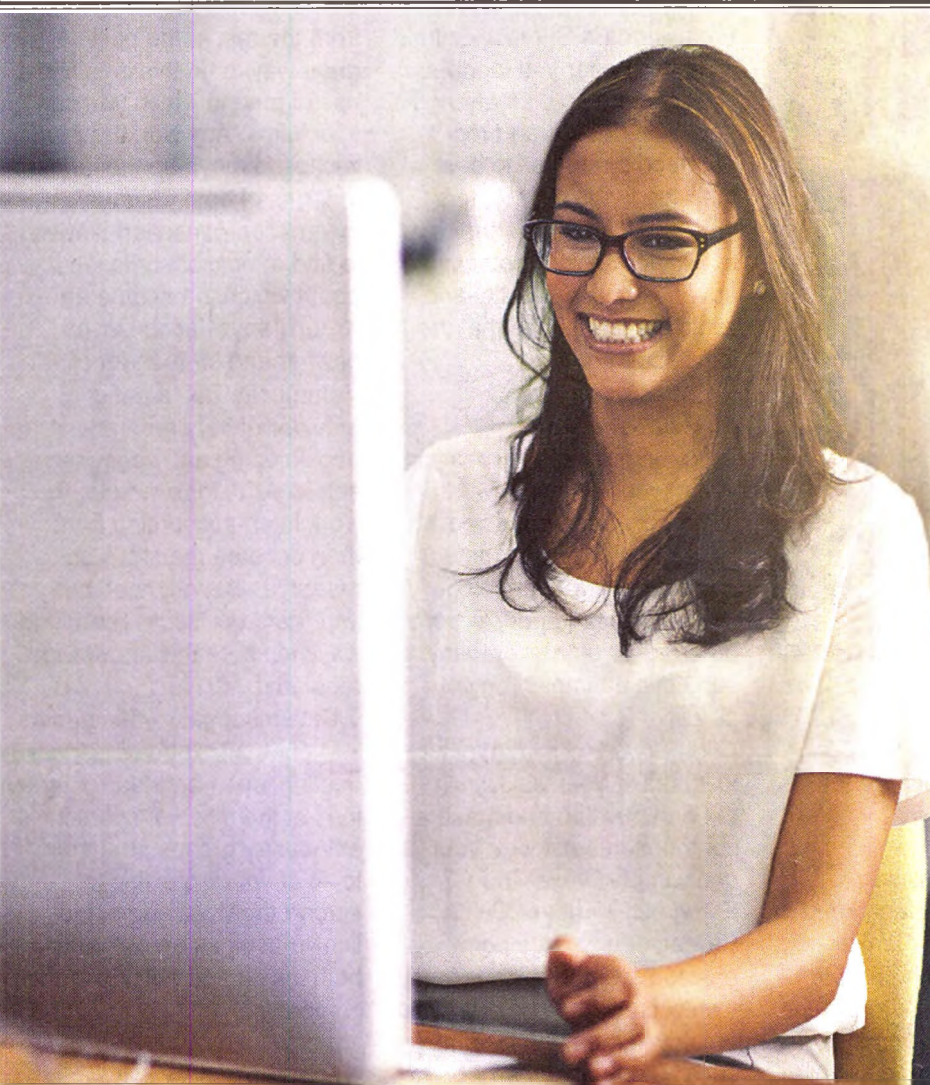
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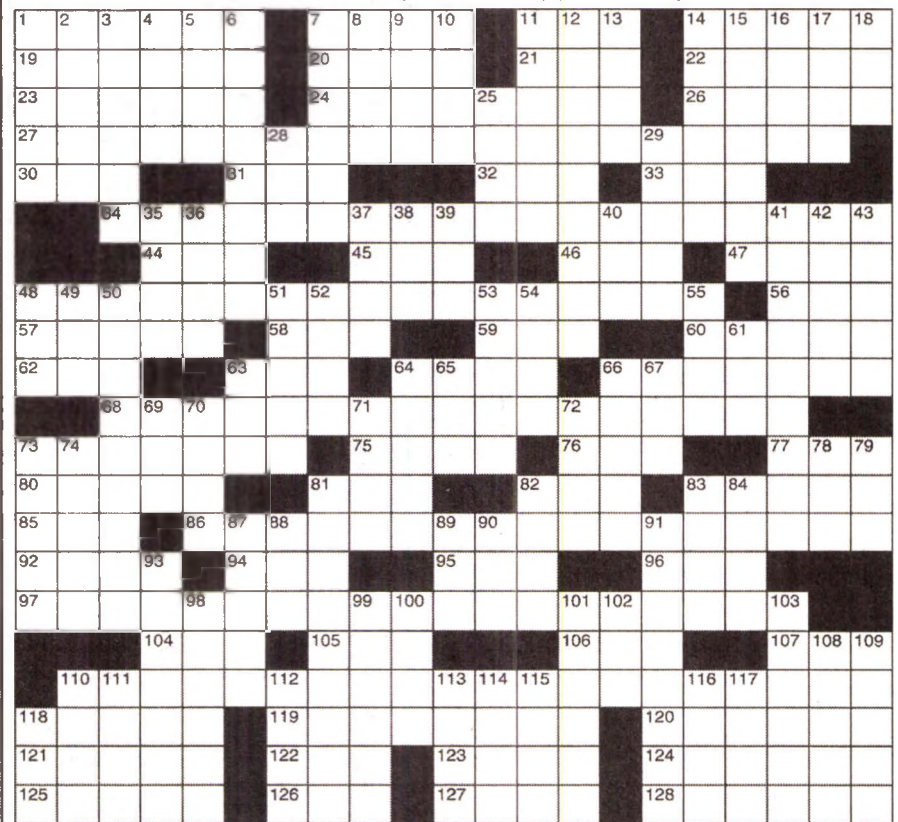
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 - 11 Two — kind
 - 14 OshKosh — (clothing brand)
 - 19 Rio Grande city
 - 20 Turn about an axis
 - 21 Hoop part
 - 22 Supply (with)
 - 23 Reach
 - 24 Back in the day
 - 26 Gird one's —
 - 27 Elena Kagan and others
 - 30 Govt. ecology org.
 - 31 Biblical verb ending
 - 32 Suffix with front or cloth
 - 33 — hall (U. hangout)
 - 34 Limbo and others
 - 44 Vast quantity
 - 45 Motel cousin
 - 46 "Alley- —" (1960 #1 hit)
 - 47 "So it is!"
 - 48 Euterpe and others
 - 56 Cleveland NBAer
 - 57 Actor Sacha Baron —
 - 58 Post-it initialism
 - 59 Up until now
 - 60 Prior to, in poetry
 - 62 Pansian pal
 - 63 Italy's loc.
 - 64 Way of carrying oneself
 - 66 Wooded region in France
 - 68 Kitchen and others
 - 73 Still a bit firm, as cooked pasta
 - 75 Russian city or region
 - 76 Barrett of Pink Floyd
 - 77 ThinkPad maker, once
 - 80 Spy novelist John le —
 - 81 "Boy, — ever!"
 - 82 Ints. on a battleship
 - 83 Delhi's home
 - 85 Noted time
 - 86 Shortstop and others
 - 92 Tire trappers
 - 94 Wall-to-wall, e.g.
 - 95 Water in one fontaine
 - 96 With 61-Down, request
 - 97 "Eroica" and others
 - 104 Sleep cycle acronym
 - 105 Lead-in to natal
 - 106 Texter's "Holy moly!"
 - 107 33rd U.S. pres.
 - 110 Fact about 27-, 34-, 48-, 68-, 86- and 97-Across
 - 118 Out in front
 - 119 Cocky
 - 120 New Zealand indigenes
 - 121 "The Trial" novelist Franz
 - 122 Onetime GI
 - 123 White cheese
 - 124 Bewitched
 - 125 Fidgety
 - 126 Prefix with thermal
 - 127 "And there you have it!"
 - 128 Late actress Gabor
 - 5 Pop singer Brickell
 - 6 Nitrogen or carbon, e.g.
 - 7 Intimidates, with "out"
 - 8 Margarine
 - 9 Maui feast
 - 10 Deborah of old films
 - 11 Mouth pain relief brand pres.
 - 12 Solve
 - 13 Singer Tori
 - 14 Ism
 - 15 Dumplings in an Italian restaurant
 - 16 Dog of comics
 - 17 Phoenix NBA team
 - 18 "— a Rebel" (1962 hit)
 - 25 Bic Clic —
 - 28 Summer, in France
 - 29 Overused theme
 - 35 Arthur with a racket
 - 36 Gas in glass
 - 37 103, to Nero
 - 38 Mag for an entrepreneur
 - 39 It's stranded in cells
 - 40 "Help!" from a helmsman
 - 41 City north of San Diego
 - 42 Hear (of)
 - 43 Flood control structure
 - 48 Longtime record label
 - 49 — Kippur
 - 50 Very inferior
 - 51 Valuable
 - 52 Lamb-in-pita treat
 - 53 Geologist Sir Charles —
 - 54 Bistro list
 - 55 Chronicle
 - 61 See 96-Across
 - 63 Pro trained in trauma
 - 64 Callas of opera
 - 65 Cola cubes
 - 66 Large chasm
 - 67 Angling need
 - 69 Atop, in verse
 - 70 Certain ground-floor apartment
 - 71 Tyro PC gamer, say
 - 72 Petro-Canada rival
 - 73 Sour in taste
 - 74 Actor Lash of Westerns
 - 78 Post office container
 - 79 Mothers
 - 81 TV host Ellen
 - 82 "—, and away!"
 - 83 Possible reply to "Who's there?"
 - 84 Shoe brand
 - 87 Scent
 - 88 Toyota Sequoia, e.g.
 - 89 ESPN anchor Bob
 - 90 Flee quickly
 - 91 He played Andy Torres on "Cougar Town"
 - 93 Spells, as of luck
 - 98 Prime period
 - 99 Not far from
 - 100 Fly alone
 - 101 Age-old fluff-fighting drink
 - 102 Yoga chants
 - 103 Iranian city
 - 108 Quick cuts
 - 109 Seed coating
 - 110 More — likely
 - 111 Test by lifting
 - 112 Sitar player Shankar
 - 113 Pride parade
 - 114 — Lee (food brand)
 - 115 Camelot wife
 - 116 Big admirers
 - 117 Comic Dunn
 - 118 Alias abbr.



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- WORDS**
- AERIAL
 - ANTHEM
 - AWESOME
 - BANG
 - BARGE
 - BARRAGE
 - BOOM
 - CELEBRATION
 - COMET
 - CROWD
 - DISPLAY
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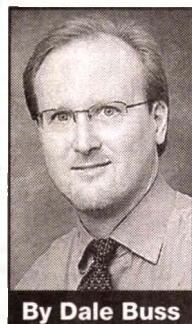
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Car Report

DON'T FOOL YOURSELF: PACIFICA MINIVAN IS DREAM VEHICLE FOR MILLENNIAL FAMILIES, AND CRUCIAL FOR FIAT CHRYSLER



By Dale Buss

The more I drive the new Chrysler Pacifica, the more delightful dimensions of this vehicle are unveiled.

Make no mistake: The new Pacifica minivan, introduced last year as a replacement for the venerable Town & Country minivan, is a crucial vehicle for the future of Fiat Chrysler Automotive. Sure, the company continues to fare relatively well in a flattening U.S. market largely because of growth in Ram truck sales, traction for Dodge and the continued relevance of Jeep as it pivots from old Compass and Patriot models.

But Pacifica is single-handedly keeping the venerable Chrysler brand relevant as it phases out the disappointing 200 small sedan, and as its full-size 300 model suffers from being hoary just a few years after its gangster styling made it cool.

Sales of the all-new Pacifica were up 32.5 percent in May compared with the same month a year ago, not long after its launch. May was the minivan's best sales month ever and helped cement Pacifica's role as the eighth-best-selling nameplate in the company's entire vehicle lineup.

Moreover, Pacifica continues to carry the minivan torch for FCA at a time when it's possible that millennial parents are maturing enough to recognize the fabulous attributes of the minivan model — and especially Pacifica — for their growing families and perhaps put away the image-related concerns that they and Generation X have had about driving this vehicle type.

In fact, the Hybrid form of Pacifica also is the nameplate that FCA has chosen to carry its initial and crucial hopes to keep up with the rest of the industry in self-driving technology. It's the first electrified vehicle in the minivan segment, achieving 84mpg-equivalent. And Pacifica is the only demonstration vehicle chosen to be outfitted for testing of an automated-



Chrysler Pacifica's rakish new styling stands out in the minivan category.

driving system that was developed by Waymo, the auto unit of Google, and is being tested now.

Pacifica prices start at \$28,595, and the regular version gets 18mpg in the city and a very respectable 28mpg on the highway. Visibility through the "greenhouse" of windows is unparalleled in Pacifica compared with any other vehicle segment, and the panoramic sunroof available in top-priced versions gives you and your passengers the feeling of traveling along with complete access to the great out-of-doors.

And yet, inside the vehicle, Pacifica provides so many ways to make the journey as comfortable as possible for you and your passengers, including not only ample room but various forms and sizes of compartments and holders both up front and throughout the vehicle, a nifty rear-seat entertainment system, and the car's unique onboard vacuum cleaner.

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- This beautiful four bedroom, three and half bathrooms, located on 2.26 acres is a must see
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- This adorable four bedroom, three bathrooms, Ranch home
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- This five bedroom, four and half bathroom, cozy cottage home has amazing lake views
- Kitchen features a sub-zero refrigerator, high end range with steamer and hickory cabinets
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Gorgeous Colonial with Lake Privileges!

- This four bedroom, two and half bathrooms, is located on one acre
- Spacious kitchen with expansive island, granite counters and maple cabinets
- French doors into private first floor study
- Finished basement with plenty of space for gaming, TV zone and dry bar

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Award Winning Lake Front Home!

- This home features three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with panoramic lake views
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Peaceful Ranch on 1.5 Acres!

- This gorgeous Ranch has three bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Updated kitchen with patterned granite, refinished cabinets and hardwood flooring
- Dining room with arched opening and cathedral ceiling
- Finished walkout with family room, rec room and work out area

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Private Setting with Gorgeous Views!

- This Colonial features four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 10 acres
- Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, maple cabinets, granite and an island with bar seating
- Large master suite with dual walk in with heated ceramic floor
- Finished walkout lower level, first floor laundry

MLS 217047783 248.684.1065 \$449,500



Beautiful Ranch!

- This Ranch features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located on 1.12 acres with lake access
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