

NURSE'S FATAL!

DU3267440 06/21/16 63-01 C91V
NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY
45255 W 10 MILE RD
NOVI MI 48375-3014

NOVI NEWS

THURSDAY 08.03.17 || HOMETOWNLIFE.COM || PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

DAVIS AUTO CARE *Integrity is the Difference*

Quality Vehicle Repair & Service.
248-349-5115
807 Doheny Dr. Northville, MI 48167

ONLINE COUPONS 

www.davisautocare.com

Your job search ends here ... **the job network** jobs.hometownlife.com/
Personalized just for you for every stage of your career. Brought to you by USA TODAY NETWORK.

Frog Force girls pay it forward

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

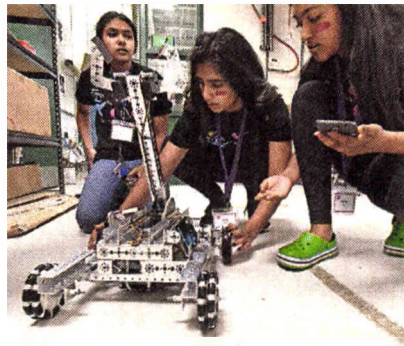
Girls from Frog Force 503, the Novi High School robotics team, spent some time paying it forward this summer.

Fresh off a strong competition season in FIRST Robotics, the students planned, organized and taught a five-day robotics workshop in July for rising seventh- and eighth-grade girls,

some of whom will likely join Frog Force themselves once in high school.

The idea was to inspire the younger girls to explore robotics and the FIRST program as well as to help them build confidence in STEM subjects (science, mathematics, engineering and technology), in which girls are underrepresented.

See FROG, Page A2



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi High students prep a robot for competition the final day of the FIRST Robotics Workshop. Staffed by volunteers from the school's Frog Force robotics team, the week-long camp was designed to introduce middle school girls to the engineering and math required for robotics competition. From left are Shana Gubbi and siblings Anne and Leah George.



CITY OF NOVI

The Novi Police Department achieved the gold standard in law enforcement accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Accepting it are (from left) Assistant Chief of Police Erick Zinser, Sgt. Kevin Rhea, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy and Assistant Chief of Police Jerrod Hart.

Novi PD earns honor

The Novi Police Department joined an elite group of law enforcement agencies from across the nation recently when it received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Less than 4 percent of law enforcement agencies in the country have earned this prestigious honor, including just nine others in Michigan.

The Novi Police Department's pursuit of accreditation was aimed at improving the delivery of public safety services.



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A quartet of young artists work on a collaborative effort July 27 at the Novi Teen Center inside Novi High School. From left are Sumire Murakosh, 11, Asees Rangil, 10, and sisters Vaishnavi, 11, and Haritha Akella, 9. The Jeanne Clarke Teen Center runs through early August and is open four days a week. The center also sends the kids and their counselors out on many field trips over the summer.

SUMMER FUN WRAPS UP AT TEEN CENTER



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi Teen Center counselors Isabelle Brumley (left) and Carmen Orlich work on putting together photo collages of Novi's Jeanne Clarke Teen Center on July 27, on its last full day at Novi High. The center was open four days a week through the summer for kids to hang out at and the first week of August they'd have a field trip to Lakeshore Park and a thank you luncheon at the Civic Center for those who made the center possible through their contributions and actions.

More trespassing arrests at ex-hospital

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Trespassers continued to be arrested in droves at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital in recent days, including July 23, when police found a group of 10 people visiting the property without permission.

That incident occurred about 1:20 a.m.; officers found a group of eight men and two women, ages 19-25, at the site on Seven Mile, according to a Northville Township Police Department report. The suspects' home-

towns included Wixom, Dearborn, Redford Township, Wolverine Lake and the city of Wayne, the report said.

Nine of the suspects were issued tickets for trespassing, which carries a fine of up to \$500, and released. The 20th, a 25-year-old man, was arrested on multiple misdemeanor warrants, police said.

Other recent trespassing incidents include:

» The arrests of four males, three from Canton Township and one from Plymouth Township, shortly before 1 a.m. July

17. They were ages 17-21.

» The arrests of a 25-year-old Harrison Township woman and a 27-year-old Rochester man around 2 a.m. July 18.

» The arrests of three males, ages 17, 20 and 21, and a 19-year-old female, shortly before midnight July 20. Three of the suspects were from the Jackson area and the fourth was from Litchfield, Mich., southwest of Jackson.

The hospital, formerly a state-run psychiatric treatment center, is owned by Northville Township and township are

exploring options for its future, including finding the funding necessary to raze it and address any potential hazards.

Officials worry about trespassing because of the possibility that people could be injured on the property due to the dilapidated condition of structures and the uncontained asbestos that has been found there.

mjachman@hometownlife.com
734-678-8432
Twitter: @mattjachman

CONTACT US

Call 866-887-2737. Press 1) for Classified, Death Notices; 2) Retail Advertising; 3) Billing, Subscription, Back Copies, Delivery Issues; 4) leave message for newsroom. Send press releases, calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com

INDEX

Classified..... B11-14
Obituaries..... B9

© 2017 O & E Media
Volume 62 Number 13



PRICE: \$1.50



**STOP DREAMING.
START DRIVING.**

NEW AND USED AUTO LOANS

We'll help put you in the driver's seat.
Rates as low as 1.49% APR*.



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

CFCU.ORG/AUTOS
877.937.2328

*1.49% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) applies to vehicle models 2017 or newer and assumes auto pay discount. Rates subject to change. Federally insured by NCUA. ©2017 Community Financial

681631017 NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

MICROFILM COPY

Kitten rescued from sewer after two days of attempts

On July 22, the Ypsilanti Fire Department and the Humane Society of Huron Valley tried to rescue a tiny kitten who'd fallen down a storm sewer on Washtenaw Avenue. The next day, they succeeded.

Witnesses say a man threw a box of kittens out of his car near Dom Bakeries on July 22. One of the kittens, a girl, was scooped up by a bystander and, it was discovered later, brought to the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Another kitten, a boy, scampered across the busy street, immediately falling into a storm drain. The Ypsilanti Fire Department and the HSHV were called to the scene. The kitten was stuck between two sections of the sewer.

"We tried for several hours Saturday night, but there was a lot of commotion and the kitten was really scared," HSHV rescue officer Travis Parsons said. "He didn't want to come near us. So I returned first thing on Sunday, hoping he'd be ready to come out."

That day, Parsons "meowed" down the drain — and his meow was returned with a "mew," followed by lots of "mews." Passersby stopped to help — meowing in various areas of the storm drain, so that they could eliminate echoes to pinpoint exactly where the little fuzzy, very vocal guy was. After that, Parsons constructed a "movable feast" for the kitten — a lifejacket float with fragrant kitten food, hoping to entice the kitten to hop on. It didn't work.

"That's when I discovered he wasn't food-motivated," Parsons said.



Ypsilanti firefighters aided in the rescue of a kitten from a storm sewer.



This male kitten was rescued by the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

"Turns out, the kitten hadn't been weaned yet — he was barely a month old. So I needed another 'non-food' plan and decided to try what we'd done for ducklings earlier in the year."

Parsons called the Ypsilanti Fire Department in to help create a light stream for the kitten. Fortunately, it didn't take much. Like many cats, the kitten didn't like water, so he walked away from it — right into Parsons' net at the drain entrance. Parsons took the tiny guy for an examination to the HSHV, where he was given a clean bill of health.

"He's super-healthy, super-friendly and there wasn't a scratch on him,"

Parsons said. "But he was so scared, unlike his sister, who he was reunited with at our shelter. She, obviously, didn't experience what he did and was in her warm kennel, just rolling around as happy as could be when her brother arrived."

Both gray tiger-striped kittens are being cared for by an HSHV foster parent in Ypsilanti and they're receiving medical care and monitoring from the HSHV veterinary clinic. In another month or so, it's expected they'll be ready for adoption, at which point they'll be sterilized and micro-chipped. A Good Samaritan who called to initiate the rescue has already expressed interest in

adopting at least one of the kittens. And as HSHV has an "adopt-one-kitten-get-one-kitten-free" special, it's possible she'll adopt both.

"We're incredibly grateful to the Ypsilanti Fire Department and so very appreciative of the people who look out for animals, who call us for help and who remain on the scene to assist and celebrate cases like this," said Tanya Hilgen-dorf, HSHV's president and CEO. "Of course, none of this is possible without donors. And none of this is worth it without adopters."

HSHV cares for hundreds of stray, homeless kittens every year. Currently, HSHV has more than 150 kittens, many of whom are available for adoption. For more information on adopting a kitten, go to www.hshv.org/howtoadopt. To contribute to HSHV's rescue efforts, funded solely by donations, go to www.hshv.org/donate.

MDOT to address crumbling concrete on bridge over I-96

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Motorists on Interstate 96 near Brighton are spotting crumbled concrete and exposed steel rods on the Flint Road overpass.

Michigan Department of Transportation officials acknowledge the sight of the deterioration is likely worrying drivers on the stretch of highway, which sees over 93,000 vehicles a day.

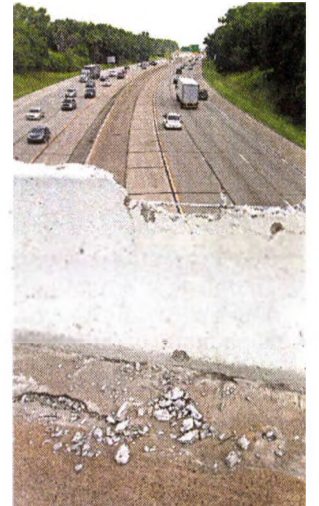
"A routine inspection last month discovered there was some loose concrete on the barrier walls," MDOT spokesperson Kari Arend said. "We knocked off loose chunks of concrete so nothing falls below."

Arend said the deterioration is clearly visible from I-96, but to her knowledge, no debris has fallen onto the freeway.

MDOT crews will return to patch the concrete on the barrier wall, likely within a few weeks, she said.

According to Federal Highway Administration standards, the deck of the Flint Road overpass, which sees about 2,300 vehicles a day, is rated in "fair" condition. The overpass has not been replaced since it was built in 1962.

Bridges are considered structurally deficient when they deteriorate to "poor" condition, one step below "fair."



GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY
Concrete crumbles onto the Flint Road overpass over I-96 in Brighton Township.

While none of the 69 heavily traveled bridges along state or U.S. highways in the county are currently structurally deficient, 30 of them had at least one element — its bridge deck, superstructure or substructure — in "fair" condition as of May, according to MDOT.

However, of the 91 local bridges in the county, 17 of them are rated as structurally deficient, according to Livingston County road officials.

"No long-term repairs are planned, but we have done some maintenance," on the Flint Road overpass, Arend said. "The bridge doesn't need replacing. It's not one of our critical bridges. Once they make these repairs to the barrier wall, that is all that is needed."

Novi News (USPS 398920) is published weekly (Thursday) at 29725 Hudson Drive, Novi, MI 48377-1736. Periodicals postage is paid at Novi, MI and at additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Customer Service, 29725 Hudson Drive, Novi, MI 48377-1736.

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Newsroom Contacts

Dan Dean, Managing Editor
Mobile: 248-396-0706
Email: ddean@hometownlife.com

Brad Kadrach, Reporting Coach
Mobile: 586-262-9892
Email: bkadrach@hometownlife.com

@0Ehometown

Subscription Rates

Newsstand price: \$1.50
\$65.00 per 12 months mail delivery

Home Delivery

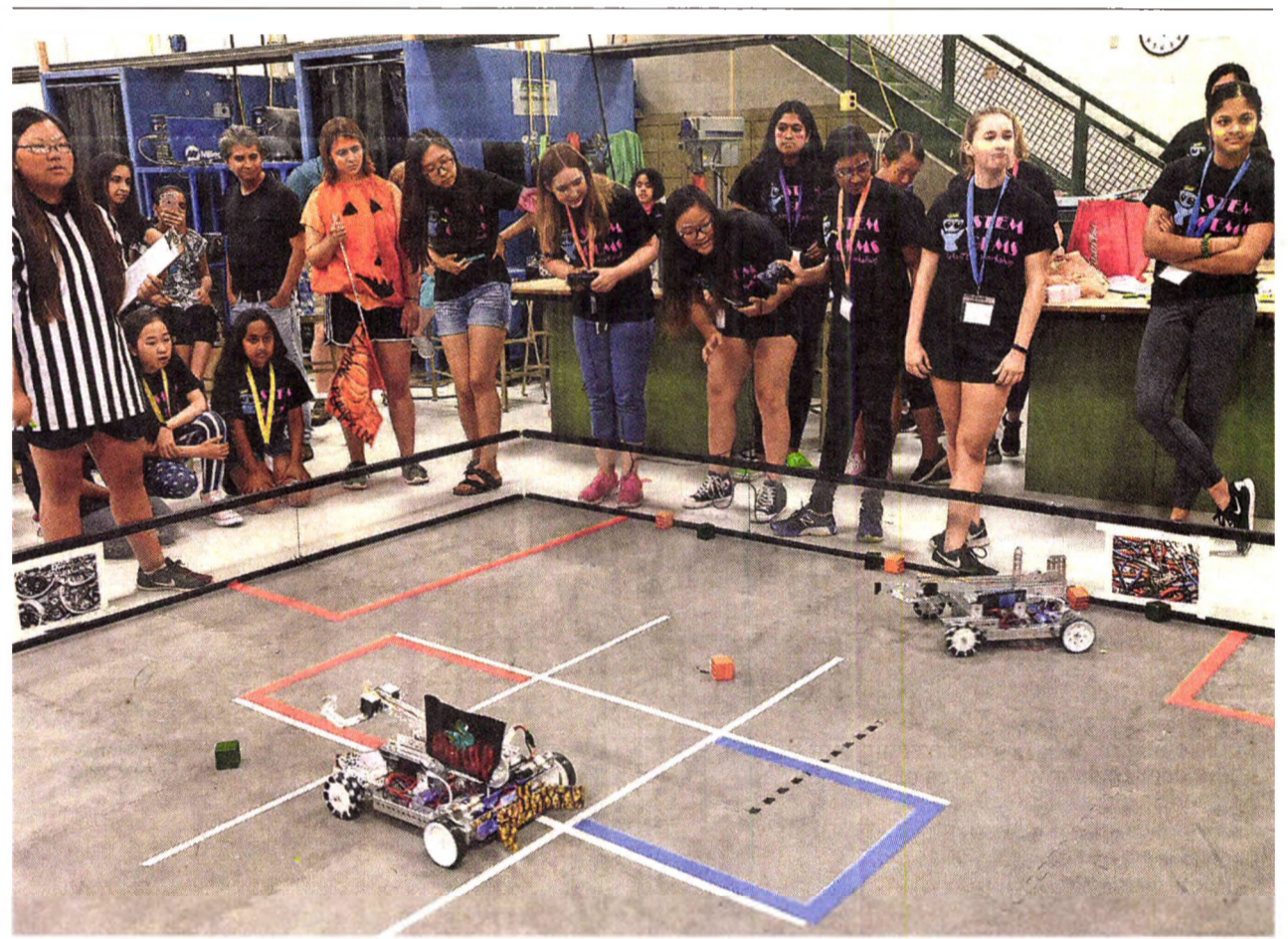
Customer Service: 866-887-2737
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. to noon
After hours, leave voicemail
Email: custserv@hometownlife.com

Print and Digital Advertising

Jani Hayden, Director of Sales and Marketing
Mobile: 248-408-9501
Email: jhayden@hometownlife.com

Advertising Policy

All advertising published in this newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order.



Robotic competition gets underway in the late morning at Novi High during the last day of the school's summer girls STEM workshop. Teams were trying to place plastic boxes in the squares in a robot-version of tic-tac-toe.

SUPER SUMMER SALE

EMERALD GREEN ARBORVITAE
#7 pot 48"
Reg. \$69.99
NOW \$49.99
One year guarantee.

FINE LINE BUCKTHORN
#6 pot Reg. \$59.99
50% OFF
Columnar, upright with fern-like foliage. Grows 5-7' tall. Great hedge. Deer resistant.

JELLY BEAN DWARF BLUEBERRY BUSH
#2 pot Reg. \$39.99
50% OFF
Hardy, 1-2' tall bush. Summer berries. Red fall color.

RED DRIFT ROSE
#2 Pot Reg. \$34.99
\$19.99
Low growing, disease resistant groundcover rose.

PLYMOUTH NURSERY
HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE

9900 Ann Arbor Rd W
7 Miles West of I-275 • 1 1/2 Miles South of M-14
Corner of Godfredson Rd.

734-453-5500
www.plymouthnursery.net
Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm
Fri 9am-7pm • Sat 9-6 • Sun 10-5
Offers Expire 8/9/17

FROG

Continued from Page A1

Community involvement has long been a part of Novi High's FIRST program. But this was the first all-girls workshop at the middle school level in Novi, said Janelle Moore, the Frog Force outreach mentor.

"Part of our mission is to let the community know about the FIRST program for younger ages, to mentor those teams, to help parents start those teams," Moore said. "Our high school girls wanted to start with the middle school because they felt that was the age to reach the girls."

The workshop was July 17-21, for 3½ hours a day, at the high school. "They learned about electricity and circuits. They learned about gearing. They did a whole section on game strategy

and analysis. ... Then they applied those things to their (robot) build," Moore said.

They also scrimmaged their robots in a game, STEM Gems, invented by the high schoolers. It was played on a 12-by-12-foot field, the standard size in FIRST Tech Challenge, the FIRST middle school program.

"You could really see those girls open up and blossom over the week," Moore said.

On the workshop's last

day, parents got to stop in and see their daughters' projects.

At the middle school level, Novi has more than a dozen robotics teams, including an all-girls team that qualified for state competition in the spring.

"We'd like to continue that and form another (girls) team," Moore said.

At Novi High, girls make up about 30 percent of Frog Force 503, which has about 115 members, she said.

"We're trying to reach 50 percent, which is a FIRST Robotics goal and a Frog Force goal," Moore said.

FIRST, or For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a not-for-profit that encourages the study of STEM subjects.

mjachman@hometownlife.com
734-678-8432
Twitter: @mattjachman

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Windows, screens, door damaged as house is egged at least twice

Windows, window screens and the front door of a house on Nepavine Drive in Novi were damaged when the house was egged on at least two occasions last month.

The first incident was reported July 23, according to a Novi Police Department report. The complainant told police the house had been egged while she was on vacation with her family. A responding officer noted that three windows in the front and four in the back, plus a sliding glass door, had been struck by eggs.

On July 26, the complainant reported the house had been egged two nights earlier and that two window screens were ripped during that incident.

Paint ball vandalism

Someone shot paint balls at a 2004 Volkswagen the night of July 20 while the car was parked outside a home on Summer Lane.

Police said the driver's side of the VW had been hit by paint balls. The vandalism occurred between 9 p.m. July 20 and about 2 a.m. July 21, a police report said.

Wheels stolen

The wheels and tires were stolen July 21 from a Ford Fusion while the car was parked outside an apartment on Wellington Drive, at a complex in the area of Pontiac Trail east of Beck.

The 2017 Fusion had last been seen intact around 5 p.m., a police report said, and a witness noticed around 10:30 p.m. the same day that the wheels and tires were gone.

The Fusion had been left sitting on landscape blocks, the lugnuts left near where the car had been parked, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Clerk texts resignation from gas station, then arrested on larceny charge

A Dearborn Heights man who walked off his gas station job in the middle of the night — texting his boss to tell her he had quit — was arrested later that day for the theft of a \$150 gift card.

The incident occurred July 18 at the Mobil station on Six Mile and Haggerty, a Northville Township Police Department report said. An officer responded to a report, just after 4 a.m., that the station was unattended and met a would-be customer there who said he had been waiting for 10 minutes, police said. A sign on the counter said the clerk was in the restroom, but it was unoccupied.

The officer found a Mobil work shirt, a wallet and a driver's license and, after locating a number through the police computer system, phoned the license holder. The man told the officer he'd suffered an anxiety attack while at the station and had to leave, but that he had improved and needed no medical attention, police said.

Meanwhile, a gas station supervisor was contacted. Police said she discovered the man had messaged her at 2:33 a.m., saying: "Just quit. Walked out. Got a way better job. PCE."

The supervisor reviewed the station's security video from around that time, which police said showed the clerk activating and pocketing a gift card for \$150. An investigating officer later viewed the video, police said.

The suspect, questioned later in the day at the police station, claimed he had been mistreated as a clerk and had found another job, the police report said. He expressed concern that he had left the gas station unsecured, then admitted to taking the gift card and handed it over, the report said.

He was arrested on a larceny charge.

The suspect was later released on a \$300 bond with an Aug. 9 date in 35th District Court.

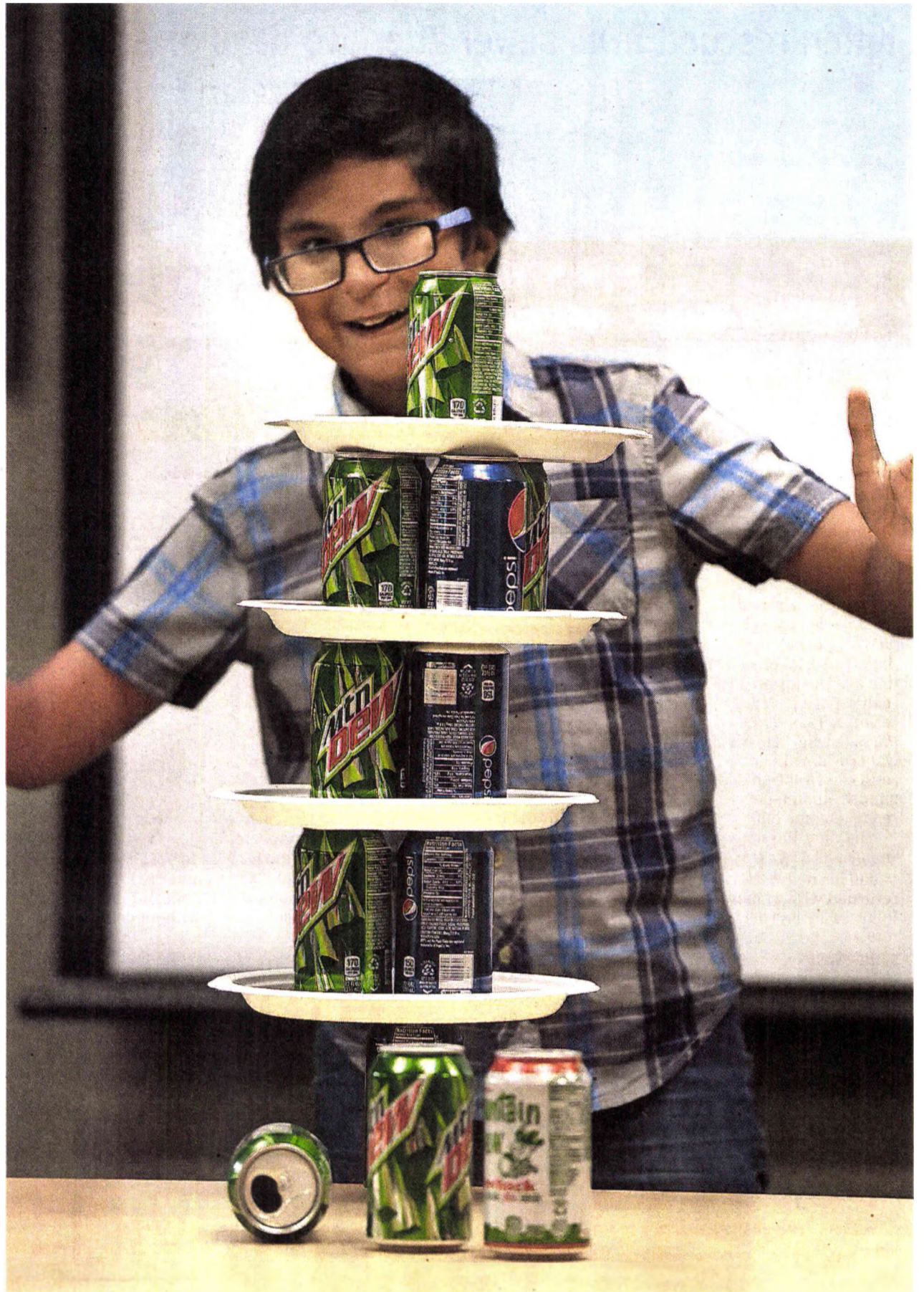
Solicitor ticketed

A 22-year-old man from the state of Washington was cited for soliciting without a township permit the evening of July 19 after a complaint that he was going door to door in the area of Six Mile and Northville Trail.

Police contacted the man, who represented a pest-control company, a police report said. He said he had a permit to solicit in Novi but not Northville Township, but had stopped in the area in order to cover as much ground as possible.

Police issued a ticketed. The man is to appear in district court Wednesday, Aug. 9.

— By Matt Jachman



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ish Patel, 11, seems excited that he's balanced nearly a dozen empty pop cans in a tower during a July 26 Minute-To-Win-It competition at the Northville District Library. Kids got to compete that day in a number of one-minute challenges that tested their skills individually or in teams.



N'ville library hosts 'minute' contest

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Cooper Sieving, 9, tries his best to keep three balloons in the air at the same time during a Minute-To-Win-It competition at the Northville District Library.

Owl infected with West Nile virus

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

A great horned owl in Livingston County tested positive for West Nile virus, according to county health officials.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources discovered the infected bird last month.

"One of our residents found it dead in the backyard and reported it to the DNR laboratory," Livingston County Environmental Health Director Matt Bolang said.

Laboratory technicians at the Michigan DNR Wildlife Disease Laboratory found West Nile virus in the owl while performing tests to determine what caused its death, which is unknown.

The laboratory did not report where in the county the owl was found.

"We've had West Nile virus in Livingston County for a number of years," Bolang said. "We call it endemic, which means it's here in the environment and some percentage of mosquitoes here carry it."

Twenty-four birds in the state have tested positive for West Nile Virus this year, according to a news release from county health officials.

No one in the county has been diagnosed with the virus this year, but there have been a few cases in past years, Bolang said.

"It has been detected in people's systems (in

past years), but no one has died," he said.

While no other birds in the county have tested positive for West Nile virus this year, people do not often report dead or sick birds to the state, Bolang said.

To report sick or dead birds, which could be a sign of West Nile virus or other diseases, contact the Michigan DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 800-292-7800 after hours.

County officials say the best way for people to avoid contracting the virus, which can be spread to humans, is to protect themselves against mosquito bites.

NEW LISTING

10735 OXBOW LAKESHORE DR, WHITE LAKE \$700,000

TRACY WICK LICENSED ASSOCIATE BROKER
Maximize Your Sale Price in This Market

FREE Downsizing Kit
Coupons Valued at Over \$2,000
Instant Download at www.TracyWick.com/homeplanner

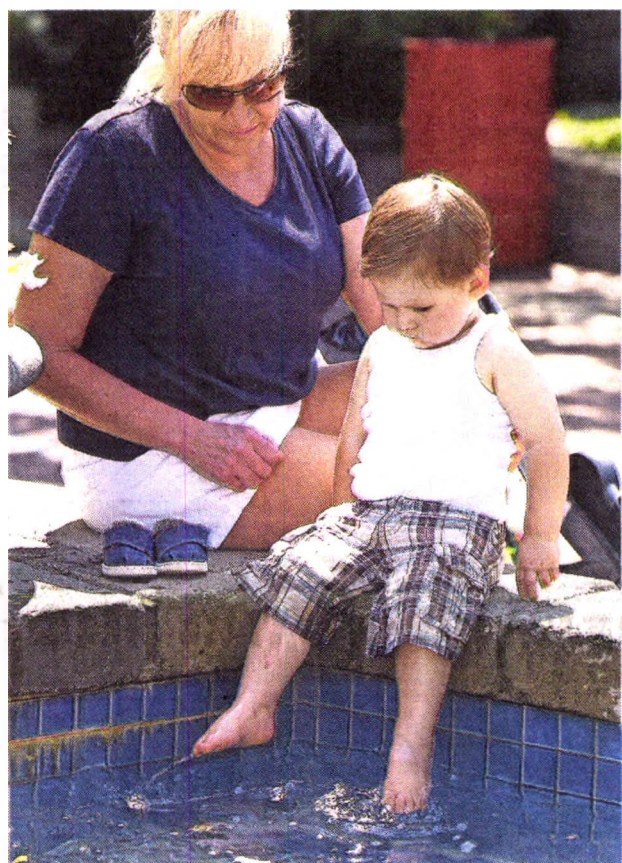
www.TracyWick.com

248-587-7732



Northville's Town Square begins to empty after the Tunes on Tuesday Children's Summer Concert Series event.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



TUNES ON TUESDAY IN NORTHVILLE

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Nicholas Reinke, 22 months, splashes his feet around the fountain at Northville's Town Square as his nanny Heidi Beaudrie looks on. The two had just attended the Tunes on Tuesday event.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Willow Friedlander, 1, looks like she's having fun with bubbles that her mom Laura is creating July 18 after the Tunes on Tuesday event at Northville's Town Square.



NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

ADOPTION OF
Department of Public Safety Emergency Response Fee Ordinance

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the Public Safety Emergency Response Fee Ordinance at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The proposed Ordinance will include:

Section 1: The Northville Township Department of Public Safety shall initiate service fees for the delivery of Northville Township Department of Public Safety services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of motor vehicle crashes. The rate of the service fees shall be that which is the usual, customary and reasonable costs, which includes any services, personnel, supplies and equipment and may vary based on the actual costs of the individual accident.

Section 2: The service fees shall be charged to the non-resident responsible parties or "at-fault" driver, jointly and severally. Fees shall be initially filed with the non-resident responsible parties' motor vehicle insurances, representing an add-on cost of the claim for negligent driving and for damages of the vehicles, property and/or injuries. The claim costs shall be filed with the insurance company of the owner of a vehicle, owner of property, or other responsible parties. The township shall be entitled to pursue any other remedy or may institute any appropriate action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction as permitted by law to collect assessable costs from a responsible party, including expenses, costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred to collect those costs. The recovery of charges imposed under this ordinance does not limit liability of responsible parties under any other local ordinance, or State or Federal law, rules or regulations.

Section 3: The Northville Township Board of Trustees may make rules regulations, and from time-to-time may amend, revoke or add rules and regulations, relating to this section as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these fees of the collections thereof.

Section 4: All amounts collected as a result of this Ordinance shall be placed into a Public Safety Fund as established by the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

Section 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Northville Township Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of the Northville Township Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of the Northville Township Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Ordinances of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Section 6: Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this ordinance.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 20th day of July, 2017.

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

Introduced: 06-15-17
Second Reading: 07-20-17
Publish: 08-03-17
Effective: 08-03-17

Published: August 3, 2017

LO-000028008 348

One year later, fatal shooting of local nurse remains unsolved

Elisha Anderson
Detroit Free Press



FAMILY PHOTO

Alexandra Brueger, also known as Ally or Alex, was shot to death July 30, 2016, as she took her daily 10-mile run in the vicinity of 11240 Fish Lake Road, between Rattalee Lake and Rose Center, in Oakland County.

Despite hundreds of tips, multiple rewards and repeated pleas for information, the death of a 31-year-old nurse shot while on a jog in northern Oakland County remains unsolved a year later.

Alexandra Brueger, an avid runner, was gunned down on a rural rode in Rose Township one year ago Sunday.

"We have no closure," her mother, Nikki Brueger, said last week. "We've been consumed for a year now on why this happened and who did this."

Alexandra, who went by nicknames Ally and Alex, ran 10 miles a day, her family said. She was shot in the back with a shotgun in the area of the 11200 block of Fish Lake Road around 2 p.m. July 30, 2016.

"Detectives are looking for any information, no matter how small, from anyone who may have seen Ally jogging that day or anything suspicious in that area during that time period," Michigan State Police said in a news release. Police, who said

Brueger was known to run the same route almost daily, have received more than 200 tips so far — just not the one that will solve the case.

"We are hoping that someone will come forward with the final piece of the puzzle," Michigan State Police spokesman 1st Lt. Michael Shaw said in an e-mail Friday.

He said the case hasn't become cold and detectives work every lead they get.

Brueger's mom called the person responsible for killing her only child a "coward." Her daughter, who was 4 feet, 9 inches, and weighed 98 pounds, was shot four times in the back on a

Saturday afternoon less than two miles from her home, Nikki Brueger said.

Alexandra Brueger worked at Providence Park Hospital in Novi and had a passion for writing.

"She was kind, thoughtful, considerate and she had a dry, witty sense of humor," her mom said, calling the family's loss "inconceivable."

Multiple rewards are being offered in the case, including up to \$8,500 for information that leads to an arrest from Crime Stoppers of Michigan and up to \$5,000 from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"This person is still out there," Nikki Brueger said. "And people in our community are afraid, still ... If this can happen to our daughter, a mile and a half from our home on a Saturday afternoon, then it can happen to anyone."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Michigan State Police tip line at 855-MICH-TIP (855-642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP (800-773-2587).

I am an American We are One Nation

A LATINA'S FIGHT FOR DIVERSE VOICES

College official encourages difficult conversations as a challenge to perceptions

SARAH TADDEO
USA TODAY NETWORK

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

Too tall. Too dark. Too Latina. Growing up in New York City and then Rochester, there were many reasons why Stephanie Paredes, 35, didn't feel like she belonged.

Now, she highlights excluded voices as manager of multicultural programs at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and co-founder of the Rochester Latino Theatre Company.

"When we build an inclusive environment for everyone to come together and talk to each other, we move from tolerance to acceptance," said Paredes, whose family roots are in the Dominican Republic.

At RIT, she fosters sometimes uncomfortable conversations between races, sexual orientations and backgrounds.

Those conversations can get messy, but it's important to have them, she said.

"I'm not afraid to talk about the harder conversations on our campus," she said, "because that's what a campus is for."

Conversations that challenge worldviews and perceptions help students understand their world and the people in it, she said, and as those conversations occur, people will be more comfortable taking action for social justice.

"One of the things we love to do in Rochester is talk a lot about the issues," she said. "What I think we need a little bit more work on is the action side of things."

Paredes took action when she saw a need in the Latino community for better theater opportunities. She grew up participating in theater productions, but found herself often cast in stereotypical Latina roles. So she started a company of her own.

"We wanted everyone to understand the Latino story, told by Latinos," she



Stephanie Paredes, co-founder of the Rochester Latino Theatre Company and manager of multicultural programs at Rochester Institute of Technology, fosters diversity conversations.

said. Their first show sold out — "we realized there's a need for this," she said. She stages performances that everyone can relate to, not just Latinos or Spanish speakers. Part of the benefit of inclusion is finding similarities, she said. "Not losing the humanity amidst all of the messiness is so important," she said. "At the end of the day, we're people, and even if we don't agree on things, we're still people."

ONE NATION Nominate an American

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

Q&A WITH STEPHANIE PAREDES

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means that I recognize and respect the diverse people that have built this country and have made very important contributions to the social, cultural, political and historical arenas of American history. Being an American is freedom of expression without judgment.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

For the Rochester Latino Theater Company, I was inspired to create a space where artists of color, especially Latino artists, felt supported, their voices heard, their presence felt and their talents exposed.

My work at RIT is driven by doing my part in creating global leaders. Students inspire me so much. They're curious and honest. I've always loved celebrating culture, learning about people and their experiences.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I am concerned that we have lost our humanity toward each other. It's so easy to hate and keep our distance from people and places that we aren't familiar with. It's easy to stay misinformed, boxed in and it may be comfortable to come to live in a bubble. However, we live in a world that at some point in your life you will not always be surrounded by people who look like you, talk like you, or even come from where you come from. My hope is that we will each have a turning point in all our lives where we continue to grow, restore and enhance our humanity towards each other. Difference shouldn't be a barrier.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

Love. Understanding. Acceptance. Change. Celebration. Community. Unity. Inclusion. I hope that through my work I can help others see the beauty of diversity and the importance of inclusion. It's not enough to invite diversity to your table if those voices aren't being valued, respected, and heard.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Youth Summer Reading Program

When: Ends Aug. 12
Details: Northville kids up through those entering fifth grade, join the Summer Reading Program and enjoy books, attend free events and win prizes! Parents, read to young ones and help your students maintain their reading skills over the summer. Register in person to receive your Summer Reading packet.

Teen Summer Reading Program

When: Ends Aug. 12
Details: Teens, those entering sixth grade through spring '17 high school grads, stop in and register for your summer reading packet. Complete up to three logs and earn prizes and entries into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The Music Lady Beverly Meyer

When: 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3
Details: Rousing sing-along- fun concert for the whole family. Kids of all ages welcome. We cannot accommodate special groups. 100 free tickets available at the information desk 10 minutes prior to the program.

The Catbird Seat in Concert

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7
Details: Award-winning musician and singer Wanda Degen leads a folk/pop musical stroll through the decades using her auto harp and hammered and mountain dulcimers. Register.

Movies & Munchies for Kids

When: 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8
Details: Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the movie "Finding Dory." Disney/Pixar

rated PG for mild thematic elements. Snacks and water bottles provided. No registration, just drop in. Children ages 4 and younger must attend with caregiver. No special groups please.

Youth Summer Reading Finale Party

When: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9
Details: Celebrate the end of the Youth Summer Reading program with Crazy Craig's wildly entertaining juggling show, followed by a party in the park adjacent to the library with refreshments, fun raffle prizes and giant bubbles. No ticket required. We cannot accommodate special groups.

Teen Summer Reading Finale Party

When: Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12

Details: Tie-dye T-shirts and enjoy snacks and prizes. Register with your size to reserve a T-shirt (limited quantity) or bring your own. Grand prize winners announced. Wear old clothes, tie-dye does not wash out. Registration required.

All About Hoopla

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15

Details: Learn about the library's new downloading service Hoopla. Instantly download digital movies, TV shows, eBooks and more for free with your library card. Bring your tablet or smart phone and learn how easy it is to download with Hoopla. Register.

TAX PROBLEMS

Former IRS Revenue Officer & Attorney



Major Credit Cards Accepted

- Audits
- Federal & State Taxes
- Income & Payroll Taxes
- Criminal & Civil Tax Litigation
- IRS & State Installment Payment Plans
- IRS Settlement Offers-In-Compromise

Free consultation: (888) 829-3648
www.abrahamandrose.com

Law Offices of Abraham & Rose, P.L.C.

30500 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 410, Farmington Hills

REMODELED APARTMENTS AVAILABLE!

Carefree senior living

Waltonwood Twelve Oaks caters to seniors who desire social opportunities, luxury amenities, and access to personal care services if needed. With a great location and warm, caring staff, you'll feel right at home as soon as you step foot inside.

Rental community with no buy-in fee!

Call and schedule a visit today
(248) 731-4333



INDEPENDENT LIVING | LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING | MEMORY CARE

27475 Huron Circle, Novi, MI 48377

Located across from Twelve Oaks Mall



www.Waltonwood.com | www.SinghJobs.com





FILE PHOTO

Mystic Kettle, a Detroit-based popcorn company, was represented at the 2015 Buy Michigan Now Festival.

Buy Michigan festival starts Friday in Northville



FILE PHOTO

The 2015 Buy Michigan Now Festival drew a big crowd to downtown Northville.

This year's Buy Michigan Now Festival, a showcase of Michigan businesses with opportunities for shopping, noshing and checking out local entertainment, is planned for Friday through Sunday in downtown Northville.

"This festival is a celebration of our state, its creative people and entrepreneurship," said Lisa Diggs, founder of the Buy Michigan Now campaign. "It's a phenomenal opportunity for guests to discover products that are new to them, buy directly from Michigan-based companies and, in many cases, meet the entrepreneurs

behind the products. We provide great family fun, with a purpose."

The 2017 edition is the ninth annual Buy Michigan Now event and is intended to cap Buy Michigan Week, which began Monday and runs through Sunday.

The festival hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6.

For the event, Northville's Town Square will become a beer and wine garden for Michigan-made products, with proceeds benefiting the Shades of Pink Foundation, which helps breast cancer patients who are

The 2017 edition is the ninth annual Buy Michigan Now event ...

Band, Ian Stewart, Gerry Bee and the Bluescasters and the David Gerald Band. The Friday concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with blues, rock and soul from 3rd Degree Byrnes.

Family fun continues in the Kids Zone, where youngsters can play games, do arts and crafts, get their faces painted and even put together their own toy vehicle by entering an Airstream and completing the steps in an assembly line.

Attendance and parking is free for the event. For more information, go to www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com.

experiencing economic hardship because of their diagnosis and treatment.

Town Square will also feature live entertainment from local musicians, including Soulshiners, Alexa Delly, Jason Milan, Delta Twins, Donna Holman, Taylor Taylor, Trey Connor Band, Sarah Sherrard

Snyder proposes changes in technical education

More applied-learning strategies, flexibility for industry professionals to teach, more career guidance for students and more out-of-classroom experiences were among a series of proposed changes to career technical education at Michigan schools by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The governor announced a series of proposed legislation ideas and administrative orders to revamp CTE during an event June 26

at a high-tech manufacturing facility in Auburn Hills.

The discussion is part of an ongoing effort to address an anticipated massive shortfall of needed skilled, technical and manufacturing workers over the next decade. These jobs include electricians, plumbers, construction specialists, manufacturing specialists, machinists, welders, information technology specialists, mechanics, automo-

tive body shop technicians and computer-aided designers.

Some analysts predict the country will have a shortage of two million capable workers for these types of jobs by 2024. As the baby boomers in these jobs retire in the coming years, experts said there are not enough qualified young workers to replace them. To highlight the issue, the state reports the average age of a plumber in 2017 in Michigan is

58%.

"There is not one answer to this, there is a series of things that need to be done," Snyder said. "The professional trades are opportunities that are not fully understood by many of our citizens."

Some specifics of the proposal include:

- » Help school districts develop new flexibility and project-based learning programs while meeting state curriculum objectives. For example, integrate geometry as CAD, carpentry as algebra and computer science as a foreign language.

- » More career exploration and job readiness training in seventh-grade and eighth-grade classes. (For example, Livonia's middle schools participate in Manu-

facturing Day in October.)

- » Condense teaching certification process and extend authorization period from two years to 10 years for non-teacher CTE instructors.

As part of improvement efforts, schools must submit plans with milestones for career exposure at all grade levels.

"Every educator wants to see students reach their potential, and we're working to give them new tools to help," state Superintendent of Education Brian Whiston said.

These ideas surfaced from the governor's collaboration with state education, business and policy leaders. While the policy ideas are a welcome step to those con-

cerned about the state's future workforce, advocates added there needs to be a shift in cultural perceptions about where students study after high school, and perspective in preparing for available careers.

"This work won't be easy and there isn't a quick fix," Michigan Talent and Economic Development Director Roger Curtis said. "We're looking to shatter stereotypes and shake up the status quo."

Dr. Randy Liepa from Wayne RESA, David Lawrence from AlphaUSA and Dan West from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce were among the local representatives at the governor's announcement.

SYNOPSIS
July 20, 2017 - REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, July 20, 2017
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

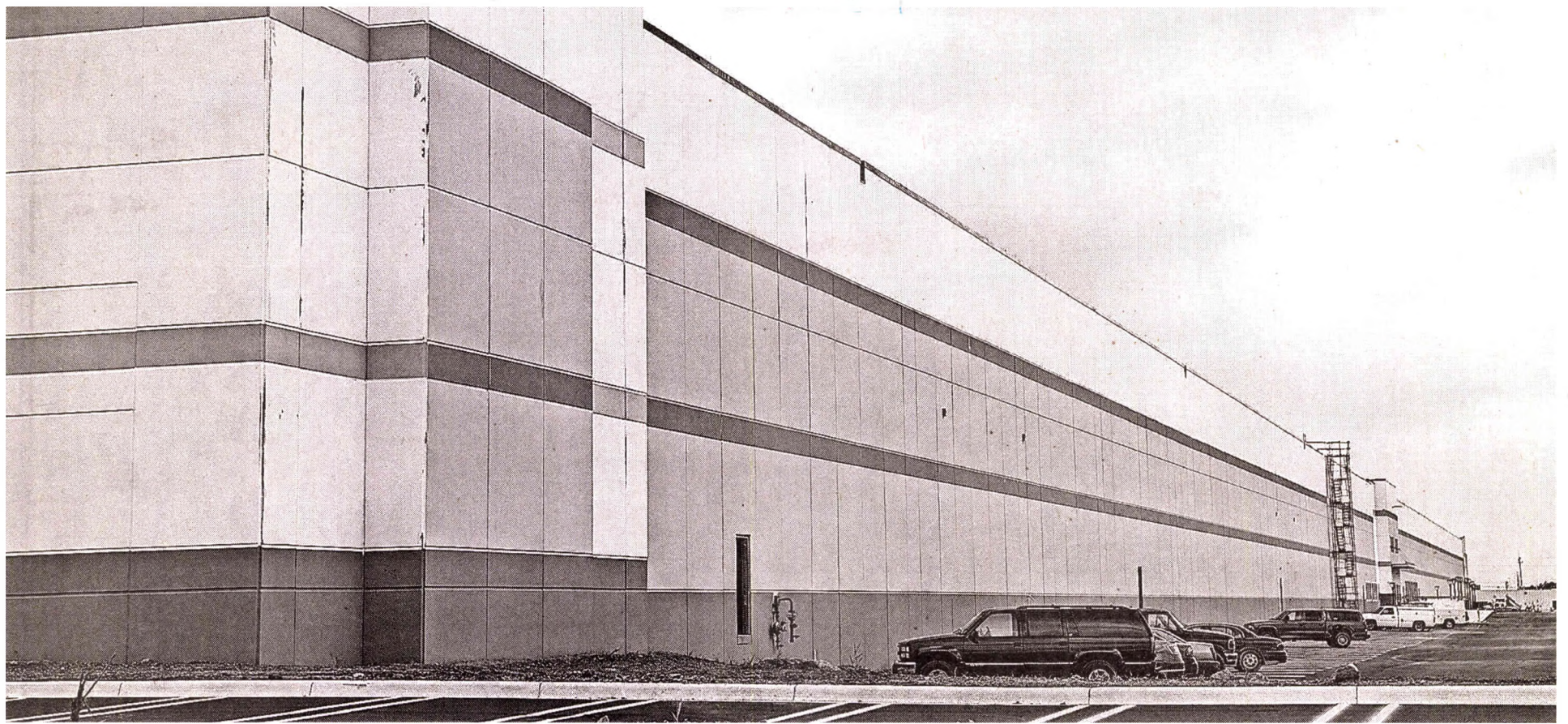
- Agendas:**
 - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Mike Nolta - EDC/BRA reappointment - Approved
 - Joseph LoPiccolo - ZBA reappointment - Approved
 - James Morche - Beautification reappointment - Approved
 - Masonic Pathways Presentation
- Public Hearing:** None
- Brief Public Comments:** Several members of the audience addressed the Board.
- New Business:**
 - Public Safety - Shared Fire Station #2 Agreement - Approved
 - Planning - Village at Northville - Phase One - Approved w/ Conditions
 - Planning - Ward Church HPUD Amendment - Signs - Approved
 - Planning - Cantoro Market PUD - Approved with Conditions
 - Temporary Sign Request - 7th Day Adventist Church - Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - Northville Christian Assembly - Approved
 - SMART Contract - Approved
 - Shared Service Agreement - Approved
 - Thai Fresh Cafe - Liquor License - Approved
- Unfinished Business:** None
- Ordinances:**
 - Public Safety Emergency Response Fee Ordinance - Approved
 - Public Safety - Emergency Response Fee Schedule - Approved
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$2,293,947.53 for the period of 6-3-17 to 7-7-17 - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Published: August 3, 2017



LIVONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gov. Rick Snyder speaks at the Brose manufacturing facility in Auburn Hills.



The Amazon warehouse work continues.

BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Amazon hiring warehouse associates

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Looking to join one of the newest companies coming to Livonia? Now could be your chance.

Amazon has launched a website for those interested in applying for jobs at the new fulfillment center, still under construction at 39000 Amrhein. The website, amazon.com/livoniajobs, had one position type listed July 24: lead fulfillment associate.

The company says those hired into the position could be responsible for various tasks at the center, including leading and training other associates; support management of department duties; planning inbound shipping arrivals; and ship packages using multiple companies, among other roles.

Pay begins at \$14.70 an hour, with health care, 401(k) with company match, paid time off, overtime availability and an employee discount, among other benefits being offered.

"We insist on the highest standards. We work with the latest technology and innovative solutions. We train and develop the most talented, motivated teams around," the company says in the job posting. "We analyze, improve and support initiatives that help drive continuous improvement. Join Amazon and become part of the we that gets stuff done in a fast-moving, fun environment."

The jobs are the most recent to post at the facility. Amazon listed several other positions earlier this summer.

The fulfillment center, the first of its kind in Michigan for the Seattle-based e-commerce giant, is set to open later this fall and is expected to employ more than 1,000 regular employees. The city of Livonia just recently approved an industrial facilities exemption certificate, a tax credit, on the property for the next 12 years.

There has also been talk the company would work with Schoolcraft College to hire employees as well, though a college official recently said those talks were still in early stages.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said a boost to the city's economy will see a jolt as a result of such hiring, including during the seasonal months Amazon will hire even more workers.

"Not only with Amazon looking to hire many full-time workers now, they will be looking to hire a number of seasonal workers for October through December," West said. "All these workers who come to our city to work will be great for new spin-off economic opportunities with dining and shopping in and around Livonia."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
734-678-6728
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

Amazon showcases new warehouse in Livonia

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Amazon is typically pretty quiet when it comes to new construction and additional buildings around the country. It lifted that veil July 26 at its new fulfillment center in Livonia.

The Seattle-based company hosted a media walk-through of the new, 1 million-square-foot center being constructed at 39000 Amrhein in Livonia, the first time company officials have done so at one of its new buildings. The center will service Michigan, the Midwest and the rest of the country as a place where Amazon stores and ships the products it sells, from Kindles to kayaks.

"A lot of what goes into what we determine where we place our sites is the customer demand," said Shevaun Brown, a public relations manager for Amazon in Seattle. "We're seeing a lot of demand for Amazon shipments coming from this general region."

The center will flow in a circular motion, Brown said, with deliveries entering through one side of the building, being sorted onto shelves and eventually prepared for shipping through the other side of the building.

The center is about the same size as other fulfillment centers across the country, said Fred Holwey, a Rochester Hills resident and a senior operations manager for the Livonia fulfillment center.

The center, which was unveiled in December, is the e-commerce giant's first fulfillment center in Michigan. It operates about 70 such centers across the United States. The only other presence Amazon has in Michigan is a sorting center in Brownstown Township, which opened in 2015.

Workforce a big factor

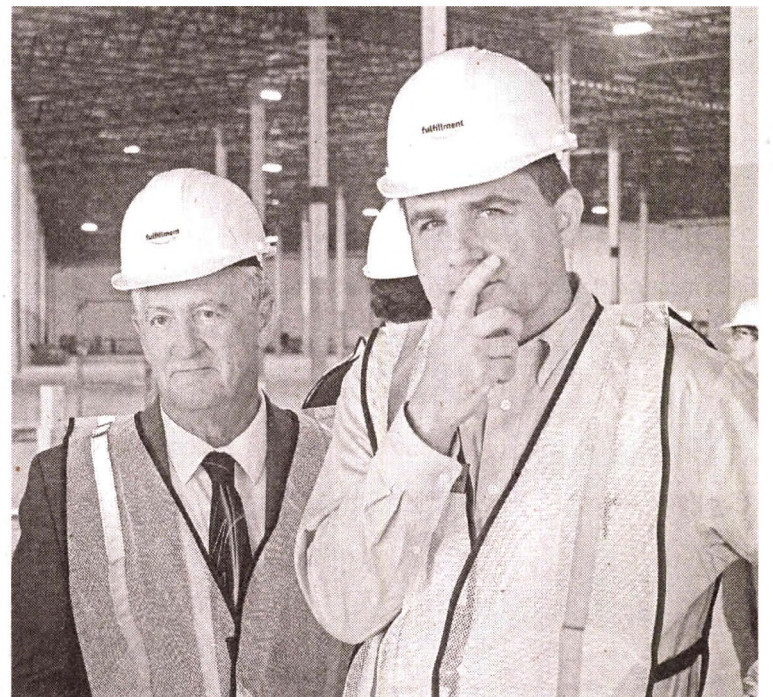
Brown said the other big reason the company wanted to locate in Livonia is the workforce. She said the company noticed Livonia and western Wayne County was a great spot to hire dedicated individuals.

"There's a lot of talent here locally and, when we create jobs, we want to make sure we're doing it in a place where we're seeing the enthusiastic, hard-working people that we want as Amazon associates," she said. "And we're seeing that here in Livonia and that's a key reason why we want to come here."

The center is expected to hire 1,000 permanent workers at the center and another 500 seasonal workers are expected at peak times throughout the year. In addition, the company has about 500 local construction workers building the center.

Those interested in applying to work at the center can do so through amazon.com/livoniajobs. Those jobs, which Brown said will consist of most of the employees at the center, were posted July 23.

Barb Gamber, Livonia's



DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM
Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright (left) and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, listen as a tour of the Amazon fulfillment center is given Wednesday.



DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM
Fred Holwey, a Rochester Hills resident and a senior operations manager at the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia, gives a media tour of the warehouse.

economic development coordinator, said Amazon moving into the former GM Delco Chassis plant site is a boost for the west side of the city. The site had not been used since the late 1990s and was a vacant piece of property for many years.

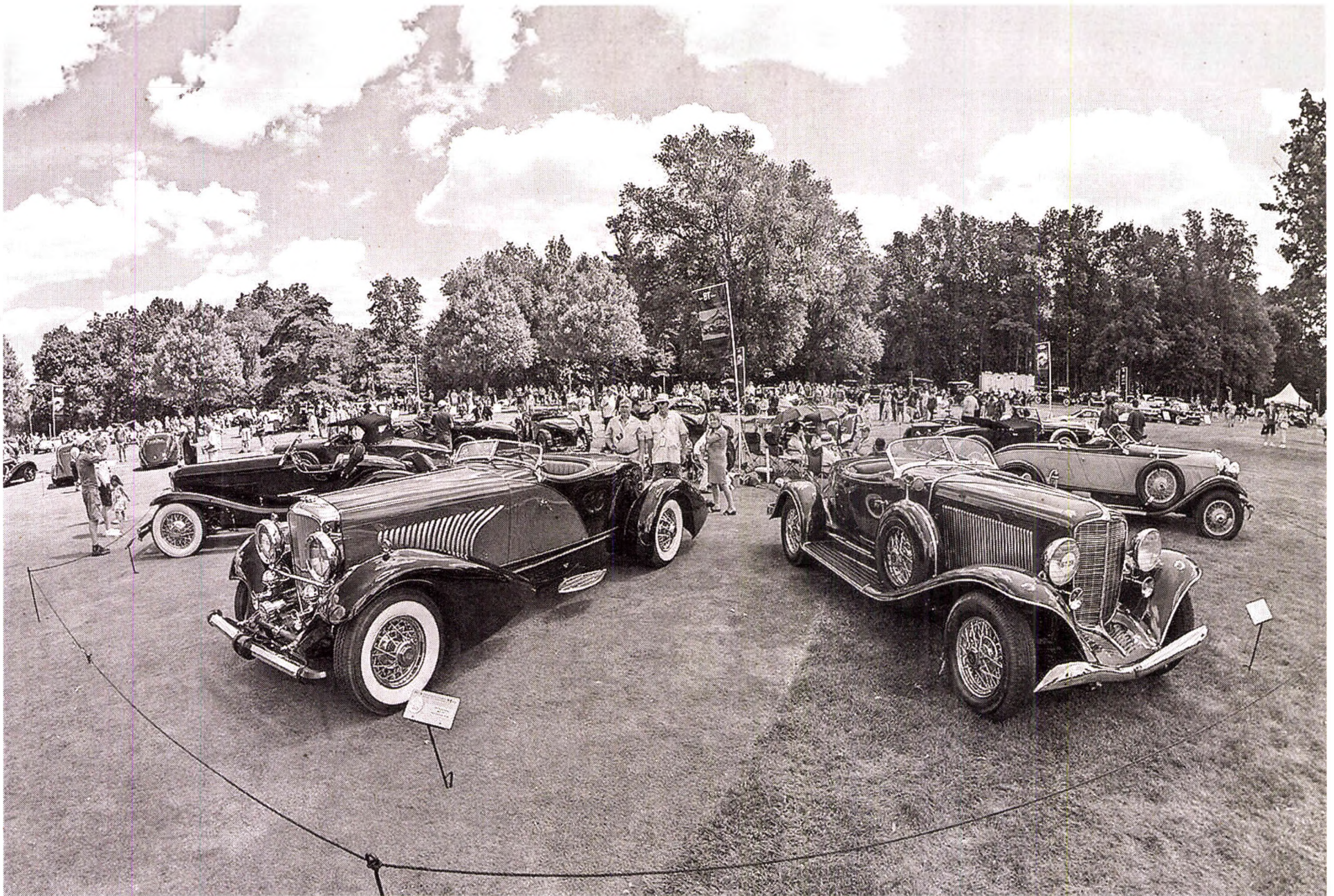
Between Amazon and Republic National Distributing Co., which plans to open a new facility at the site in 2019, Gamber said it will do nothing but help the city's industrial belt.

"It's great to bring life back to this side of town," she said.

"This space has been vacant for the last 20 years.

"I think it's really going to inspire attention and draw."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
734-678-6728
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak



The Concours d'Elegance drew good crowds in excellent weather to see classic cars.

KELLY DOBSON

RARE CARS ATTRACT BIG CROWD



KELLY DOBSON

State police show off their classic and pose for pics with car enthusiasts.



KELLY DOBSON

Mark Leiberman shares some history about his restored Tucker, which took Best in Class in American Post War Closed car category and also received an Engineering Excellence Award.



KELLY DOBSON

Attending his first car show with his grandfather, Garrett Gmreck of Oxford takes a peek at this Ford Model A.

John Wisely
Detroit Free Press

Joe Grasso likes cars enough that he was willing to take a train from his home near Philadelphia to Toledo, where he rented a car and drove to Plymouth for the Concours D'Elegance auto show.

"I was overwhelmed," said Grasso, 70, of Uwchland, Pa. "I come specifically to see the old cars, the Duesenbergs and things like that. I'm surprised at the number of museum-quality restored automobiles."

Grasso was one of thousands of people who enjoyed near perfect weather last weekend to visit the show at the Inn at St. John's on Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Crowd numbers were still being tallied, but executive director Diane Flis-Schneider said it was the largest crowd the show had seen since moving to Plymouth six years ago after years at Meadow Brook in Rochester Hills.

"We certainly set a record," she said. "We are the second oldest Concours and third largest."

This show was the 39th in metro Detroit. The show in Pebble Beach, Calif., is the oldest and largest. The Concours in Amelia Island, Fla., near Jacksonville, also is bigger.

The show features about 300 cars, which are selected based on their rareness and beauty, and about 400 volunteers to make it all work. The crowds are too large for the parking lot at St. John's, so visitors parked at Plymouth High School and rode shuttles to the event.

Flis-Schneider said the show draws a variety of car buffs, from young kids to old-timers who remember owning or driving some of the models now on display.

Milton Antonick, 81, of Royal Oak, got his start in the automotive industry designing Studebakers in 1960 before moving to Chrysler, where he was able to work on the Plymouth Barracuda and Roadrunner models, among others.

"For me, it's mostly about the memories you get," he said, noting he can point to different cars that friends or others he knew worked on.

Terry Drosz, 75, of Lake Angelus, volunteered at the event, but also brought his 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.

He owned a hardtop version of the car when he was 19 and bought a beat-up one in 2004 to restore. He spent six years refurbishing it so that now it's a gypsy red and shoreline beige.

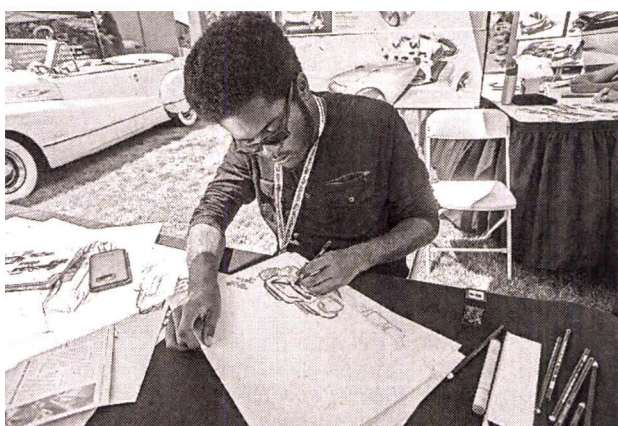
He's upgraded the car from its original state, including adding air conditioning, power brakes and radial tires, which make it safer and more enjoyable to drive, he said.

"My goal in restoring the car was that from 10 feet it looks original," Drosz said.



KELLY DOBSON

Some of the crowd avoided the sun at the Inn at St. John's.



KELLY DOBSON

Students from the Center for Creative Studies were in attendance designing cars of the future. Christopher Hendricks of Detroit, inspired by all the cars around him, works on a new design.



KELLY DOBSON

Scores of people walked the Inn at St. John's grounds, enjoying the cars and the great weather.



Road work and repairs



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

High Street in Northville, just north of Main, is shown scraped free of its previous asphalt surface as it's readied for a new surfacing July 24. The street previously was very pot-holed and crumbled.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

City of Northville Public Works Director James Gallogly takes a look at a project to replace the 8-inch thick concrete pad of the city's Main Street fire station July 24. One of the other station's outside concrete pads was replaced earlier in the year. It will take awhile for the new concrete to be able to bear the weight of the station's fire trucks.

Fireworks show prompts woman's invention

Attending the Detroit Symphony Orchestra "Salute to America" concert and fireworks show at Greenfield Village over the Fourth of July holiday in Dearborn turned into a business for Stephanie Saia, 58, of Plymouth.

Saia and her family, like so many, look forward to the annual event that pays tribute to America and celebrates the armed forces. There is a considerable walk from the parking lot to the show, about a half-mile, for some.

Now Saia attends with little effort — thanks to her idea.

"I saw thousands and thousands of people carrying their chairs while pulling their cooler and wagon on wheels and it

"My goal is to have the Chair-iot sold in retail stores ... it really makes life so much easier."

STEPHANIE SAIA
Plymouth resident

made me think why there wasn't something to make it easier to take portable chairs to outdoor events," Saia said.

After doing some research, she found there wasn't such a product — so she decided to create one herself. Once she came up with the idea, it then took a full two years to make her idea become a reality.

After countless hours spent on research, 10 prototypes, two trademarks, a patent and launching manufacturing, she affectionately calls her product invention, the "Chair-iot." Simply put, the Chair-iot is a weather-resistant creation of a wheeled carrier for portable bag sport chairs. And as her husband Steve said, "Why carry it, when you can Chair-iot?"

Chair-iot has become popular not only for families attending outdoor concerts but on baseball and soccer fields and at the beach. There is ample room for sporting equipment, jackets, umbrellas, even toys. Pockets were designed to carry beverages and snacks. The cost is

\$59.95. For \$15 more you can get your bag embroidered with a company logo or family name.

"My goal is to have the Chair-iot sold in retail stores so people can easily purchase one as they would a portable chair," Saia said. "I'd love for it to become a household name, since it really makes life so much easier."

It is also a source of pride that this St. Clair Shores native has developed a fundraising program for the Chair-iot, in which a team, group or club will receive \$10 in return for each Chair-iot sold.

"I want to give back and help organizations and schools," Saia said.

Those that have participated thus far are grateful that they can make more money for their cause than selling pizza kits, for example. As an additional benefit, any purchase by that organization benefits the group on an ongoing basis.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF NORTHVILLE HISTORIC SURVEY, LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT REPORT AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION

The City of Northville is a Certified Local Government, and contains a Historic District that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is also a designated Local Historic District. The original survey and study committee report for the designation of Northville's Historic District was conducted in the 1970s, before current standards for historic surveys were developed. In order to properly administer the district, the City of Northville is proposing to conduct a new intensive-level historic and architectural survey of the existing district, as well as prepare a new nomination for the National Register of Historic Places and a Local Historic District study committee report.

The City of Northville seeks consultants to conduct the survey and prepare the designation materials for the Northville Historic District. Please visit <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/HistoricDistrict/HistoricDistrictSurvey.asp> to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for this work. The RFP document more fully describes the project, the required products, and project schedule.

Questions about the project may be submitted via e-mail to historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us by August 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Questions must be in writing. Phone calls will not be accepted. Questions submitted by this date and time will be answered, in writing, and available at the following web address: <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/HistoricDistrict/HistoricDistrictSurvey.asp> and on BidNet Direct: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com>.

One (1) electronic copy on CD and five (5) paper copies of the proposal must be delivered to the Clerk's office in a sealed envelope labeled "City of Northville Intensive-Level Above Ground Historic and Architectural Survey." Proposals must be received by the City Clerk's Office at the address below **no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on September 5, 2017**, per the RFP. Faxed and e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

Deliver proposals to:
City Clerk's Office
City of Northville
215 W. Main Street
Northville, Michigan, 48167

The City reserves the right to postpone the proposal opening for its own convenience. The City of Northville also reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in the proposals, to reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

This document must include the federal credit below:

Include in the Introduction of the final report and in each written, audio, visual, or other material, including public announcements and news releases produced through this Agreement, a credit that reads verbatim as follows:

The activity that is the subject of this project has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. However, the contents and opinions herein do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior or the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, nor does the mention of trade names or commercial products herein constitute endorsement or recommendation by the Department of the Interior or the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Financial Assistance Credit and Disclaimers. The Subgrantee and its subcontractors shall also print in each written, audio, visual, or other material (including any public service announcement or news release) produced through this Agreement, a notice as follows:

This program receives Federal financial assistance for identification and protection of historic properties. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in its federally assisted programs. Michigan law prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to:

Chief, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW, MS-2740
Washington, DC 20240



Plymouth's Stephanie Saia with her Chair-iot.

Colbeck set to join race for governor

Paul Egan

Detroit Free Press

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who officially kicked off his bid to become Michigan's 49th governor July 15, was an early supporter of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas in the 2016 Republican presidential sweepstakes.

But Colbeck, R-Canton, became an enthusiastic backer of President Donald Trump after Trump won the GOP nomination and that enthusiasm hasn't waned.

"He's doing exactly what he said he would do and for that he should be applauded," Colbeck, who will be term-limited at the end of next year after eight years in the Senate, told the Detroit

Free Press in an interview.

Any difficulties with the Trump presidency relate to push-back from "entrenched special interests in D.C." as Trump goes about "draining the swamp," Colbeck said. "I support him 100 percent."



Colbeck

Colbeck, 51, an aerospace engineer who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School before earning bachelor's and master's degrees from U-M, is known as one of Michigan's most conservative state lawmakers.

He opposed Medicaid

expansion under the Affordable Care Act, the gas tax and registration fee increases that were central to the road funding deal, the state's funding of the grand bargain to ease the city of Detroit out of bankruptcy and some of the emergency funding for Flint in the wake of its drinking water crisis.

Colbeck opposes the Common Core education standards and was highly critical of Republican Gov. Rick Snyder when Snyder recently vetoed his legislation to place the words "Choose Life" as an option on state license plates.

Snyder is also term-limited.

Colbeck, who is to make his announcement at an event at the Yankee

Air Museum near Belleville, has done more than cast no votes. On road funding, for example, he proposed a plan he said would free up more than \$1 billion without raising taxes and pushed for use of alternative road building materials he said would last longer.

Supporters Lawrence and Lucille Fritz of Livonia describe themselves as "middle-of-the-road" conservatives. They see an integrity in Colbeck they say is rare among Lansing politicians.

"He is forthcoming and honest," and will say what he thinks regardless of the consequences, said Lawrence Fritz, a retired automotive engineer.

"He doesn't necessarily agree with me on

everything," but "you get what you see with him."

Fritz's wife Lucille added that Colbeck "listens to all sides before he makes up his mind."

Lansing public relations consultant Matt Resch said Colbeck takes many positions that are close to the hearts of the Republican base, and that's a real strength in a Republican primary.

But Colbeck, like many other gubernatorial candidates, suffers from a lack of name recognition, Resch said. He's likely too conservative to win a general election in Michigan, particularly since he will also lack significant financial resources.

Colbeck joins a list of declared Republican candidates who include

obstetrician Dr. Jim Hines of Saginaw; insurance agent Joseph DeRose of Williamston; Grand Rapids businessman Evan Space, and private investigator Mark McFarlin of Pinconning.

Two big names expected to join the race have yet to announce — Attorney General Bill Schuette and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

Colbeck said recent polling shows most Republican voters are undecided for governor.

Unlike him, Schuette and Calley are known political commodities, Colbeck said.

Voters "have seen what is on the shelf and they're not buying," he said.

Local firms travel to China to expand export opportunities

Business leaders from 10 Michigan companies traveled to China last week, meeting with prospective partners, distributors and buyers to increase export opportunities from Michigan to China. The trade mission was led by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. International Trade Office.

"China continues to be an increasingly important and viable market for a wide range of products and services," said

Jennifer Nelson, chief business development officer and executive vice president of MEDC. "This trade mission will open doors for these companies by helping them identify and enter into new relationships there. These Michigan companies, with products ranging from pharmaceuticals to automotive components, will have a unique opportunity to reach new customers in the fastest-growing economy in the

world."

Delegates from the export mission will be attending one-on-one company meetings in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Shanghai. The match-making events include customized appointments with prospective partners, distributors and buyers in each region. The participants will also receive in-country briefings about doing business in China.

Participating compa-

nies from the area were:

» Chrysan Industries (Plymouth) — A global manufacturer of automotive lubricants and specialty chemicals.

» Midwest Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Farmington Hills) — Pharmaceutical distributor specializing in sourcing pharmaceuticals in short supply for appropriately licensed clients. Midwest Pharmaceuticals offers a wide range of services, which includes: generic and brand pharmaceu-

ticals, exportation of pharmaceuticals, API procurement and sales, over-the-counter products, contract manufacturing, and contract research organizations liaison service.

» OPS Solutions (Wixom) — Manufacturer of Light Guide Systems (LGS), an augmented reality tool designed to make factory floors smarter, safer and better. Transforming manual assembly and manufacturing processes for

companies around the globe.

MEDC's International Trade Program works to extend export opportunities to more Michigan companies and ensure they are connected with the resources to explore new markets, access existing export resources and increase global competitiveness.

In fiscal year 2016, the program facilitated \$523.9 million in sales to 121 countries.

County conducts emergency preparedness survey

Oakland County residents and businesses can help the county update its emergency preparedness plan by participating in a voluntary online questionnaire, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced.

Feedback from the confidential 10-minute survey will enable Oakland County's Homeland Security Division to better serve residents and businesses before, during, and after an emergency or disaster.

"Oakland County has a continuous commitment to planning, training and exercising response capabilities for all types of disasters," Patterson said. "This voluntary and confidential questionnaire will assist our emergency preparedness staff in identifying which hazards are of most concern to our residents and businesses as well as which services the community may need during an emergency."

Some sample questions include:

» If a disaster (i.e. snowstorm) impacted Oakland County, knocking out electricity and running water, would your household be able to manage on its own for at least three (3) days?

» Do you believe that your household and/or place of business might ever be threatened by



FILE PHOTO

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced the county will conduct an emergency preparedness survey.

the following hazards? Please rate what hazards present the greatest risk.

» What might prevent you from leaving your place of residence if there was an evacuation order? Please select ALL that apply.

» In an evacuation, would you or anyone in your household require special assistance?

"The success of our response to a disaster will depend on how well we have prepared in advance," said Thomas Hardesty, manager of Oakland County Homeland Security Division. "The more survey responses we receive from residents and businesses, the better we will be able to prepare for an emergency."

To fill out the questionnaire, go to <http://oakland.preparedness.sgizmo.com/s3/>. The survey will remain open until Sept. 1. For a hard copy version of the survey, contact the Oakland County Homeland Security Division at oakhsd@oakgov.com or call 248-858-5300.

Businesses interested in having their employees confidentially participate in the survey in order to utilize the data to update their business emergency preparedness plans may contact Homeland Security Division to make those arrangements.

Oakland County adheres to federal requirements to update its emergency preparedness plans every five years in an effort to keep residents, businesses, and organizations well prepared and vigilant. Oakland County last conducted an emergency preparedness survey in 2012. The purpose of emergency preparedness planning is to identify policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses.



ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott introduced a bill calling for increased penalties.

Trott: Increase the penalty for genital mutilation

Todd Spangler
Detroit Free Press

With an investigation into the genital mutilation of girls in Michigan continuing, a metro Detroit congressman is calling for the federal penalty for committing such a crime to be increased from five years in prison to 15.

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, introduced the legislation July 20 along with U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., calling for an increase in the prison time for female genital mutilation of anyone under the age of 18 and encouraging states to enact laws requiring health care professionals, teachers and others to report suspected cases of mutilation.

A version is expected to eventually be introduced in the U.S. Senate as well.

The measure is being introduced as an investigation which began with a Northville doctor being charged with genital mutilation in federal court in April has stretched to other states. As the Free Press reported last week, federal agents also have identified potential defendants in California, Illinois and Minnesota, according to court documents.

Dr. Jumana Nagarwala, 44, has been charged with cutting at least six girls, including four from Michigan. Five other people also have been charged in the case to date. Nagarwala has denied committing any crime, however, saying she removed membranes from the girls' genitals as part of a custom

"We must protect our girls and this legislation increasing the federal penalty is critical to eradicating this barbaric practice."

U.S. REP. DAVE TROTT, R-Birmingham

linked to a Muslim sect from India to which she belongs, but that no cutting took place.

A federal judge denied setting bond for her last week.

"The Centers for Disease Control estimates that more than 500,000 females in the U.S. have undergone or are at risk for genital mutilation," said Trott, adding that federal prosecutors believe that three physicians who have been charged in Michigan may be linked to as many as 100 mutilations.

"These doctors, and all those who commit these horrendous crimes against innocent children, must be held accountable for their unconscionable actions," Trott said. "We must protect our girls and this legislation increasing the federal penalty is critical to eradicating this barbaric practice."

Trott noted that the five-year penalty in the U.S. is weaker than those in some other developed nations, including the United Kingdom and France, where it is 14 years and 20 years, respectively.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Advertisement for WEB DESIGN SERVICES

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 2pm Thursday, August 17, 2017.

The Township hereby solicits bids to upgrade the design of the Township website to reflect new technology standards and engage users. Information on the design expectations are available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/RFP along with all bid documents and can also be obtained from the Clerks Department, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained from the Township Information Technology Director, Mr. Shaun Nicoloff, (248) 662-0496. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Director, Northville Township Information Technology Department, via email to snicoloff@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after 12pm Friday, August 11, 2017.

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

Publish: August 3, 2017

LO-000028514 3x3



A scene from part of the exhibition titled Maya Stovall: Liquor Store Theatre Performance Films, scheduled to appear at Cranbrook.

Cranbrook museum to host art exhibitions

This fall, Cranbrook Art Museum will open a series of exhibitions by artists who all operate at the intersection of art and street culture. The exhibitions include Ryan McGinness: Studio Views and Collection Views; Basquiat Before Basquiat: East 12th Street, 1979-1980; Keith Haring: The End of the Line; and Maya Stovall: Liquor Store Theatre Performance Films.

“Detroit is renowned for its vibrant and innovative street culture, a place where life meets art. If we’re lucky and aware, we hear it, we see it, and we feel it. In this spirit, we explore four contemporary artists’ unique responses to urban life. Their artistic practices, each in their own fantastic fashion, are personal journeys that move fluidly from the street to the studio and back again,” said Andrew Blauvelt, director of Cranbrook Art Museum.

The exhibitions will open with a special ArtMembers’ Preview 6-9 p.m. Nov. 17. All exhibitions will open to the public Nov. 18. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. ArtMembers and children ages 12 and under are free. General tickets are \$10, seniors ages 65 and over are \$8 and students (with ID) are \$6. Barrier-free access to the galleries

of Cranbrook Art Museum can be accommodated through the adjacent New Studios Building. Visitors with disabilities are encouraged to call the front desk at 248-645-3320 during regular museum hours for assistance. If you are planning your visit in advance, you may also call 248-645-3319 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for additional information.

Entries being accepted for Canton’s Fine Arts Exhibition

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is accepting entries through Aug. 21 for the 25th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, which will be on display from Oct. 6 through Nov. 4. Michigan artists are encouraged to enter online at www.cantonvillageheater.org. Interested artists may also request entry form copies by calling 734-394-5300, ext. 8.

“The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition provides a unique opportunity for Michigan artists to publicly display their works and reach a large audience in the Canton community,” Canton Performing Arts Coordinator Joe Kvorciak said. “This exhibition draws works from both emerging and well-established artists and showcases a broad range of artistic styles and interpretations.”

All media is accepted for this exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs or USB drives will be accepted for review. Work submitted on CDs/USB drives must be in JPEG format and 300 dpi. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed five feet wide or six feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed five by five by six feet and 200 pounds in weight. Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required.

The competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: best of show, \$750; second place, \$500; third place, \$300; two honorable mentions of \$100 each; and four merit awards of \$50 each. The post-mark/hand delivery deadline for entries is Aug. 21. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 8.

This year’s distinguished juror will be Jean-Paul Aboudib, a Michigan-based artist working and residing in the Detroit area. Aboudib has earned a BFA degree from the College for Creative Studies and an MFA in painting from Wayne State University. His paintings embody a saturated color palette and a



The 2016 Canton Fine Arts Exhibition winner of best of show: Janet Kondziela’s oil painting “Peter #4.”

painterly approach culled from a variety of expressive realism. His work employs not only the technical traditions of classical anatomy and the convincing representation of the figure, but also the multiple psychological complexities, yet subtle nature of his subjects.

Aboudib has exhibited his work in various galleries and exhibition spaces, including the Alden B. Dow Museum, The Forum Gallery at the Cranbrook Academy of Arts, the historic Scarab Club, the Artist Market, the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Pontiac Creative Art Center, the Cherry Hill Village Theater, Madonna University, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Tangent Gallery, the Guardian Building of Detroit and the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. In addition, he has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including honorable mentions, merit awards and best in shows in juried art competitions. Recently, Aboudib was a visiting artist for six months at the Dancing Dog Gallery in Ann Arbor.

A reception will be held for the selected artists at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5, with a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Village Theater has exhibition hours throughout the year (except for major holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, by appointment and during all public performances. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, is a regional center for the arts that offers live theater, music, dance and fine art exhibitions and events, in addition to providing a home for several cultural organizations and community groups.

For more information, go to www.cantonvillageheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Zeal Credit Union partners with HHS to kick off ninth annual Backpack Drive

Zeal Credit Union is partnering with Pathways to Potential, a program of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, to collect new backpacks and new school supplies for needy students in Michigan.

“This is our ninth year to hold a backpack drive that helps students be better prepared for the start of school,” said Tiffany Sweet, youth and community development coordinator for Zeal Credit Union. “We want to help children by giving them the tools they need to be successful in school and to feel good about themselves.”

In addition to new backpacks, everyone is welcome to donate new folders, notebooks, pens, scissors, pencils and other school supplies.

All of Zeal Credit Union’s 12 branch offices in metro Detroit will have collection boxes available through Friday, Aug. 18. For more details and location information, go to www.ZealCreditUnion.org/backpack.

All of the supplies will be distributed through Pathways to Potential, which removes barriers to success for students and families and delivers services where people need them by stationing MDHHS caseworkers called success coaches in schools.

Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made at Zeal Credit

Union branch locations.

“Community partners like Zeal Credit Union are invaluable to Pathways to Potential as we work to keep children in school,” MDHHS Director Nick Lyon said. “It is difficult for students to succeed if they don’t have proper school supplies and our success coaches have seen that children are more likely to miss school if they don’t have the proper supplies.”

Sweet said, “The backpack drive is another of many ways in which Zeal demonstrates the credit union’s values of character, empathy and passion for members and the community-at-large.”

For more information about Pathways to Potential, go to www.michigan.gov/pathwaystopotential.

Zeal Credit Union is a full-service, non-profit financial institution with more than 61,000 members, assets exceeding \$555 million and 12 full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 5,000 shared branches and nearly 30,000 ATMs nationwide. Member deposits are insured to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, a U.S. government agency. For more information about Zeal Credit Union, go to www.ZealCreditUnion.org or call 800-321-8570.



Staff members of Zeal Credit Union’s Livonia West branch on Newburgh Road display some of the new school items being collected for the annual Backpack Drive.



Donna Collins (left) met her half-sister, the Rev. Jane Logston, for the first time July 20. Collins, who was adopted as an infant, learned last month she has siblings.

GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Woman, 80, adopted as a child, meets younger sister for first time

Lisa Roose-Church
Livingston Daily

Two sisters unaware of the other's existence for most of their lives met for the first time July 20.

For Brighton resident Donna Collins, the moment was more than seven decades in the making. For the Rev. Jane Logston, of Leelanau County, it was closure to a mother's long held secret.

"I've waited all my life for this," Donna, 80, said as the two sat outside her apartment.

"It was a shock-a-roo," Jane said about learning of Donna, who is the oldest of seven children born to their mother.

Family secrets

Jane said two of her own sisters told her that their mother, Elizabeth Doerr, then-16, and Elizabeth's sister traveled to Detroit, where Doerr gave birth to a daughter she named Dorothy Jean Doerr. The baby's father was not in the picture.

As fate would have it, Elizabeth Doerr and Donna's eventual adoptive parents, Robert and Martha Bastien, had the same doctor, who apparently told the Bastiens the teen wanted to place her child for adoption. The Bastiens shared that they would like to adopt the infant, whom they renamed Donna Marie Bastien, and a private adoption resulted.

At age 8, Donna, who grew up an only child, enjoyed snuggling with her adoptive father as he told her stories, including one about a baby who had been adopted.

"That baby was you," her father said.

Donna was stunned. "The more I thought about it, I became afraid that if I did something wrong, they'd send me back," the Brighton woman said. "My mother

didn't want to discuss it. Any information I received was from my father and he didn't tell me everything until I was engaged."

"Everything," Donna said, turned out to be very little. Her father knew her biological mother's age when Donna was born, the location of her birth and a birth name. She believes he knew nothing more.

Donna dreamed about a reunion with her biological mother and she wanted to know more about the lady, but she had little to go on. Over the years, she would look up Doerr family names in the phone book and she'd write letters to everyone listed, but she never received a response.

"I wanted to meet her because I thought she was a brave woman to give up a baby and I wanted her to know what a good family I went to," she said.

Donna, who worked as a registered nurse at various hospitals, eventually ended her pursuit as she married Bill Collins and they raised their family. When they retired, the couple moved to Las Vegas where they lived for 21 years until returning to Michigan in 2013 to be near their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A sister's search

Jane Logston, an ordained minister for the Bear Lake and Arcadia United Methodist churches, learned from three sisters that their mother, who believed she was on her death bed, confessed about 10 years ago that she had a baby girl at age 16 and that she had named the baby Dorothy.

It was a secret her mother had never told Jane's father and her siblings shared the secret with Jane about four

years after their mother's death.

Jane was told the infant was placed in a Catholic orphanage that eventually burned so there were no records of the adoption.

"I had a midlife crisis, I think," she said. "I thought ... my mother had so many children, so I thought, 'What else was there?' I questioned my own self, you know what I mean?"

Jane wanted to find the older sister she knew nothing about, but her siblings and other family discouraged her. One family member said she'd tried to look, but found nothing and they speculated that the baby girl, who would by then be in her 70s, was likely dead.

At Christmas in 2016, Jane's husband, the Rev. Russell Logston, decided to give her an Ancestry DNA test as a gift.

"I thought it would be an interesting background to see what it tells us," Russell said.

Jane added: "I was hoping I'd see more relatives, but that wasn't the primary goal."

Meanwhile, Donna said a friend of hers, who is "heavy into Ancestry," was intrigued by Donna's story and asked her to take a DNA test, just to see if a connection could be found. The results showed she was "from middle Europe" and, sometime later, Donna said, she received a letter telling her "my mother was dead and she never remarried and I had no siblings."

"I don't know where they got this information and I think, 'That's the end of that,'" Donna said.

Donna also has since learned her biological father's name and that he died in 2006. She said his obituary shows he may have been a "great man," who owned 3,000 acres of land in Michigan and



Newly acquainted half-sisters Jane Logston (left) and Donna Collins get to know one another after meeting for the first time. Collins was adopted as an infant and the two met after an Ancestry DNA test revealed they were a "close match."

GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

"other holdings" and that he was heavily involved in his community through nonprofit organizations. She said he also is a World War II veteran.

Jane's Ancestry DNA results, however, were very different. She received a list of names that were possible DNA matches, but she recognized none of the names and she did not see the name "Dorothy."

However, Donna's friend who encouraged her to take the DNA test saw a match and she reached out to Jane, who was sitting at the hospital for a medical procedure when her cellphone received an email alert.

The email mentioned the name Dorothy Jean Doerr and read: "I believe you might be (Donna's) half-sister."

"My blood pressure shot up," Jane said, noting it alarmed the nurse.

It took a day or two, but Jane found her words and she responded to Donna's friend, who asked if Jane would like to "make contact" with her sister.

"I suppose I could have said, 'No,' but that would have been awful," Jane laughed as she grasped Donna's hand. "I said, 'Yes.'"

Making contact

Donna was stunned as she read the opening line of Jane's email.

"Hello," it read. "I'm your half-sister."

That was three weeks ago and the two sisters had been communicating via email when Jane asked if she could visit. Donna said yes.

"I was a little apprehensive," Donna admitted. "She's going to meet a little old lady."

Jane, who dressed in blue because it is Donna's favorite color, and Russell stepped off the elevator at Independence Village, where Donna and Bill live, and walked toward Donna who sat with some members of her family surrounding her.

It took a moment before Donna realized the sister she didn't know existed was within arm's reach.

The two hugged and

Jane gave Donna a picture frame filled with photographs of her maternal family, including her mother from 1955 and at age 90 as well as a maternal grandmother. The sisters' mother died in 2012 at age 92.

Donna said she has learned some details about her biological mother that do not cast the woman in the best light, but she is grateful to learn more about the woman who made a tough choice to place a child for adoption. She said she is thankful that she had a good life with her adoptive parents, who will always be simply her parents.

Both Donna and Jane hope to build a sisterly bond, and Jane has already invited Donna and her new-found brother-in-law to visit their home.

Her husband, Russell, agreed, saying: "My Christmas present ended up being a sister."

"I'm not gift-wrapped, though," Donna said with a laugh.



Michigan's Home Builders Association gets together for a networking barbecue July 26 in West Bloomfield.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

SUNNY ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDS BUILDERS GROUP

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan hosted its annual barbecue for members and guests July 26 and everyone appeared to be in a great mood — and it wasn't just because they were gathered on a beach eating good food and enjoying each other's company.

There were plenty of hugs, handshakes, smiles and laughter. There also were plenty of folks politely stepping aside with their cellphones in hand, conducting a little business on the side — it was a Wednesday, after all.

The sunny setting and even sunnier atmosphere is a reflection of an improved economy, stronger new home construction permits, increased business and an association set on helping its members reach their goals this year and beyond. Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, was pleased to not only see his members enjoying themselves, but networking with each other and forming a special bond that associations have the power to create.

He also was glad to see a bigger turnout — both at the barbecue and in the number of HBA memberships.

"The economy is a lot better than it was nine years ago and that just makes everything we do a lot better," Stoskopf said, taking a break from greeting members and talking about the association. "Our numbers are up in terms of membership and we have a lot more participation at our events such as this."

The HBA's membership has grown "significantly" over the last 12 months, from about 700 at this time last year to almost 1,050 by the time the chicken was done that day.

"Some of that is a result of the economy and some of it is because of the changes we've been able to make with

our dues structure and things of that nature," Stoskopf said. "Getting more people involved in the industry, talking to each other, interacting with each other, doing business with each other, is a positive from a trade association standpoint."

Stoskopf, a native of White Cloud, Mich., and a graduate of Michigan State University, said there are "numerous" benefits to being a member.

"The top three benefits our members tell us are most important to them are business-to-business networking, current industry information and education and professional development," Stoskopf said. "As a trade association, one of the biggest things we provide is ongoing education."

New home construction permits peaked between July 2004 and January 2005 with almost 2,000 permits being issued in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties. But the peak quickly "fell off a cliff," reaching rock bottom in January 2006. The fall came quickly and hard.

In 2008, shortly after Stoskopf was hired, the HBA board wanted answers to two very important questions: How could they have seen this downward spiral coming and, more importantly, when will it be over?

"At that point, we were still falling off a cliff," said Stoskopf, who quickly went to work searching for concrete answers and a way to help better predict or at least prepare for such situations in the future. "I put together a model that looked at several different economic factors and tried to put something together I could use to help predict accurately out into the future."

The model, which includes numbers on North American vehicle production, unemployment figures, single-family home prices, crude oil price per barrel and other factors, has proven to predict with approximately 98-percent accuracy six months into the future. So

during Wednesday's barbecue, Stoskopf could tell his members how many new home construction permits will be issued in December.

"We presented this in July 2009 and the model predicted the bottom would be in October 2009," Stoskopf said. "Then you have to wait for October. And when we got there, the numbers started to slowly go back up."

And while the numbers are still a few cliffs away from 2005, the numbers of new home construction permits issued have been on a steady increase.

"To have that knowledge six months in advance is an important tool to have," Stoskopf said. "Not that you run your business on that exclusively, but it's good to know what's coming around the bend."

William Phillips, the HBA's president and executive vice president for the Windham Development Group, has been on the executive committee for the association for eight years. Phillips has seen many changes — mostly bigger and better — in the industry during his 34 years with Windham.

"People are willing to spend more money on their homes, so where we used to see a home of 2,100 square feet, we are now seeing over 3,000 for many of them," he said. "The trend has really been to larger homes."

"Of course, all the materials are changing. Windows and walls are much more energy-efficient than they ever have been. The walls are now six-inch instead of four-inch. Energy-efficient and being green are major factors in new home construction."

And while the cost of being energy-efficient and being "green" comes with a higher price tag, the benefits quickly begin to pay themselves back over time.

"Cost of housing is up, but the efficiency is certainly better," he said. "Your utility costs will be lower and you will save money on your utility bills

because of the more energy-efficient home."

Many of the changes and trends in new home construction are personal-preference driven. Some homeowners are looking to downsize after their kids have moved out, while others are looking for more room to raise a family.

"The biggest trend in the buying market is that the younger generation are buying their first homes later and therefore buying their first new homes even later than that," Stoskopf said.

"Today's generation is buying their first home around the age of 32, when before it was 25 or 26. And first-time buyers typically first buy an existing home. It's not until the ages of 36 to 51 that you see people buying a new home."

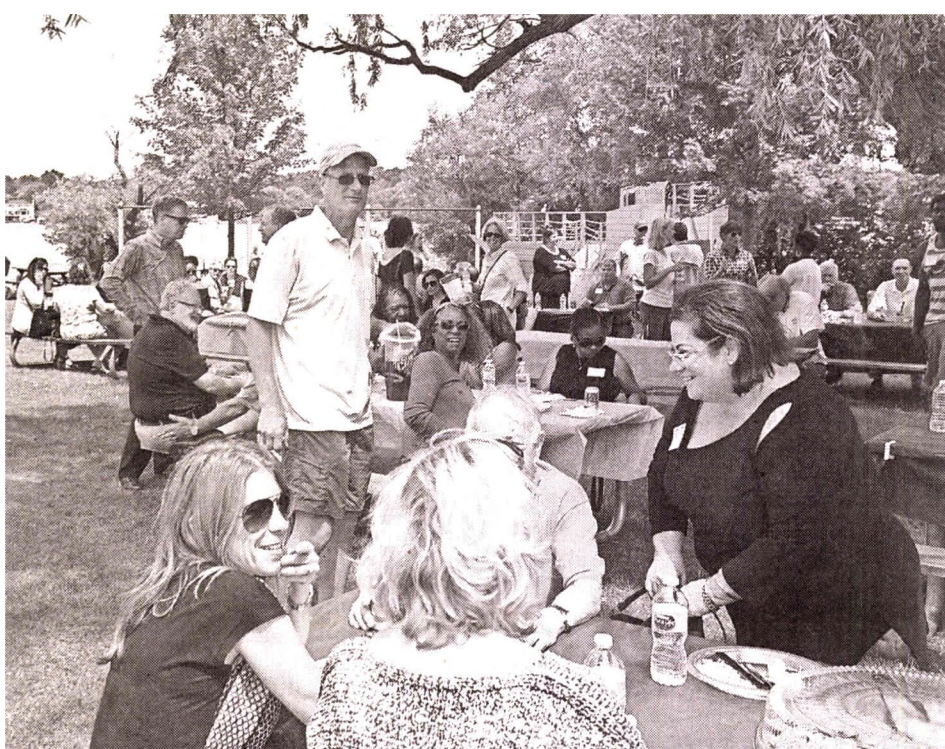
Stoskopf says one of the places those new homes are going up at an increasing rate is South Lyon.

"South Lyon is one of the more popular areas," he said. "Macomb Township has issued more new home permits than any municipality for the last four years. Washington Township, Shelby (Township), Lyon Township and Canton are other areas seeing a lot of activity."

Phillips agreed. "South Lyon is busting at the seams," he said. "Anywhere you can find an empty lot in Oakland County, you will find a new home going up. Oakland Township is another area where a lot of new homes are being built."

The annual barbecue Wednesday for HBA members at Walnut Lake Estates in West Bloomfield was centered around having a good time and the forecast for new homes and for the HBA shows more good times and better times ahead.

"Our membership relates directly to what's going on in the market," Phillips said. "We have a lot more sub-contractors joining the association because they want to network and be involved. It's really a major benefit to them and all our members."



Michigan Home Builders Association CEO Michael Stoskopf (center) and others gather at Walnut Lake Estates for a networking barbecue.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



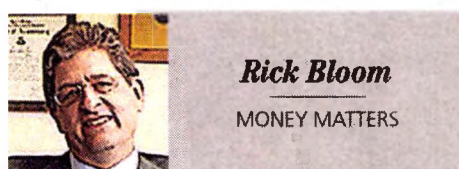
Michael Sotskopf (right), CEO of Michigan's Home Builders Association, networks with Michigan.com sales person Jordan Moss during the July 26 barbecue in West Bloomfield.

JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Take some precautions ahead of vacation trip

It is vacation time, which means many will be leaving town for a little rest and relaxation. One of the nice things about going on vacation is you can slow down a little from the hectic pace that most deal with on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, one thing you cannot afford to do is let your guard down when you travel. Thieves and lowlives in our society know that people are less on guard when they travel and they look at taking advantage of that. It is important to take some precautions when traveling in order to protect yourself. Here are some things to consider that will protect you and make it more difficult for the lowlives to take advantage of you.

Public Wi-Fi has allowed people to access the Internet virtually anywhere they are. This can be invaluable, particularly when you're out of town and looking for information. However, iden-



tity thieves and the lowlives are also out there trolling public Wi-Fi to attempt to hack into information stored on our phone or laptop. Use extreme caution when you use public Wi-Fi. At a minimum, never use public Wi-Fi to transact business and that applies whether you're on vacation or at home.

I'm amazed at the number of people who go out of town and post that information on Facebook or Twitter. It is nice to share pictures with friends and loved ones, but let's not forget that you're giving a wealth of information to thieves. The last thing you want to do is let them know where you are and what

your itinerary is. After all, you're making it easier for them to take advantage of you. My advice: Wait until you come home to post your pictures and talk about your trip. Don't make life any easier for the crooks.

When you travel, there is no need to take every charge card you own. The more you take, the greater the risk you are going to lose something. Limit the number of charge cards you take on your vacation. In addition, it's important to make copies of the charge cards you are taking, so that if there is a problem — such as one of your cards is stolen — you have the information to immediately notify your charge card company. One other note regarding charge cards: If you are leaving the country, it may be a good idea to let your credit card company know where you are going, so there will be no problems using your card.

One last note: When you do go out of town, make sure you stop your mail. An overflowing mailbox is a clear sign to the thieves that you are out of town. It is very simple to hold your mail and you can do it online by at usps.com.

Going on vacation is wonderful and I recommend it for everyone. But in today's world, it is important to put some precautions into effect to protect yourself so you can enjoy your well-earned vacation. It would be nice if you didn't have to worry about these things, but that is not reality. Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

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.

Does love conquer all? Attorney says yes ... and no

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

When love is on the rocks, it's time to see Henry Gornbein.

The Birmingham attorney specializes in Michigan family law, having handled thousands of cases over the years involving divorces, custody disputes, post-nuptial agreements and related matters. He contributes a monthly blog to the Huffington Post on family law and has written a book titled "Divorce Demystified."

His best advice? Try to work it out:

Q: What are some keys to a healthy relationship?

Gornbein: Do not let things fester. An issue that is ignored will grow until it becomes more and more unmanageable. Do not let issues that were problems in the past haunt you. If you cannot move on, then there will be continuing problems in your relationship. I have many cases where one spouse or the other will bring up things that happened years ago as if they happened yesterday. Try to learn from your mistakes and move on. Date each other, even if you are married. Set time out to enjoy each other. Compromise is important in any relationship.

Last but not least, always get the last word in by saying you are right dear or whatever you want dear!

Q: How can social media make — or break — a relationship?

Gornbein: Social media is treacherous. I lecture on this issue and, in the past four years, the number of marriages ruined by Facebook and other social media has risen from 25 percent to one-third of all marriages.

Be very careful of what you post. Be positive if you are going to be on social media. Remember that whatever you post will be seen by not only your "friends," but their friends as well. I have had people run off with former high school sweethearts who they reconnected with on social media. Clients have learned of affairs through social media and marriages have been ruined due to scams on social media. The click of a computer key can alter your marriage and your life.

Q: Why do men seem to get off easier when they're caught cheating on their spouses?

Gornbein: I believe that there is still a double standard regarding affairs. In addition, I have found over the years that when a man has been cheated on by his wife, for some reason his reac-

tion is usually worse than if he is the one cheating. Hell hath no wrath like a woman scorned! The wrath of a man scorned is even greater.

Q: What are some of the major factors a married couple needs to consider before seeking a divorce?

Gornbein: It is important to proceed with caution. You must look at the economic aspects of a divorce. Can I afford to move on after a divorce? What about the children? Can we work together after a divorce in some type of shared custodial arrangement? Do I know enough about what is in the marital estate?

It is critical to consult with an attorney before deciding to proceed. A divorce should be a last resort, not the first. Have you tried counseling? Can the marriage be improved? What are your goals for the future? Is the grass greener? These are all important issues to consider.

Q: Why are so-called 'gray divorces' on the rise in America?

Gornbein: Gray divorces are usually marriages of 25 years or longer. They usually are couples who are in their 50s or older. Often the children are grown or on the verge of leaving the nest. There are more gray divorces because

people are living longer. Often, a couple will stay together to raise children and then, when the children are out of the house, they realize that their goals are different. Perhaps they have little in common. I also believe the stigma of divorce is less today than it was 20 or 30 years ago. I see more and more gray divorces in my practice.

Q: Will the institution of marriage survive the 21st century?

Gornbein: I recently interviewed Wayne County Chief Family Court Judge Kathleen McCarthy and, in Wayne County, 70 percent of all child custody cases involve couples who have never married. More and more people are living together and not getting married.

I believe that marriage will survive. There is still a desire for many people to marry. For economic reasons, it makes sense. If you are not married, you cannot get Social Security as a spouse. You cannot share in pensions. You cannot have medical insurance through a spouse's employment. There is still a romantic ideal of marriage and that marriage license still has meaning.

*grossman@hometownlife.com
586-826-7030*

Twitter: @BhmEccentric

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Draining the swamp?

This is but one of the many campaign theme that President Donald Trump ran on and failed. In the last 6 months, Trump has fired 11 White House staffers, or they quit. This includes FBI Director James Comey who was fired. Six more are currently on the bubble.

This 11 includes Reince Priebus, Trump's belittled and embattled, Chief of Staff, who was fired Friday. Priebus was the shortest ever serving as Presi-

dential Chief of Staff.

Thus far, the only swamp drained seems to be the one created by Trump.
Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Avoid labels

In the article, "Accused prostitute arrested," The accused is described as a Chinese woman. Why must we continue to label people? It is not necessary to label this woman by her assumed ethnicity. It adds nothing to the news article.

Laura Wohfeil
Canton

Headline disappointed

Vigorous discussions at town hall meetings of local and national issues are to be applauded. Fundamental democratic principles of civic engagement hopefully reveal the scope of both consensus and diversity in points of view. Whatever the political auspices of such meetings — political parties, elected representatives or citizens — they are applauded as part of Americans' freedom of speech and assembly, basic elements of responsible participation in democratic governance.

I was disappointed by the headline: "Left-leaning group holds health care town hall in Plymouth." Why was "left-leaning" necessary as part of responsible journalism?

Such headlines do not help our community overcome tendencies to view news reporting as inherently partisan. "Left-leaning" primes the reader for an account of a town meeting sponsored by leftist partisans.

I am not a member of Indivisible District 11. I never heard of it. Its website describes it as "... a community of politically progressive citizens whose mission is to advance the principles of participatory government in order to promote a better, more progressive Michigan 11th Congressional district."

"Progressive" has been construed as left-leaning recently, but over American political history it has been applied broadly both to political conservatives

and liberals urging social reform to unlock social and economic progress. Think Teddy Roosevelt (Republican) or Woodrow Wilson (Democrat). Advocating for progressive reform by concerned citizens does not automatically translate as "left-leaning." Advocating for change that improves the social and economic lot of all citizens is not a partisan activity; it is patriotic civic discourse, a responsible contribution to American self-governance.

What happened at the town meeting? I did not attend, having been unaware of it. No statements from any of the 100 "concerned citizens" about the future of health care are quoted, which does not provide me insight into my neighbors' opinions. The account gives the impression of a wholly one-sided partisan affair, dominated by elected officials. Apparently Dave Trott was either not invited or chose to spend his time otherwise.

Trott's absence contributed nothing to healthy, patriotic deliberative democracy in Plymouth. Suppose Trott had convened the town hall and both spoke and listened to, would the headline state: "Right-leaning Representative holds health care town hall"? Surely not.

If we are to overcome hyper-partisanship in Plymouth and build a diverse, outspoken, respectful community, we ourselves — and the media — must move beyond unnecessary, imprecise labels that cue latent political emotions that divide and silence debate.

David L. Featherman
Plymouth Township

Lake Street Mercantile shutting down

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

A longtime fixture in downtown South Lyon is holding a big clearance sale before closing its doors next month.

Lake Street Mercantile owners Cindy and Lloyd Jones have decided to sell their building on Lake Street, just east of Lafayette and retire. Selling fabric and other quilting supplies, the store has been in downtown South Lyon for 15 years. The couple, married 53 years, declined to be interviewed about their plans but had sent out an email.

Former Oakland County commissioner and attorney Thomas Law is in the process of purchasing the mercantile building from the Joneses. His son, David Law, is a judge in 52-1 District Court in Novi.

"My son likes the community. I was

looking for an investment and came across the building," Law said. "It's an attractive building. I looked at South Lyon — it's got a low vacancy rate. It's a good town."

After serving 25 years on the county commission, Law worked four years for County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. As a result, he was familiar with the efforts of Bob Donohue, who retired from Oakland County before joining the city of South Lyon as Downtown Development Authority/Economic Development Director.

"The seller said Bob (Donohue) was there — I didn't know. Bob is working hard and has different ideas on what to do with the building," Law said. "I haven't been to see him yet."

*rogers@hometownlife.com
734-883-9039*

FREE PRESchool

It's for You and Me!

If you live in Oakland County, your child may be eligible for free preschool programs.

Free, high quality preschool programs are available through Head Start and the Great Start Readiness Program. Families of four earning up to \$61,500 per year are usually eligible and those earning more are sometimes eligible. Half- and full-day openings are available now throughout Oakland County with transportation services offered at select sites.

For referral to a program, please call

844.456.KIDS

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.

FreePreOakland.org

Child must be three or four years old before September 1, 2017.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Johnston makes doubles play his calling card at U-M

Northville grad wins two ITA events after making NCAAs

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

It's safe to say that Connor Johnston has made a smooth transition into the world of collegiate tennis.

The 2016 Northville High grad, made his mark during his freshman season for the University of Michigan, teaming with partner Jathan Malik to reach the NCAA doubles championships round of 32 on May 25 at the University of Georgia's Dan Magill Tennis Complex.

Johnston, who was Michi-



Johnston

gan's Mr. Tennis as a senior at Northville, and Malik, a senior from London, England, became the first U-M doubles team since 2011 to earn a berth in the NCAA championships.

Seeded 29th, Johnston and Malik lost in a three-set heartbreaker to No. 25 Jerry Lopez and Reese Stalder of TCU, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

See JOHNSTON, Page B2



Northville's Connor Johnston (left) and U-M teammate Nick Beaty won an ITA summer event last weekend in East Lansing.

Little League fall registration

The South Farmington Little League is currently conducting registration for its fall season.

Fall ball is an opportunity for players ages 4-15 to play baseball or softball for six weeks starting Sept. 4. All games are scheduled for Saturday, with one practice each week through Oct. 14.

Limited spots are available, so some divisions may fill up quickly. The fee is \$50 for T-ball and \$90 for baseball and softball.

Registration ends Aug. 20 and is open to residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills and surrounding communities.

South Farmington baseball and softball also offers travel team opportunities.

To register or for more information, go to southfarmington.org.

Lady Bombers to hold tryouts

The South Farmington Little League Lady Bombers are hosting tryouts next month.

The Lady Bombers are a competitive softball program that plays spring house ball and tournaments at an affordable cost.

The tryout dates are 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 for 8U and 14U players; 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 for 12U; and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 for 10U.

Eligible players must live in the following zip codes: 48336; 48335; 48334; 48331; 48167.

All tryouts will be held at Drake Park (23500 Drake Road) in Farmington. If interested, but unable to attend tryouts, contact Steve Dickson at southfarmingtonladybombers@gmail.com or call 313-671-5214.

S.L. United lacrosse clinic

South Lyon United girls lacrosse program will host a free clinic for youngsters in grades K-8, 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the South Lyon High School Stadium.

Check-in starts at 4:30 p.m. and an alumni game will follow 6:45-8 p.m. for the fourth annual event.

South Lyon United alumni, along with current high school players and coaches, will share their knowledge and skills. No experience is necessary and sticks will be provided.

For more information and to register, email slunited@gmail.com. You can also contact South Lyon United coach Rachel Curmi at curmi1r@gmail.com.

Hole-in-one club members

Several holes-in-one recently were tallied at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township.

On July 24, Jeremy Jenkins, 14, of Farmington Hills aced the 84-yard No. 11 hole at the Strategic course. He used a Taylor Made Wedge and Titleist Pro VI ball for his ace. He finished with 50 for the day.

On July 21, Diane Benne, 57, registered a hole-in-one on the 100-yard No. 3 hole at the Strategic course. She used a 5-iron and Srixon ball for the feat.

Canton's Denis Burke, 44, aced the 131-yard No. 3 hole at the Golden Fox course July 17. He used an 8-iron and Maxfli ball and finished with 40 for the day.

'SUNSHINE'S' SKILLS AND DRILLS CLINIC



Sunshine's camper Alex Banko outraces his buddy, Plymouth football player Jonah Brafford.



Flexing their muscles after a "touchdown" are Sunshine's buddies David Bilson and Plymouth football player Brad Miller.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Kids with special needs bond with Plymouth football players during annual event

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Nicolas Cetnarowski had so much fun at last year's Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic that there was no way his mom wouldn't bring him back for the fourth annual event.

"He just wanted to play football more (after last year's camp), he loves it here," said Lisa Cetnarowski, formerly of

Canton, whose 13-year-old son was paired up with Conner Bell. "It's just fun, watching all the kids have a great time."

Nicolas, who has autism and is non-verbal, made the rounds with Bell — a Westland resident who is entering eighth grade at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

"He loves to catch and throw," Lisa said. "Oh gosh, he just loves the socialization part of it. Besides, he loves football

and baseball in general."

Judging from the smile on Bell's face, it looked like he was having just as much fun during the two-hour event held on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's just a really great thing for them, there's not a lot of things like this around," said Conner, whose dad Ryan Bell is an assistant varsity football coach for Plymouth High

School. "It's just a great experience."

There were about 60 boys and girls with special needs on hand for the clinic, the brainchild of now-13-year-old Conner Sherman (a.k.a. Sunshine) and hosted by the Plymouth High School football program.

Each youngster went around to four non-contact stations with their Wildcats

See SUNSHINE'S, Page B2

WORLD JUNIOR SUMMER SHOWCASE

American teams off to rousing start at tourney

Split squads go combined 3-1 as international tourney opens in Plymouth

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

They uncapped a refreshing weekend of "summer shinny" at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The 2017 Under-20 World Junior Summer Showcase opened Saturday and Sunday with a quartet of games, three

of which either USA White or USA Blue came away with a victory.

And for the fans watching games featuring a plethora of NHL prospects, they were rewarded with some splendid hockey by the cream of the prospect crop — including

See TOURNEY, Page B2



USA White Team forward Ivan Lodnia (left) of Novi fends off a check from Team Sweden's Axel Jonsson Fjallby during Sunday's game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

RENA LAVERTY

SUNSHINE'S

Continued from Page B1

"buddy."

At the conclusion of the event (coordinated by Sherman, his parents, sponsors and coaches such as Plymouth assistant Brian Rochon), each camper ran through the inflated Wildcats head, crashed through a paper banner and received a trophy.

Campers and their families then were treated to refreshments and listened to a brief speech by Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Gratifying

"It's definitely amazing," said Sherman, a quarterback for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers and entering eighth grade at Discovery Middle School. "Just to see the kids run around and they get a shot, too, because every kid gets an opportunity to play the sport of football.

"It just makes you feel good, giving every kid an opportunity to succeed."

Now a few inches taller and with his hair cropped shorter than it was at the debut "Sunshine's" in 2014, he loved making the rounds.

"I'm kind of roaming around right now, stopping in with a bunch of kids saying hi," Sherman said. "They definitely love it. The No. 1 thing is when they knock over their buddy. They love that drill the most out of all of them."

Over near the station where campers improved their agility by running through a rope ladder, Plymouth JV wide receiver Jacob Smith encouraged his buddy, Emily.

"I think she loving it. She's learning so many new things, even though she's been here (Sunshine's) for three years now," said an enthusiastic Smith, soon to be a sophomore. "She's so fun to be with, she always makes me laugh."

Fun is contagious

Asked for an example, he recalled an exchange. "She's, like, 'Wow, this is fun.' I'll be, like 'You think it is? We can do it again if you want.' She's, like, 'Yeah!'"

Smith then shook his head at what he witnessed from Emily as well as the other campers as they threw and caught passes, "tackled" their buddies or found a seam with a run.

"It's just amazing, the kids are always energetic, they're always happy," Smith said. "I just love to do it. I do it for the kids, that's why I'm here."

That sentiment was prevalent all over the field, including from Plymouth varsity coach Mike Sawchuk.

"This is something I want to do as long as I'm here," Sawchuk said. "I said two things this does in my mind. One, I don't think kids get outside as much as they used to. So for them to come outside and just have fun playing the game of football is awesome for



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth player Seth Thompson holds up the blocking bag for Sunshine's camper Max Dean. In the background is Pat O'Connell, assistant coach for the Wildcats.

the campers.

"And the second thing is, as I started doing this, I see our kids having just as much fun, but I also see their brains spinning, going, 'Wow, how resilient are the parents that do this 24/7?'"

Sawchuk added that the high school athletes "learn something from it, they learn how good they have it. Now they can give back and let these kids have a great day."

The older folks working with the kids also seemed to be having a blast.

"You can see my brother (Terry Sawchuk) and our O-line coaches are into it and having a good time," Sawchuk said. "They're enthusiastic."

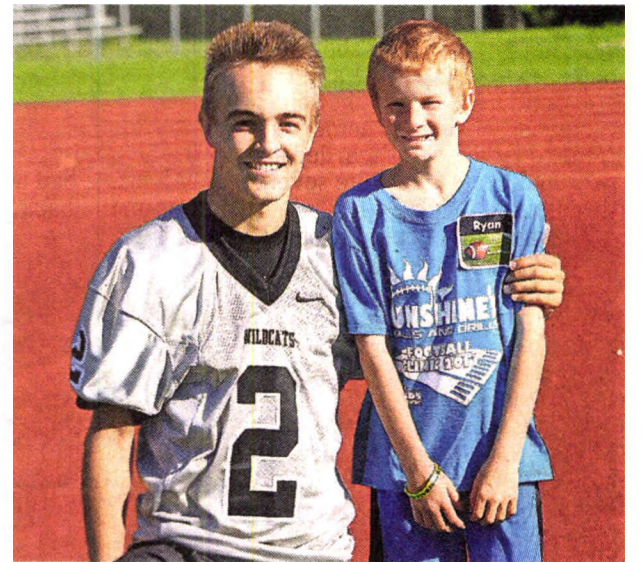
Then with a nod in the direction of Connor Sherman, Sawchuk said, "He cut his hair, so he doesn't really look like Sunshine anymore."

Maybe so. But "Sunshine's" clinic maintained its usual look of undeniable fun, friendship and football.

tsmith@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports



TIM SMITH
Conner Bell (left) and Nicolas Cetnarowski enjoy each other's company. Bell, 13, is a Westland resident and son of Plymouth assistant coach Ryan Bell.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
All smiles during the Sunshine's clinic are buddies Bradley Tyszkiewicz (left) and Ryan Fox.

TOURNEY

Continued from Page B1

Sweden defenseman Gustav Lindstrom, Detroit's second-round pick in the recent NHL Entry Draft.

Despite some nifty stretch passes by Lindstrom to spring offensive chances for Swedish teammates, the Team USA White split squad prevailed 4-3 Sunday afternoon before just under 600 fans.

Local players such as goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) and forward Ivan Lodnia (Novi) made important contributions against Sweden.

St. Cyr, a Notre Dame commit, made 27 saves for the victory.

"It's a great opportunity to even be here with a bunch of great players," St. Cyr said. "Basically, I just want to play my game, don't want to change anything and I think everything else will take care of itself."

The 5-8 goalie, a two-year veteran of the U.S. National Team Development Program, came up with some timely stops, including one with about five minutes left in the middle period with USA White up 2-1 (on first-period goals by Max Gerlach and Quinn Hughes).

Lindstrom fed a stretch pass from his own end right onto the tape of Isac Lundestrom, who slid the puck over to right wing Jesper Boqvist for a one-timer that St. Cyr sprawled to block.

"We knew they had a good D-core there, they were getting pucks to the net," St. Cyr said. "We just had to make sure we played good team defense and I think we did that really well."

About two minutes later, Lodnia put USA White up 3-1 when he banged in the rebound of Jack Badini's shot. The goal made up for an earlier tripping

penalty that his teammates killed off.

"I took a couple penalties here and they're not the greatest feeling," Lodnia said. "But once you get to finally bounce back with a goal, it feels nice."

Sweden cut the lead to 3-2 before the end of the period on a power-play goal by Boqvist, but the two-goal lead was restored again at 32 seconds of the third period, when Kailer Yamamoto jammed the puck past goalie Isak Wallin (20 saves).

Feeling trusted

A power-play goal by Sweden's Linus Hogberg closed the gap to 4-3 with 7:31 left, but St. Cyr and his teammates were strong the rest of the way.

In the final minute, with Wallin pulled for an extra attacker, Lodnia was out for an extended shift and kept the puck deep in Sweden's zone — preventing any chance at the equalizer.

"It means a lot, it definitely shows the coach trusts you in the D-zone," Lodnia said. "I've been trying to emphasize being an offensive threat in the O-zone and be reliable in the D-zone."

Lodnia, who played last season for the Ontario Hockey League champion Erie Otters, added that it's great to be part of a tournament not too far from his home.

"I'm just down the street on Beck Road, so it's really nice to be here," said Lodnia, a 2017 draft pick of the Minnesota Wild. "I've been here a lot, watched a lot of games and played a lot of games here. To be playing at this rink in such a high competition it means a lot."

The Showcase — essentially an audition for the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship — continued with each U.S. split squad playing Tuesday games against Canada.

After those games, U.S. National Junior Team head coach Bob Motzko and his assistants will blend players from USA White and USA Blue into the roster that will finish the tournament with games Friday (against Finland) and Saturday (the highly anticipated 7 p.m. game against Canada).

"For players, we really can't say anything (about roster decisions)," Lodnia added. "All we can do is play our best every game and then, after that, it's up for the staff to choose who they pick to stay on the team."

"We have a really good group, a lot of skilled players from different leagues and different cities."

One of the players on Canada that fans will want to watch Saturday night is 2016 Detroit draft pick Givani Smith, a rugged winger who played last season for the OHL's Guelph Storm.

All four countries will come away from this week's tourney with a better handle on the makeup of their respective rosters for the World Juniors in Buffalo (set to take place from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5, 2018).

"It was a better day all the way around. We had solid goaltending today," USA coach Bob Motzko said. "We made a lot of mistakes defensively (Saturday). We did a much better job throughout the whole defensive corps on both teams."

"We had good energy, we had good jump today. A few other guys stepped up, raised their hand and said they were here today to play. It was positive, very positive."

USA BLUE 4, FINLAND 1: A three-goal surge in the second period earlier Sunday sparked the USA Blue team to victory in the 2017 World Junior Summer Showcase.

After a scoreless first period, Max

Gildon scored just two minutes into the second period, on a play set up by Brady Tkachuk.

Sasha Chmelevski and Jason Robertson then scored goals just 34 seconds apart midway through the period to stake goalie and Detroit Red Wings draft choice Keith Petruzzelli to a comfortable lead.

The 6-5 Petruzzelli (Detroit's third round choice in the 2017 NHL Entry Draft) held the fort the rest of the way, other than Finland's goal by Aarne Talvitie early in the third. He finished with 27 saves.

Closing out the win for USA Blue was Tim Gettinger, with a goal at 7:06 of the third.

SWEDEN 4, USA BLUE 3: In front of 559 Saturday at USA Hockey Arena, the USA Blue team jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, but could not hold on as Sweden rallied with three unanswered goals.

For the U.S., goals were scored by Brady Tkachuk, Sean Dhooghe and Brighton's Logan Cockerill.

In net for the home team, Sweden victimized goaltender Keith Petruzzelli, who allowed three goals on 21 shots down the stretch.

USA WHITE 4, FINLAND 2: In the week-long tournament opener Saturday afternoon, goals by Max Gerlach and Casey Mittelstadt in the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and propelled the USA White squad to victory.

Other U.S. goals were scored by Evan Barratt (from Mittelstadt) and Jack Badini.

Goalies Jake Oettinger and Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) divided time between the pipes with St. Cyr stopping 18 shots for the win.

tsmith@hometownlife.com

JOHNSTON

Continued from Page B1

"We did really well," said Johnston, who finished the year at 19-9 overall at No. 1 doubles and 3-0 at No. 3 doubles. "We got up to No. 10 in April. Lost 10-8 in a super tiebreaker to guys (Lopez and Stalder) who made the final four. It was so close. We were up 7-5 and lost 10-8."

Johnston, a Novi resident, also posted a 6-2 doubles record in the Big Ten and finished with a 10-2 singles mark, where he played in the Nos. 5 and 6 flights.

Meanwhile, Johnston's doubles success continued last weekend when he and U-M teammate Nick Beaty (Wayzata, Minn.) captured a summer Intercollegiate Tennis Association doubles event at Michigan State.

The previous weekend at Notre Dame, Johnston and partner Chris

Fletcher (George Washington University) took another ITA doubles crown.

Johnston is tied for the seventh most doubles wins (19) by a freshman in program history. His goal is to crack U-M's singles lineup full-time in 2017-18.

"It's going to be tough again, because we're only losing two singles players," said Johnston, who is training this summer under former U-M player Justin Rossi at the Novi Sports Club. "I should be fighting for that sixth spot. We're getting four people (recruits), so we'll see."

As an added bonus to the 2016-17 season, the U-M men's tennis team took a trip in June to France. It got a chance to play a French club team made up of college-age players.

"It was low-key, not that serious," Johnston said. "We played a set of doubles and then an eight-game pro set of singles. The trip was kind of more to have fun."

The U-M squad took a sight-seeing

trip to both Nice and Paris during its seven-day excursion.

There were several highlights on the French trip for Johnston, but two stand out.

"Hitting at the Monte Carlo Tennis Club or going to the French Open, both of those were equal," Johnston said. "We went for a whole day (to Roland Garros Stadium). It was cool. Very different. It was awesome. We watched the round of 16. We saw everyone: Andy Murray, (Kei) Nishikori, (Fernando) Verdasco, bunch of doubles players."

Johnston reached most of his expectations last season as he helped the Wolverines finish with a 23-7 overall record as they earned their second consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

"Maybe play more singles matches, but other than that it was awesome," Johnston said of his inaugural collegiate year. "I was getting playing time in doubles, playing pretty much every match and working hard. So it was a lot

of fun."

Johnston came to U-M with high credentials as five-star recruit who was ranked the No. 23 senior by Tennis-Recruiting.net.

As a senior at Northville, Johnston took the coveted the MHSAA Division 1 individual No. 1 singles state title to cap a perfect 29-0 season after finishing runner-up to Novi's Tim Wang (Columbia University) the previous two years (2013 and 2014).

"I'd say the biggest adjustment was just the overall intensity and work rate of just the whole thing," Johnston said of his inaugural year in Ann Arbor. "The intensity is way higher in college and the players are just hitting hard, moving their feet harder, just working that much harder."

bemons@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @BradEmons1

JUNIOR GOLF

Kensington tour a hit with young players

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

Jack McCarthy, 17, of Plymouth and Andrea Davis, 15, of Highland outdistanced the competition to capture the men's and women's titles in the Kensington Junior Golf Tour's Whispering Willows Junior Open under sunny skies July 25.

McCarthy, who's golfed for just three years, fired 2-over-par 72 after shooting 36 on both nines.

"It went pretty well. I made a lot of pars," said McCarthy, a senior who competes on Plymouth Salem's golf team. "On the first nine, I bogeyed one hole and, the next hole, I birdied. I hit a lot of greens and had a lot of two-putts. It was pretty much the same thing on the back side."

McCarthy was competing in his second KJGT tournament. He placed third with 80 at Washtenaw Country Club earlier in the month.

Hole No. 16, a par-5, was a highlight for McCarthy.

"I hit my drive off the tee into the trees. I hit a good second shot and my third shot was right next to the hole and I one-putted for birdie," he said.

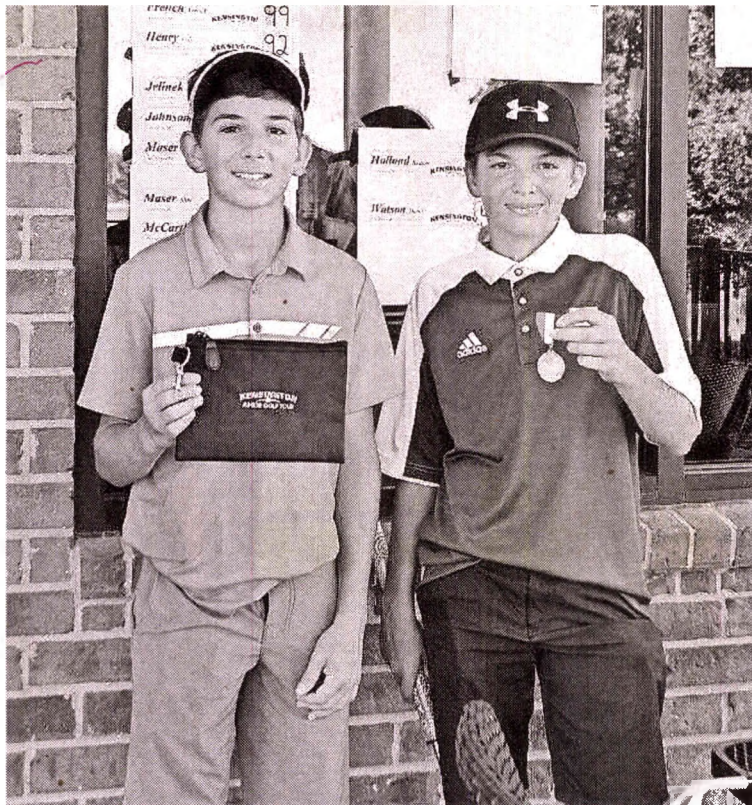
Davis, a rising sophomore at Milford High School, carded a personal-best 90, despite seven three-putts, for the win.

"I was really hoping to shoot in the 80s. I shot a bogey five on the last hole. I had a bad tee shot or I would have had an 89," said Davis, who made Milford's varsity golf team as a freshman.

"The three holes before that I shot par, so I was expecting to shoot really well," added Davis, who shot 47 on the first nine and 43 on the second. "I parred a bunch of holes. Normally, I putt really bad, but I had a lot of two-putts, which made a lot of difference for the back nine. There are a lot of trees on the front nine. I didn't lose my ball, but I had to use shorter-distance clubs to avoid the trees and the creeks."

Peter Stassinopoulos of Novi shot 87 to win the boys ages 12-14 division.

"I was marginal on the front



Peter Stassinopoulos of Novi (left) and Brayden Niemiec of Canton were the winner and runner-up respectively at Whispering Willows.

nine. I shot 45 with one three-putt," the Novi Middle School student said. "And then on the back, I hit a good first drive and started out pretty well. I only had one bad hole and shot better on the back. I ended up with a 42."

Stassinopoulos, who carded an impressive 78 at the recent KJGT Cattails tourney in South Lyon, said the highlight of his round was on No. 7, a par-3. Following his drive, "I hit a nice pitching wedge and lobbed it in for a par," he said. The KJGT awards points for tournament play in four local county divisions. Heading into late July, Stassinopoulos topped the leader board in both the Wayne and Oakland races in his age group.

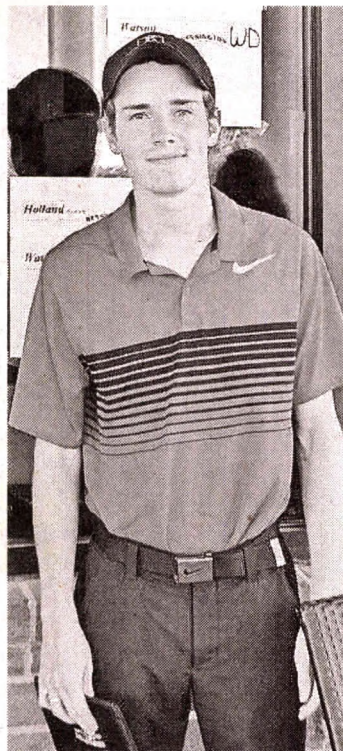
Damo Watson, 8, of Westland won the boys ages 7-11 nine-hole division with 42. Runner-up was Keating Holland of Ann Arbor, who carded 60. Watson, winner of the 2016 Oakland County division, is leading the Oakland and Washtenaw divisions this season.

Andrew Aigeltinger of Wayne and Evan Johnson of Grosse Ile both shot 80, vying for runner-up honors behind McCarthy. Aigeltinger won the tie-breaker by paring the tough second hole.

"I was pretty solid on the front nine and shot 2-over," said Aigeltinger, 17, who competes for Wayne Memorial H.S. and is leading the KJGT's Wayne and Washtenaw divisions. "On the back nine, I had a hole where I actually hit the ball too far into the creek and had to take a drop. So that kind of hurt my score."

Princess Wells, 18, of Macomb Township finished second behind Davis with 106. "I was driving everything well, but I couldn't really putt today," said Wells, who will join Northwood University's golf team this fall.

Brayden Niemiec, 13, of Canton was runner-up with 90 among boys ages 12-14. No. 17 was memorable. "I just missed a birdie on a par-3. I hit it 15 feet to the hole and it almost



Plymouth's Jack McCarthy won the recent Kensington Junior Open Golf Tournament at Whispering Willows

went in," Niemiec said.

The KJGT was established 12 years ago to give local junior golfers the opportunity to play organized, competitive golf at reasonable rates. Thirty tournaments are staged at top courses in Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

New this year is a developmental, non-competitive division for girls and boys ages 6-11.

The Kensington Tour is a hit with junior golfers.

"I love it. The players are all around the same skill set, so everyone has a good shot at winning," Stassinopoulos said. "It's a great program."

"I think it's fun," Davis said. "It's not super-competitive, so it's not intimidating." "The tour is really good," Aigeltinger said. "This is my second year and I'm always meeting nice new people to play with."

For more information, go to kensingtonjuniorgolf.com.

RUNNING

Area preps take top two spots in women's Heart of the Hills 5K

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Recent Northville High grad Katie Chevoor and incoming North Farmington junior Whitney Reid finished first and second in Saturday's challenging Heart of the Hills women's 5-kilometer race in Bloomfield Hills.

Chevoor, who will run this fall for the Eastern Michigan University women's cross country team, took first in 20 minutes, 2 seconds (6:27 per mile), while Reid was runner-up in 20:30 (6:36 per mile).

The pair placed third and fourth overall, while 29-year-old Mike Quick of Lake Orion proved to be quick in first overall (16:40), averaging 5:22 overall.

Canton's Brandon Bastianelli, 26, was second overall in 19:28 (6:16 per mile).

Other top 10 finishers included Brittany Bottenhorn (Boulder, Colo.), 21:44; Monte Piliawsky (Southfield), 25:14; Vijay George (Wixom), 25:15; Rachel Jarvis (Troy), 25:27; and James Carleton (White Lake), 25:31.

In the 10K, 27-year-old Mark Bottenhorn (Boulder, Colo.) took the title with a time of 37:19 (6:01 per mile) with Pontiac's Eric Green runner-up in 39:25.

Rounding out the top 10 overall were David de Steiger (Rochester), 40:18; Doug Miles (Grand Blanc), 48:14; Harold Woods (Commerce), 49:08; Ellsworth Bruley (Dearborn), 49:17; Christopher Coyle (Northville), 51:12; Bruno Lombard (Bloomfield Hills), 51:24; Autumn Saenz (Sterling Heights), 51:25; and Annesophie Despres (Bloomfield Hills), 52:27.

bemons@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @BradEmons1

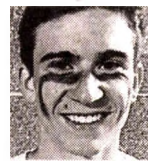
MEN'S LACROSSE

Madonna loads up with key area recruits

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

The Madonna University men's lacrosse program took its lumps during its inaugural season, but second-year coach Mike Walters is adding 23 new recruits to beef up his 2018 roster.

The Crusaders, who finished 1-11 overall and 0-7 in the



Gingell

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, are expected to make marked improvement with several area players, including three each from MHSAA Division 1 runner-up Novi Detroit Catholic and regional runner-up Northville.

"We are looking for all these guys to come in and make an immediate impact on our team," Walter said in a press release. "When you look at our roster, with these additions and the returners from last season, our goals of winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, making it to the tournament and claiming a national championship are all within reach for this team."

Among the prized recruits from Northville are attacker Cole Gingell (58 goals, 40 assists), who started three seasons at CC before transferring his senior year; attacker Ty Kilar (28 goals, 50 assists); and defender Connor Wright, a four-year starter.

Catholic Central will be sending midfielder Chris Kovath and defender Mike Molchan, both three-year starters, along with goalie Collin Caid (Livonia).

Other area players in the fold for MU include: Orchard Lake St. Mary's midfielders Ian Rush (Livonia), who had 45 goals, 32 assists, and Frank



Northville defender Connor Wright will be playing next year at Madonna University.

Dedvukaj (Farmington Hills), a three-year starter; South Lyon Unified attacker Sean Millane; Birmingham United goalie Gary Cutler (Southfield); and Novi midfielder Brendan Daschke.

Other Michigan recruits include midfielder Kyler Pearson (31 goals, 45 assists) and defender Hunter Keenan, both of Howell, along with Walled Lake Western attacker James McGrath (Wixom).

Among the out-of-state players signed by Walters include midfielder and face-off specialist Zachary Bean and attacker Dylan Sibley, both from Montgomery (N.Y.) Valley Central; goalie Derek Amoth, Hopkinton (N.H.); defender Garri-

son Brackens, Fairfield (Ohio); attacker Tucker Brady, Cumming (Ga.) North Forsyth; midfielder Jordan Davis, Johnson City (N.Y.) Senior goalie Tyler Doehmeier, Middleton (Wis.); defender Donovan Maurelli, Centennial (Colo.) Smoky Hill; and defender Tyler Spanfellner, Kuna (Idaho) Bishop Kelly.

The Crusaders open their 2018 season Feb. 26 in Brighton against host Cleary University. The home opener is March 8 on the outdoor turf of the MU Athletics Complex against Illinois Benedictine College.

bemons@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @BradEmons1

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Albion College's Shuk focuses on off-court work this summer

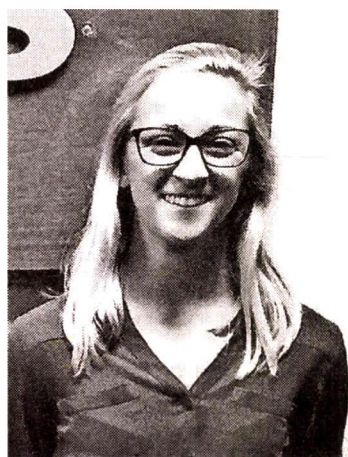
With nearly 1,200 digs in the first two years of her volleyball career at Albion College, incoming junior Monica Shuk has earned her place as one of the top defensive players in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

At the midpoint of her collegiate career, however, the libero from Milford, who is concentrating in Albion's Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management is just as focused on developing her professional skills in accounting. She responded to questions about her summer internship with Jacobs Technology, where she is the project account lead/associate for aerospace projects and selective automotive projects.

In her second year with the company, her role has expanded into an impressive list of responsibilities.

"In this role, I am responsible for budget estimates and then manage the budget throughout the project (concept to final delivery)," Shuk said. "I am also in charge of procurement needs for these projects and securing the proper senior management with approval and alignment. I analyze, examine and interpret account records, compile financial information and reconciled reports and financial data. My span of control on projects has me managing assets from \$750,000 up to \$20 million."

"I am also on an inventory control process improvement project that could be used corporate-wide by ensuring all material is accounted for and knowing the exact location for all of our materials without having to do a hand counted inventory," she add-



Albion College volleyball libero Monica Shuk (Milford/Mercy) is a two-time all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team pick.

ed. "I worked the summer of 2016 with Jacobs Engineering and I was concerned I would have the same level of responsibility," she said. "I was glad to see they were happy with my work and invited me back for another year and gave me bigger tasks."

Some of the additional responsibility, Shuk said, has introduced her to skills outside the realm of accounting and that makes each day at the office different.

"The whole internship is unusual really, in a fun and challenging way," she said. "Where else would you get a glimpse into the automotive client's perspectives one day and the next you are exposed into the mindsets of aerospace and NASA?"

Shuk is also developing her time management skills with two classes on top of her internship.



WeeCasa Tiny House Resort in Lyons, Colo., features 22 tiny houses, including the popular Hobbit House.

WEECASA

TINY HOUSE TEST DRIVE

Try one on vacation before taking the plunge

SARAH SEKULA
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

LYONS, COLO. There are many reasons people flock to the tiny town of Lyons, home to about 2,000 people. For starters, its location on the St. Vrain River makes it a mecca for whitewater kayaking. Not to mention, it is home to music festivals, epic mountain biking and has easy access to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Another draw is one you might not expect, but it certainly is attracting attention. It's called WeeCasa Tiny House Resort, a cluster of 22 tiny homes for rent (starting at \$159 per night). Some are sleek and European, others are more whimsical. Each one is uniquely decorated, ranging in size from 140 to 200 square feet, and all are ready to roll. They are licensed as recreational vehicles, which means they are on wheels and can be on the move in 30 minutes or less.

As soon as I walk over to my wee abode, known as the Pequod, I realize why so many Americans have become obsessed with this phenomenon.

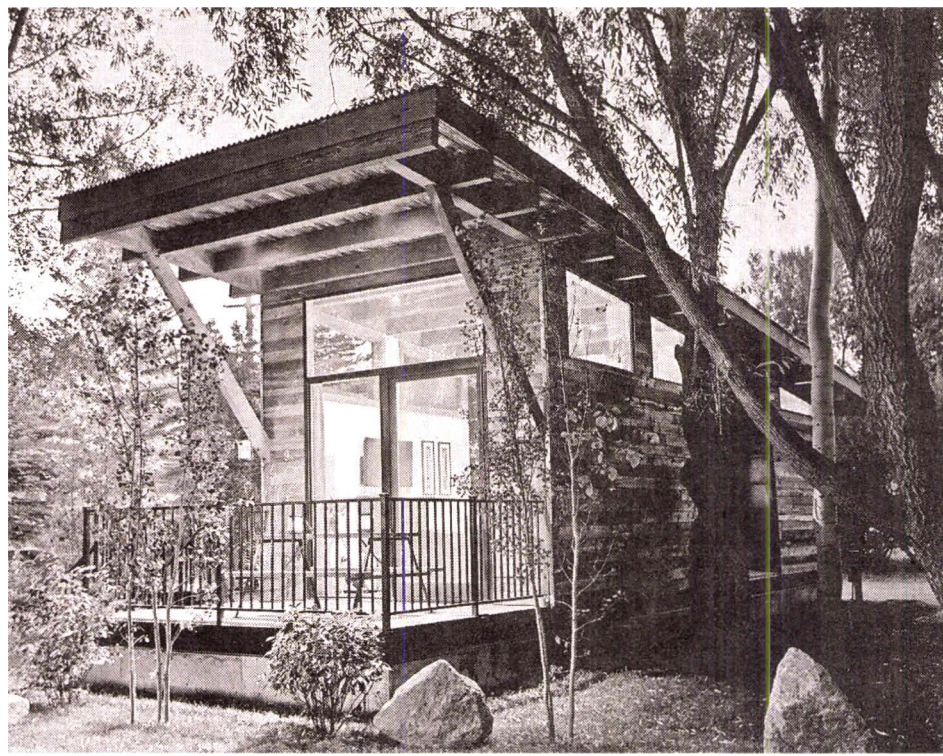
Outside: The curvy roofline and cedar shingles give it a cottage-like feel. Inside: There's an arched ceiling and stained-glass windows, two lofts connected by a plexiglass catwalk, a private bathroom and a kitchen where one of the drawer pulls is actually a fork. Despite its small stature, it sleeps four adults.

"I think tiny living in general is really something that people are fascinated with," says Kenyon Waugh, WeeCasa's "Wee-EO." "What we see is people leaving here energized to reduce the amount of things they have and the footprint they have and to really simply their lifestyles."

LILLIPUTIAN LIVING

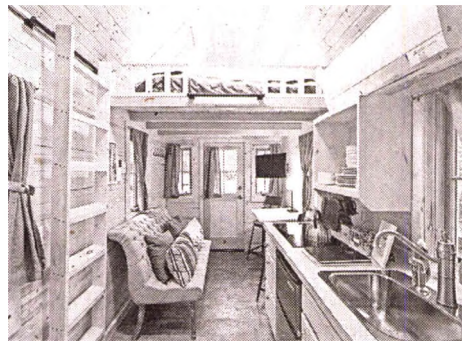
WeeCasa is part of a growing number of tiny-home getaways across the nation from Oregon to New York that make for an unusual and Instagram-worthy vacation. Beyond that, though, some of the homes are models available for purchase, so spending time there can serve as a tiny-home test drive.

So much so, one visitor even brought her cat bed along to WeeCasa to see how it would fit in, and another whipped up a quiche to make sure the kitchen space was adequate.



Fireside Resort in Jackson Hole, near Grand Teton National Park, offers 23 Wheelhaus tiny-house cabins for rent.

WHEELHAUS



The interior of a model at Mt. Hood Tiny House Village shows the efficiency of tiny-house design.

Gregory Johnson, who has kept a close eye on the tiny-living moment for the past 15 years, says many people find it to be a great way to find a peaceful sense of renewal, even if it's just for a weekend.

In 2001, Johnson became enchanted with the idea of tiny living and commissioned Jay Shafer, owner of Tumbleweed Tiny House Company, to build

him one a few years later. He also was inspired to create the Small House Society to help foster the growth of the tiny-living movement.

Back then, Johnson says, a Google search for small houses or tiny houses produced no results. Fast-forward to today, and those shrunken homes have sparked so much interest there is now an entire category of reality TV shows and documentaries devoted to the topic. There even are tiny-home jamborees.

With the sheer charm and design aesthetic of these homes, the intrigue is certainly there, but when it comes down to living in one full time, that's another story.

For Gerrie Stone, who lives in Watertown, S.D., and recently stayed at WeeCasa, it was a good way to bring her family from Nebraska and Colorado together. Although committing to tiny living does not appeal to her, she loved the community atmosphere. And staying in a Hobbit-themed tiny home was worth the trip alone. With its round door and windows, faux ivy and tiny chandelier, it was an instant conversation starter with fellow visitors.

ON THE RISE

The trend is poised to grow.

Right now, travelers can take their pick from such places as Fireside Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyo., which has 23 cabins for rent (starting at \$225 per night) near Grand Teton National Park. With such names as Caboose and Light-Haus, the 400-square-foot homes all were built by Wheelhaus and serve as model homes available for purchase starting at \$58,000.

Then there's Getaway, which offers tiny-home stays (starting at \$99 per night) in New York's Catskills and in the forests of New Hampshire. The first thing you'll notice is the cellphone drop-box encouraging you to disconnect. Homes also are stocked with fun snacks (think: popcorn and s'mores by the fire pit) and simple meals.

They keep the specific location under wraps so renters won't stress about planning ahead of time, looking up restaurants and such. (Guests enter their starting zip code online, so they will know the approximate drive time.)

"People are yearning to find a counterbalance to the digital age," says Getaway founder and CEO Jon Staff. "Cities are great, but nature can provide things the city doesn't. Technology is powerful, but we can't be connected all the time. Tiny houses capture the minimalism and simplicity that went out of style ... but seems to be coming back in reaction to a world that has become too busy, complicated and stressful."

Throughout the year, more tiny-home hotels will open. Tumbleweed, for example, opened Mt. Hood Tiny House Village outside of Portland, Ore., last year, has a tiny-house village in Washington state and also rents tiny homes at camping resorts across the country. And, no surprise, more plans are in the works.

The same goes for Getaway. Their homes typically are booked several months out and weekend dates can book as much as six months in advance. They, too, have more homes in development.

Whatever these minimal dwellings lacking in the square footage department, they make up for it with tons of personality. And for vacationers who may find the quarters confining, a return from Lilliput is just a weekend away.

TRAVEL 10 BEST

Real-world sites for a *Star Trek* pilgrimage

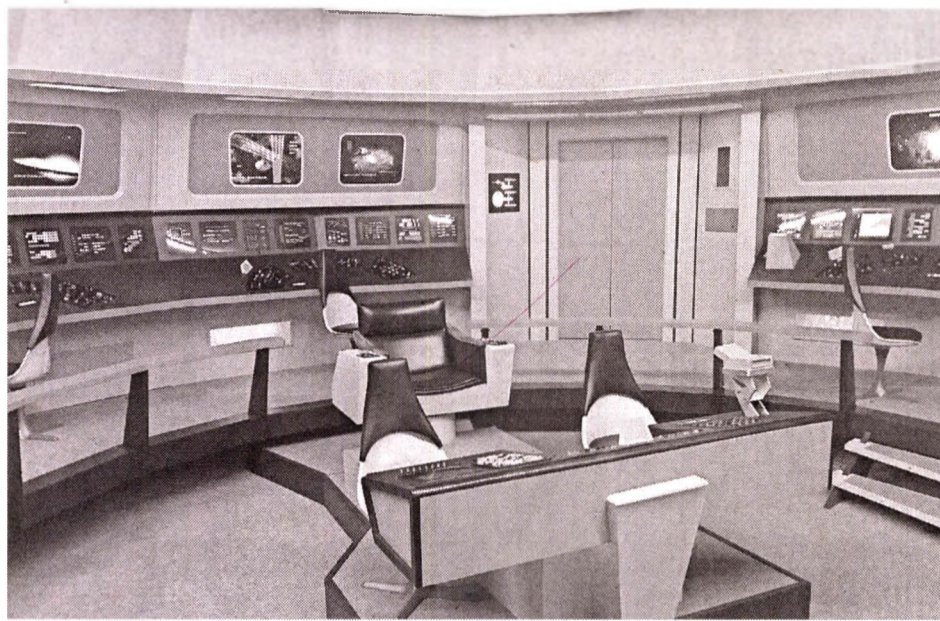
Forget the beach. *Star Trek* fans can venture to the 23rd century for vacation this year. Cities and filming sites are playing up their ties to the science fiction series with tours, displays and festivals, says **Dayton Ward**, author of *Hidden Universe Travel Guides: Star Trek: The Klingon Empire* (Insight, \$19.99), an intergalactic handbook. And with a new series, *Star Trek: Discovery*, set to premiere on CBS All Access in September, interest continues to grow. He shares some real-world spots for a "Trekcation" with **Larry Bleiberg** for USA TODAY.

RIVERSIDE, IOWA

You've got to hand it to the folks of Riverside. Although *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry said that leading character Capt. James T. Kirk was from Iowa, he never named a city. In 1985, the Riverside city council claimed the honor, passing a resolution declaring it to be the cocky commander's hometown. And *Star Trek* writers eventually confirmed it, placing scenes in a Riverside of the future. Now the city has an historic marker and museum, and hosts an annual festival. trekfest.com

STAR TREK: ORIGINAL SERIES SET TOUR
TICONDEROGA, N.Y.

No need to beam yourself up to the USS Enterprise. Trekkie extraordinaire James Cawley used original blueprints to painstakingly re-create the original 1966 TV studio set in Upstate New York, complete with bridge, engine room and sick bay. "It's jaw-dropping how accurate it is, with the same doors, panels and knobs," Ward says. startrektour.com



DAYTON WARD

Trekkie extraordinaire James Cawley used original blueprints to re-create the original 1966 television studio set, complete with bridge, engine room and sick bay, in Ticonderoga, N.Y.

TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM
TUCSON

Even non-Trekkies will be fascinated by this site, which preserves an actual nuclear missile silo. The National Historic Landmark is the sole remaining intercontinental complex in the country. And it also happens to appear in scenes from the 1996 film *Star Trek: First Contact*. titanmissilemuseum.org

VASQUEZ ROCKS
NATURAL AREA PARK
AGUA DULCE, CALIF.

There's a reason this tilted rock formation in Los Angeles County looks familiar. "It shows up multiple times in the original show," Ward says, most famously when Capt. Kirk fights an armor-clad reptile named the Gorn. "You can visit every day — unless it's closed for filming." parks.lacounty.gov

VULCAN, CANADA

This tiny Canadian prairie town didn't take its name from the logic-prone alien species. But it profits from the connection with an Enterprise monument and Vulcon, a Trek festival scheduled for July 22-23. "It's the *Star Trek* version of Woodstock or Burning



TREK FEST.COM

Man," Ward says. The town also plays a starring role in a song and music video by the indie band The Rural Alberta Advantage. vulcantourism.com

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK
NEVADA

This stunning sandstone park near

Las Vegas attracts mountain bikers, hikers and devotees of the 1994 *Star Trek: Generations* film, who recognize it as the alien planet Veridian III. Ward notes that another film, *Galaxy Quest*, a parody of *Star Trek*, also was filmed here. parks.nv.gov

BROKEN BOW, OKLA.

The pilot episode of the *Star Trek: Enterprise* television series takes its name from this southeast Oklahoma town best known for mountain parks and bass fishing. In an example of future history, this is where an alien ship is destined to crash in 2151. "That gets us involved with the Klingon empire for the first time," Ward says. visitmccurtaincounty.com

ROSWELL, N.M.

Seventy years ago, a tiny New Mexico town made global headlines when the U.S. military reported the crash of a flying saucer. Decades later, the television series *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* claimed responsibility, showing how several of its time-traveling characters caused the scare. The city, now home to a UFO festival, museum and research center, doesn't discount any theories. seeroswell.com

NAVAL AIR STATION
ALAMEDA, CALIF.

This Bay Area military base saw some serious action in the film *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*. It's where characters Uhura and Chekov raided a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to steal radioactive isotopes to fix their starship. The decommissioned post, now undergoing redevelopment, has a small history museum outlining its Second World War history. alamedanavalairmuseum.org

BOZEMAN, MONT.

Mark your calendar for 2063, because this scenic college town will play a monumental role in global history. That's when a Vulcan ship will arrive and humans and aliens will finally meet. At least that's how the story plays out in *Star Trek: First Contact*, filmed in California and Arizona. But Ward is undeterred. "Fifty years from now, maybe fans will gather and see what happens. If I'm still around, I'll head up there." bozemanchamber.com

TRAVEL

Cruise lines roll out routes, options

GENE SLOAN
USA TODAY

Cruise lines are continually tweaking their schedules. Sometimes it's just the addition of a single port to a long-established itinerary. Other times it's the roll-out of an all-new route.

Here, some of the more notable new itinerary announcements from the past few weeks.

PRINCESS TO OFFER L.A.-TO-SHANGHAI CRUISE ...

Princess Cruises has announced plans for an epic voyage from Los Angeles to Shanghai and back that includes stops in half a dozen countries.

The 60-day Circle North Pacific sailing on the Coral Princess kicks off Sept. 19, 2018, with a trip north to Alaska, where calls will include Ketchikan, Juneau and Kodiak. From there, the 1,970-passenger vessel will head west to Japan, stopping in Kushiro, Yokohama (near Tokyo), Osaka and Hiroshima.

Continuing westward, Coral Princess will visit Incheon (near Seoul) in South Korea and Beijing in China before arriving in Shanghai. From there, the ship will visit the Japanese island of Okinawa; Hong Kong; Halong Bay, Chan May and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and Manila in The Philippines before returning east across the Pacific. It'll make a two-day stop in Hawaii before arriving in Los Angeles on Nov. 18, 2018.

Fares for the voyage start at \$8,399 per person, based on double occupancy.

... AND ANOTHER
AROUND-THE-WORLD SAILING

Princess also has announced plans for another around-the-world voyage in 2019.

The 111-day sailing on the Pacific Princess will kick off Jan. 5, in Fort Lauderdale and include stops in 41 ports in 27 countries. It'll end April 27, 2019, in Fort Lauderdale.

Pacific Princess already is scheduled to operate a 111-day voyage around the world in early 2018. While identical in length, the new trip involves a different route around the globe that includes a passage around Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

The 2019 sailing will start with a passage through the Panama Canal to the west coast of Central America as the Pacific Princess heads to Los Angeles.

From there, the 688-passenger ship



GENE SLOAN, USA TODAY

Tour islands of Scotland and Denmark aboard the 212-passenger Star Breeze.

will cross the Pacific to Hawaii, French Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia before turning north to Asia for stops in such ports as Singapore; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Phuket, Thailand.

Continuing westward, Pacific Princess will visit Sri Lanka, the Maldives and the Seychelles on its way to South Africa. Other stops in Africa will include Madagascar and Namibia. Leaving Africa, the vessel will cross the Atlantic to Brazil and French Guiana in South America before returning to Fort Lauderdale.

Fares for the trip start at \$22,879 per person, based on double occupancy and not including taxes, fees and port charges.

While Princess has offered lengthy world cruises for many years, the 52-year-old line began offering full circumnavigations of the globe only in 2015.

NEW WINDSTAR ITINERARY
FEATURES FAROE ISLANDS

Windstar Cruises is out with an unusual new itinerary that focuses on some of the most remote North Atlantic islands.

Dubbed Secrets of the Faroe, Shetland & Orkney Islands, the seven-night trip begins and ends in Edinburgh, Scotland, and features visits to the Denmark-controlled Faroe Islands as well as Scotland's Shetland Islands and Orkney Islands.

Windstar is planning just a single departure of the itinerary for now, on Aug.



PRINCESS CRUISES

Coral Princess will sail between Los Angeles and Shanghai beginning in 2018.

17, 2018. It'll take place on the 212-passenger Star Breeze.

The voyage includes two stops in the Faroe Islands, in the towns of Torshavn and Tvoroyri. The ship also will spend part of a day cruising through some of the Faroe Islands' rugged fjords and past Cape Enniberg.

The sailing offers day visits to Lerwick in the Shetland Islands and Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands as well as the mainland Scottish town of Aberdeen. The Shetland Islands are known for a windswept landscape that includes rugged cliffs and beaches, Iron Age ruins and Shetland ponies. The Orkney Islands harbor some of the oldest Neolithic sites in Europe as well as historic sites related to a significant naval role in World War I and World War II.

Fares for the sailing start at \$3,499

per person, based on double occupancy.

HOLLAND AMERICA JOINS RUSH
TO CUBA

Holland America is joining the growing list of cruise lines offering voyages from the USA to Cuba.

The Seattle-based company plans nearly a dozen sailings to the island nation from Fort Lauderdale starting in December.

The trips will kick off on Dec. 22 with a 12-night voyage on the 1,350-passenger Veendam. It'll feature stops in the Cuban ports of Havana and Cienfuegos.

Ten other Cuba cruises will follow over the next four months, with all but one lasting seven nights. There will be a single 11-night trip.

The seven-night trips will include a call at Havana with a third of the sailings also including a stop at Cienfuegos.

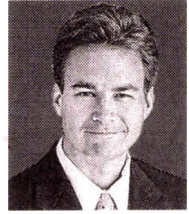
Holland America is joining more than half a dozen lines that have started up Cuba cruises over the past year. The Cuba calls offer a chance for "people-to-people" exchanges between Americans and Cubans as allowed by U.S. rules governing visits to Cuba.

U.S. visitors are limited in the activities in Cuba under terms of the USA's five-decade-old embargo. The embargo specifies that activities fall within one of 12 approved categories.

Fares for Holland America's Cuba sailings start at \$899 per person, based on double occupancy and do not include taxes and fees.

TRAVEL

Turning tables on the travel industry



ON TRAVEL
CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Maybe you've heard about Jason Puerner, or someone like him.

Puerner, a transportation planner from Lakewood, Colo., says he recently rented a Chevrolet Cruze with a pre-existing scratch from Enterprise. After returning the vehicle, he refused to cough up \$412 for repairs and ended up on the company's infamous "Do Not Rent" list.

"They also threatened collections or legal action if I don't pay my bill," he says.

Blacklists are common in the travel business. Airlines keep lists of passengers who are forbidden from flying, hotels have comparable do-not-stay lists, and most prominently, car rental companies have no-rent lists.

Here's something you probably haven't heard: Some industry organizations are starting to keep tabs on companies that misbehave. And they're reporting them publicly. The results could help you have a better travel experience.

Puerner's blacklisting was a mistake, as indeed some listings are. Who can forget the government report that found more than one-third of the names on the federal government's terrorist watchlist are based on outdated information?

After I contacted Enterprise on his behalf, it rechecked its records. Sure enough, a previous renter's records verified that the scratch was there before he rented the Chevy.

"We sincerely apologize for the confusion, inconvenience and misunderstanding," an Enterprise representative told him.

When it comes to tracking the bad players, one of the most progressive trade groups is the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA). For years, it kept a list of "logo violators" — companies that claimed to be ASTA members but weren't.

The process behind the list is noteworthy.

"When a consumer sends us a question or complaint about a company, I always start by verifying its membership in ASTA," explains Genevieve Strand, ASTA's manager for government and industry affairs. "If it is using the ASTA logo and is in fact not a member, that



KAREN BLEIER, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Blacklists are common in the travel business. Airlines, hotels and car rental companies keep lists of folks who are forbidden.

OTHER LISTS TO WATCH

Airline: The authoritative American Customer Satisfaction Index tracks airline customer service performance over the years and can offer a reliable indicator of the reputable, and disreputable, airlines.

Car rental: This is a difficult industry to track. The best-known list is J.D. Power's customer service ranking, in its 21st year. Avoiding the low-scoring companies might be a sound strategy.

Cruise: You can get a pretty good idea which ships are unsanitary by reading the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vessel Sanitation Reports before booking.

initiates our logo violation process."

Typically, that begins with a cease-and-desist letter to the agency warning that its unauthorized use of the logo misleads consumers. The logo violators aren't just falsely claiming affiliation with ASTA; in some cases, they're also ripping consumers off. I know because I've had complaints about a few of them from travelers.

For years, ASTA listed only a handful

of companies and almost never spoke openly about the list. Now, under a new emphasis on helping consumers, it actively promotes its roster of rogue agents and its efforts to help travelers.

Some travel organizations are more discreet in outing bad operators, preferring to do it by exclusion. Consider the U.S. Tour Operators Association (USTOA) member list, available on its site: ustoa.com/member-directory.

The USTOA requires each member to set aside \$1 million of its own funds to protect consumers' deposits and payments against losses arising from bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business of that member company.

I've talked with USTOA officials about their member list several times, and although they won't say the non-members could be problematic, I will. If you're considering a tour and don't see a USTOA membership, I'd advise extra steps to protect yourself, such as a good travel insurance policy.

The more interesting question: Which industry organizations *don't* name the bad players?

► Airlines, represented by Airlines For America (A4A), don't report the

carriers that enrage customers with bogus fees and bad service. An A4A representative said reporting on underperforming airlines is best left to the government.

► The car rental industry, represented by the American Car Rental Association (ACRA), doesn't publish lists of ethically challenged car rental locations that ding their customers with bogus claims. An ACRA spokeswoman said that wouldn't align with its mission to "promote, improve and enhance the motor vehicle rental industry."

► The cruise industry trade group, Cruise Lines International Association, doesn't name potentially dubious cruise lines.

► Hotels and their trade group, the American Hotel & Lodging Association, are mum when it comes to underperforming properties. Thankfully, we've got reader review sites such as TripAdvisor to get real-time report cards on individual lodgings.

Christopher Elliott is a consumer advocate and editor at large for National Geographic Traveler. Contact him at chris@elliott.org or visit elliott.org.

TRAVEL

Fliers to USA seeing tighter security

Tougher rules for electronics in effect

BART JANSEN
@GANJANSEN
USA TODAY

Airlines and security officials warned about tighter screening that went into effect recently for hundreds of thousands of travelers who fly daily to the USA from hundreds of airports.

"Enhanced screening measures are in effect," the Canadian Air Transport Security Association said in a warning to travelers. If selected for random additional screening, travelers will have to remove electronics from protective cases and turn them on. The association urged travelers to make sure devices are charged before traveling.

Aeromexico warned its passengers to get to the airport three hours before direct flights to the USA for extra screening. The airline said the extra scrutiny is intended to confirm that the object is an electronic device and not a prohibited object. Electronics must be out of their cases and will be reviewed in the presence of the traveler, the airline said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the measures June 28 to better detect explosives hidden in electronics and to thwart airport workers from smuggling bombs onto planes. John Kelly, the secretary of Homeland Security, called the measures a new baseline for worldwide aviation security.

The measures apply to 180 airlines flying to the USA from 280 airports in 105 countries. About 325,000 people fly to the USA on 2,000 flights daily. If airlines don't meet the standards, they could face a laptop ban for carry-on and checked bags on flights to the USA. No airlines in the world are under restrictions for electronics because they've all adopted additional security measures, the department said Thursday.

"The quick and decisive action taken by airlines, nations and stakeholders are a testament to our shared commitment to raising the bar on global aviation security," said David Lapan, a department spokesman. "As we continue to secure global aviation in the coming weeks and months, this communication and partnership between the



BEN MUTZABAUGH, USA TODAY

Workers for Qatar Airways swab a laptop and its cord for traces of explosives before placing them in duty-free bags, which remain sealed until the passenger is aboard the plane.

private sector and the U.S. government will be imperative."

The department didn't detail the extra steps, other than to say travelers might see more 3-D scanners, more swabbing for traces of explosives and more bomb-sniffing dogs at checkpoints.

The measures came after a ban in March on electronics larger than cellphones in carry-on bags aboard nine airlines flying to the USA from 10 airports in the Middle East and Africa.

Those airlines were each removed from the ban this month. Extra security was visible for Qatar Airways in Doha,

where laptops and their cords were swabbed for explosives and sealed in duty-free bags until passengers were aboard their flights.

The greater scrutiny for carry-on bags began two days after the Federal Aviation Administration issued information warning airlines about personal electronics in checked luggage.

The FAA alert Monday said security measures could encourage more passengers to pack electronics in checked luggage, but that remains a concern because of rare fires sparked by lithium-ion batteries in the electronics.

The FAA Tech Center tested electron-

ics by placing heaters next to electronics in soft-sided bags and found that batteries could spark fires with hazardous materials in the luggage. Crew members and passengers would notice a fire in the cabin, but a fire in cargo might "create conditions beyond what the airplane was designed to manage."

The FAA said that generally, electronics such as laptops and cellphones "should be transported in carry-on baggage and not placed in checked baggage." If packed in checked bags, electronics should be turned off and packed to protect them from damage, the FAA said.

Saying grace

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THE SOUL

LORETTA FULTON SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER-NEWS

*"God is great, God is good,
Let us thank him for our food."
And so it begins.*

For many, a lifetime of saying a blessing or "grace" over a meal starts as a child with that simple prayer or some variation of it.

A recent poll by the Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation shows that praying before a meal is one of the few things that unites Americans. According to the poll, 48 percent of the respondents said they prayed before a meal every day or at least a few times a week.

Amazingly, that practice is widespread across America, including rural, suburban and urban dwellers. Northerners, Southerners, Catholics, Protestants, Democrats and Republicans, all say grace at times, according to the poll and an article in the Washington Post.

The fact that such a diversity of Americans agrees on the practice makes praying before a meal one of the few things that unites Americans. Certainly, when it comes to politics across those same demographics, the numbers would be much different.

Carol Rogers, director of the academy for newborns to 5-year-olds at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, may have the answer as to why the practice of saying grace is so widespread. It gets people into a routine of praying.

"It's just spending time thanking God," she said.

Rogers, who has been director of the Aldersgate Academy for 26 years, said she got into the practice of praying before meals and at bedtime as a child.

"When I was growing up," she said, "it was never an option."

It's not an option at Aldersgate Academy, either, and parents are aware of that before enrolling their children.

"Everybody get your hands up," Rogers instructed a class of little ones just before noon on a recent weekday. They obeyed, clasping their hands in a prayerful manner, bowing their heads, and closing their eyes before reciting the meal-time prayer familiar to children of all generations.

From there, prayers get more sophisticated. Some are extemporane-

ous, others are memorized from liturgy books.

*"Bless us,
O Lord,
and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive
from your bounty.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen."*

That familiar prayer is said in Catholic homes across the country. The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer gives several alternatives, such as:

*Or, "Bless, O Lord, thy gifts to our
use and us to thy service; for
Christ's sake. Amen."*

The people polled for the Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation survey were all Christians of one stripe or another. But praying before a meal certainly isn't reserved just for Christians. Other religions also incorporate a meal-time prayer into daily life, although it may be done a little differently.

In Judaism, for example, the "Norman Rockwell picture of the family with their heads bowed in prayer before a meal" is not standard, Monica Braverman, cantor at Abilene's Temple Mizpah, wrote in an email.

That doesn't mean that Jews don't pray before a meal, she wrote, but the practice isn't as common as it is in some Christian homes. A Jewish mealtime prayer, called a "bracha," is food-specific. Wine, bread, fruit, vegetables, desserts, everything, gets its own "bracha," Braverman wrote. It is typically short.

"This is said or sung at pretty much breakneck speed and on with the meal!" Braverman wrote.

However, a lengthier after-meal prayer called "Birkat HaMazon" is common, Braverman wrote.

It includes songs, psalms, and a series of praises and focuses on bread because it is considered the staff of life. The practice, Braverman wrote, dates back at least 2,000 years.

The survey about the practice of saying a blessing before a meal showed that the greatest percentage of people who do that are black Protestants, at 80 percent, followed by white evangelicals at 74 percent.

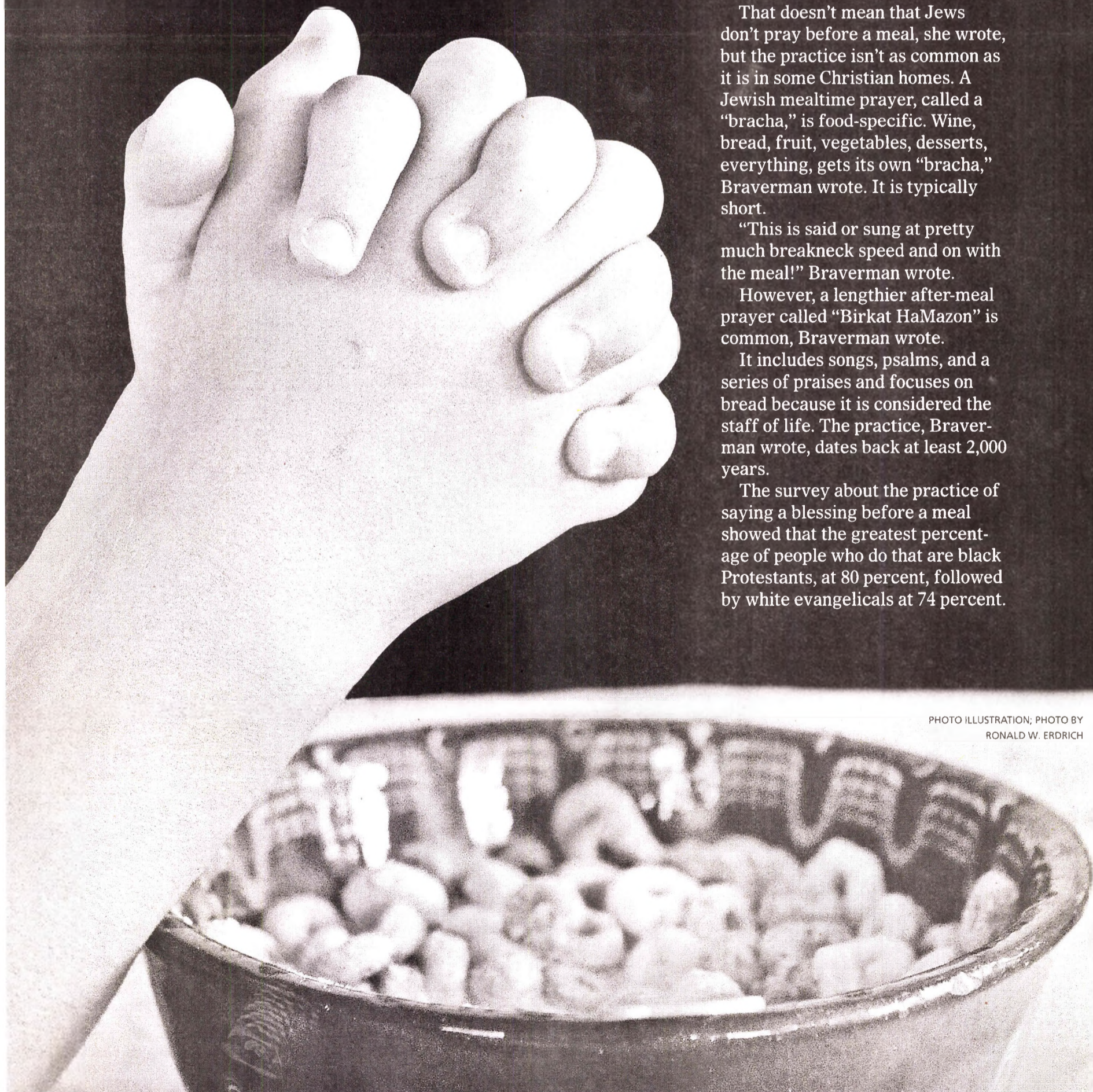


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION; PHOTO BY RONALD W. ERDRICH

For Rio, Olympics leave mixed legacy

While games revitalized some areas, poverty, corruption remain

STEPHEN WADE AND RENATA BRITO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO - Neymar kissed the ball, delivered a gold medal and then wept with other Brazilians. Look no further if you're searching for an iconic image of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

"It's the only medal that really mattered," Salvador Gaeta said while cycling in the deserted Olympic Park recently. "Every Brazilian will remember it."

Other memories have faded at home since the Olympics opened a year ago. A few expectations were met, but many fell short of those promised by IOC President Thomas Bach and organizing committee head Carlos Nuzman.

Bach boasted at the closing ceremony of "a Rio de Janeiro before, and a much better Rio de Janeiro after the Olympic Games."

Nuzman called Rio the next Barcelona, one of the cities clearly transformed by the games.

Save for minor cosmetic changes, a city fractured by mountains and searing inequality remains as it was. Violent crime mostly concealed during the Olympics is soaring, tied to Brazil's deepest economic downturn in 100 years and unpaid policemen leaving in droves. Brazil's military has been called in to quell Rio's violence.

Rio barely managed to keep it together for the Olympics, needed a government bailout to hold the Paralympics and then collapsed under a grinding recession and sprawling corruption scandals.

The games took place mostly in the south and west of the city, which remains white and wealthy. The rest is still a hodgepodge of dilapidated factories and hillside slums of cinderblocks, tin roofs and open troughs of raw sewage.

Brazil says it spent \$13 billion in public and private money to organize the Olympics — some estimates suggest \$20 billion — and many games-related projects since then have been tied to corruption scandals.

A look at the fallout since the Olympics opened last Aug. 5:

The good

The Olympics left behind a new subway line extension, high-speed bus service and a renovated port area filled with



People gather at the famed Eduardo Kobra mural on "Olympic Boulevard" in Rio de Janeiro's port district. The revitalized area has been heralded as one of Rio's Olympic legacy successes.

PHOTOS BY MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES



A mother feeds her newborn in the Mangueira favela, roughly half a mile from the site of the opening ceremony last year.



The shuttered Aquatics Stadium stands in Rio's Olympic Park. Many of the costly venues are now closed or underused.

food stands, musicians and safe street life in a city rife with crime.

These probably would not have been built without the Olympics. But the games also imposed deadlines and drove up prices. A state auditor's report said the 9.7 billion real (\$3 billion) subway was overbilled by 25 percent.

Igor Silverio lives near the port in a favela — or shantytown — and came the other day to kick around a soccer ball with his two young boys. The area in his youth was known for decay and drunkenness.

"For sure it's better," he said. But he "expected more from the Olympics."

"From my point of view, the Olympics only benefited the foreigners. Local people themselves didn't get much. The se-

curity situation isn't good, the hospitals. I think these are investments that didn't benefit many local people."

He said he skipped the Olympics because they were "too expensive" and located far away in the suburbs.

Standing outside the new subway line, 57-year-old domestic worker Isa Trajano Fernandes said public transportation had improved but was still deficient.

The bad

The Olympics left a half-dozen vacant sports arenas in the Olympic Park and 3,600 empty apartments in the boarded-up Olympic Village. Deodoro, a major complex of venues in the impoverished north, is shuttered behind iron gates.

Standing across the street, Jose Maur-

icio Pehna de Souza was asked if Rio benefited from the Olympics. "I don't think so, not us in Brazil," he said.

A \$20 million golf course is struggling to find players and financing.

A few dozen golfers were on the course on a recent, sunny Saturday. The clubhouse is mostly unfurnished, and it costs non-Brazilians 560 reais (\$180) for 18 holes and a cart.

Organizers and the International Olympic Committee say Rio needs time to develop these venues, and fault Brazil's recession for most of the problems.

A prosecutor several months ago disputed this, saying the Olympic Park "lacked planning how to use white elephant" sports venues. Many were built as part of real estate deals that have yet to pan out.

The park offers few amenities: no restaurants, no shade and nothing much to do except gawk at deserted arenas. City hall officials and the federal government say they're planning an event for Aug. 5 to "fill all the arenas" for the day.

The ugly

Rio organizers promised to clean up polluted Guanabara Bay in their winning bid in 2009. During the Olympics, officials used stop-gap measures to keep floating sofas, logs and dead animals from crashing into boats during the sailing events.

Since the Olympics, the bankrupt state of Rio de Janeiro has ceased major efforts to clean the bay, its unwelcome stench often drifting along the highway from the international airport.

"I think it's gotten worse," Brazilian gold-medal sailor Kahena Kunze said in a recent interview. "There was always floating trash, but I see more and more. It's no use hiding the trash because it comes back."

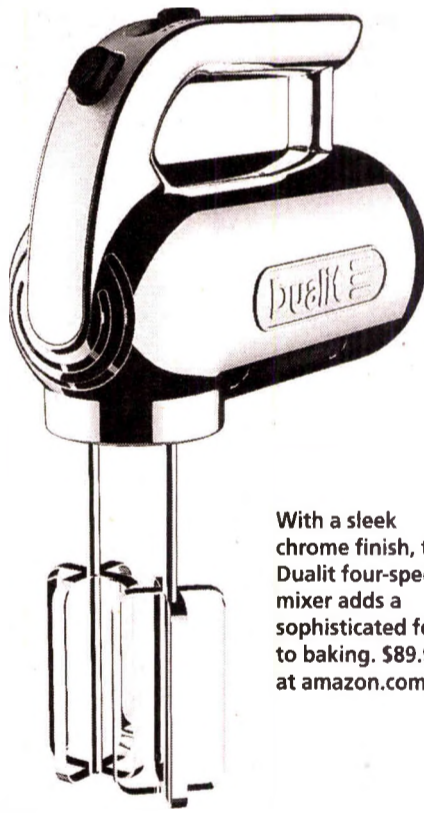
Some of the politicians behind the Olympics have been accused of graft.

Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who wept when Rio was awarded the games, was convicted last month on corruption charges and faces a 9½-year prison term. He is appealing.

Another early booster, former Rio state governor Sergio Cabral, is in jail on corruption charges.

Nuzman, president of the organizing committee, was defeated earlier this year in an election to lead the Pan American Sports Organization. He ran on his record leading the Rio Olympics and finished third in a three-man race.

Holstein Housewares' three-speed hand mixer features clip-on beater storage. \$27.99 at wayfair.com.



With a sleek chrome finish, the Dualit four-speed mixer adds a sophisticated feel to baking. \$89.99 at amazon.com.



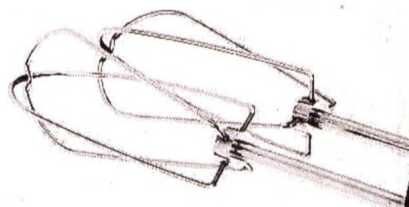
Five-speed Brentwood hand mixer has a lightweight, ergonomic design. \$22.19 at overstock.com.

Mix it up

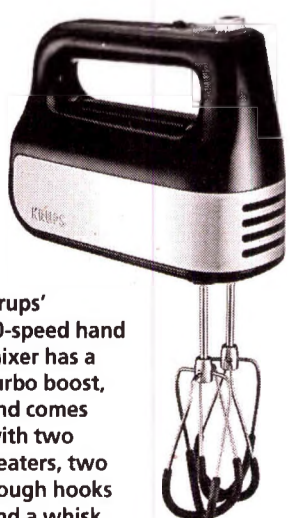
A baker's best friend

USA TODAY NETWORK

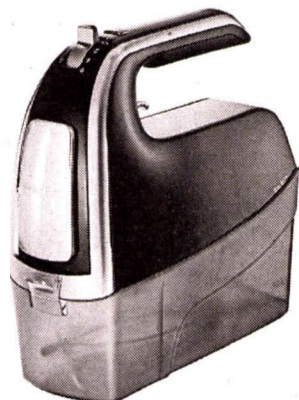
Hand mixers are a kitchen essential. No matter what you need "small, powerful, inexpensive or just pretty" there's something out there to help you whip up your next batch of cupcakes.



KitchenAid's five-speed ultra power hand mixer comes in an array of fun colors. \$59.99 at Kohl's.



Krupps' 10-speed hand mixer has a turbo boost, and comes with two beaters, two dough hooks and a whisk. \$49.98 at walmart.com.



Hamilton Beach six-speed hand mixer has a snap-on case for storing the cord and attachments. \$24.49 at Target.



Black + Decker's six-speed hand mixer has a turbo setting and easily rests on bowls or counters when not in use. \$18.42 at The Home Depot.



With beaters that fold into its body, the compact Dash hand mixer is small enough to fit into a drawer. \$24.99 at Belk.

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

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.

Estate/yard sale fundraiser

The Lyon Area Rotary Club is having an estate/yard sale to raise funds for its scholarship programs. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 9-12, at 51760 Grand River Ave, Wixom

Each year students at both South Lyon High Schools are awarded scholarships. Come out and support our efforts and find some amazing deals.

Carrabba's to host blood drive

Please join in Sept. 5 at Carrabba's Restaurant, 43455 W. Oaks, in Novi as Carrabba's partners with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive to help save lives. The American Red Cross has a critical blood shortage this summer and has issued an emergency call for blood donors to give now and help save patient lives. Right now, donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in and more donations are needed now to replenish the supply.

The Red Cross will be bringing out its mobile bus for the blood drive and the restaurant will be offering a \$10 gift card to all presenting donors and everyone will be entered into a raffle for dinner and movies for two.

The blood drive hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and donors can sign up at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code is Carrabbas) or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Runestad seeks public input

State Rep. Jim Runestad has scheduled two public meetings to gather input on proposed child custody reforms. Runestad, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, is working on legislation establishing shared custody with equal parenting time as the starting point for all child custody deliberations in Michigan.

"I want to get as much input as possible from people involved with the family court system throughout our state, including parents, attorneys and other experts," said Runestad, R-White Lake. "This information will allow me to move forward and make meaningful reforms that improve child custody laws in Michigan."

Public meetings will be at 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at Studio D2D, 401 Hall St. SW, Grand Rapids; and at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Anyone unable to attend one of the meetings is encouraged to contact Runestad's office at 517-373-2616 or email JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Medical equipment drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce

St., Milford, is partnering with World Medical Relief as a drop-off site for your unused medical equipment. Donate your clean, gently used walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, crutches, canes, splints, medical boots, adult briefs and pads, sealed C-Pap equipment and sealed medication (no narcotics). We are also collecting for hygiene kits: towels, wash clothes, sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes. We cannot accept glasses, hearing aids or electric wheelchairs.

Drop-off times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available to take your donation during the week. For more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

RCL meet and greet

The Republican Club of Livonia will host a gubernatorial candidate meet and greet event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Livonia Victory Center, 33462 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call 734-679-7757.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad of White Lake will host coffee hours Friday, Aug. 18, in White Lake, Highland and Milford. The coffee hours are at the following locations and times:

- » 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake
 - » 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland
 - » Noon to 1 p.m. at Bakers of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford
- No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Health care lecture

Providence Park Hospital is offering a free health care lecture, Do You Know What You're Really Eating? Emily Schwartz will offer this lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, outpatient building.

It is no secret that a healthy diet helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. But how do you go about it? Picking up any item in a supermarket, chances are you're overwhelmed by all the ingredient listing and buzz words on the label. What part of it is just marketing, and what are the really important facts to watch out for? Learn about the new FDA changes to label terms and how to make the best food choices for you and your family.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

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.

» 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.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednes-

day 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.

Week of Aug. 6: Moana Polynesian Summer Camp, Island Lake Kids Kamp Week 8, Youth Tennis Camp, Photography at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Kids Beginner Equestrian Lessons, Intro to Horses

Week of Aug. 13: Island Lake Kids Kamp Week 9, Funtime Soccer Camps, Last Chance Baseball Camp, Basics of Being the "Photographer," Mom's Camera Class, Adult Beginner Equestrian Lessons, The Enchanted Princess Party

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Wooden window repair workshop

Do you own an older house with original windows? Learn how to repair this valuable asset while maintaining the historic character of your home. Find out how to save money, improve window operation and increase energy efficiency with historic window specialist James Turner of Turner Restoration at a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

If you love DIY projects, this workshop is for you! Attendees will learn how to remove old sashes; safely remove old paint or finishes; make needed repairs; add energy-efficient upgrades; eplace glass the proper way; and more.

Admission is free for the first 12 attendees who register by Aug. 15. The admission fee is \$25 for all others. Space is limited to 16 attendees.

Register online at https://farmingtonhillswindowworkshop.eventbrite.com/. Contact Ellen Thacker, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, at info@mhpn.org or call 313-575-5215. Please bring a bag lunch.

Milford High School reunion

The Milford High School Class of 1967 will hold a 50-year union 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Lazy J Ranch, 625 Hickory Ridge Road, Milford. Casual dress is preferred and cost is \$55 per person or \$110 per couple. Contact Marlene Perry Gomez at 248-396-3728 or timmar01@aol.com.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried watercolor exhibition titled The Graded Wash, featuring featuring 29 artists who painted 44 works. It will take place through Aug. 26 during normal Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Ad-

mission is free.

An opening reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, which will include an awards presentation and a juror's talk at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvilleart house.org.

Pain management seminar

Learn how to live pain-free without drugs at a free seminar hosted at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Milford Public Library. Learn how laser therapy magnesium oil, food and lifestyle can help you lead a pain-free life. Speakers will be Sherise Assad, founder of Bye-Bye Pain Laser Therapy, and Leah Gillis, certified holistic health coach. RSVP to 844-4BYE-BYE.

Milford Knights of Columbus golf outing

The Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council No. 7444 in Milford is having a golf outing for the children at St. Jude Children's Hospital. The outing will take place Aug. 20 at Mystic Creek (in Camp Dearborn), Milford.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m., shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m.

Price is \$400 for a foursome or \$100 per golfer. This get you doughnuts, coffeecake, bagels, coffee or juice, hot dogs, chips and a soda at the turn, dinner to

follow, golf 18 holes with cart, best ball scramble, longest drive, closest to the pin, skins, putting contest, prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Hole sponsorship is \$100. Donations welcome.

If you make a donation, make them to: St. Jude. c/o John Rogers, 3101 Sands Ct., Milford, MI 48380. If you need a form, call Rogers at 248-714-5353.

Artist lecture features Roko

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to hear guest speaker, Tony Roko, a Detroit-based post-industrialist figurative painter, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Roko is gaining recognition as one of the nation's most innovative artists. His accomplishments include commissioned pieces for Lady Gaga and Jay Leno, as well as a commission for Ford's centennial celebration of the assembly line in 2013. Roko has been voted "Best Fine Artist" of Detroit by the readers of HOUR Detroit magazine.

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone and are on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, at the SHAC 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford. Come for a general meeting at 7 p.m. or for the lecture at 7:30 p.m. The VFAA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization since 1992 that has been operating the SHAC

since 2014. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call 248-797-3060.

Evenings in the Garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center in Novi is offering two great late-summer classes for gardeners of all levels to enjoy, as part of their Evenings in the Garden series.

Aug. 24, popular author, professional gardener and artist Cheryl English will reveal the wide variety of Michigan woody native plants that "play well with others" in the landscape. English is a dynamic and provocative speaker with a deep knowledge of our state's green jewels, most of which are available at our local garden center.

Sept. 14, Nick Zimmer will be at Tollgate to demonstrate how to plant successful and beautiful fall containers. Zimmer is an MSU alumnus and founder/owner of Willow Greenhouse. At the end of this garden, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase finished pots, along with plants for their own containers.

Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Advance registration is required. The cost of classes is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate.

To find out more and to register, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17sum/.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us:

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.middeathnotices.com

Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

Croy

Ann E. a longtime resident of Milford, passed away after a sudden illness in the loving care of her family on July 25, 2017 at the age of 73. In addition to Dennis, her beloved husband of 53 years, Ann is survived by their children, Cindy (Dan) Alder and Ben (Jamie) Croy; grandchildren, Jordan, Justin and Nolan; brother, Larry (Patti) Campbell as well as extended family and many dear friends. A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Monday, July 31, 2017. Ann was the longtime and well-loved manager of the Friendly Finds Bookstore of the Milford Public Library. Memorial contributions encouraged to the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, Milford, Michigan 48381. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Sundberg



Sandra Lynn 48, of South Lyon, passed away at home on July 29 after a long illness. Sandy was born in Southfield, Michigan on November 13, 1968, the second daughter of James and Carol Sundberg. She was a 1986 graduate of Northville High School. Sandy is survived by her father James and her two sisters - Jaclyn (Jeff) Anderson of Harbor Springs, Michigan, and Jill of South Lyon. She was a proud aunt to her niece and nephew, Carly and Brady Anderson. Sandy was preceded in death by her mother Carol, who entered into eternal life on September 22, 2016. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 3 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 4 at 1:30PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Harbor Hall Foundation, P.O. Box 376, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Urban



Frank A. age 74, passed away July 27, 2017. He was born December 15, 1942 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, son of the late Joseph and Frances Urban. Frank was a longtime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a 3rd degree member of Fr. Battersby Council 7586 and was also a charter member. He was a 4th degree member of St. Francis of Assisi of Farmington Hills. Frank retired in 2010 as Vice President of Urban's Partition and Remodeling in Northville. He served on the board of directors of Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union for 23 years and then became an emeritus board member. He was a proud Air Force veteran and loved golf, polka music, cards and was an avid sports fan. Frank will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. His family was the most important part of his life and nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carole; his children: Denise (Travis Waack) Urban and Frank Jr. "Tony" (Danette) Urban; his grandchildren: Ethan, Bailey, Autumn, Genevieve, Zander and Sawyer. He is also survived by his brother, William (Juanita) Urban. Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert; his sister, Helen and his grandson, Anthony Robert Urban. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00PM-8:00PM on Wednesday, August 2 from 2:00PM-8:00PM with Rosary at 7:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 3 at 11:00AM instate 10:30AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Frank will be laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery where he will receive military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Reverence Hospice. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Van Cuyl-Sherman

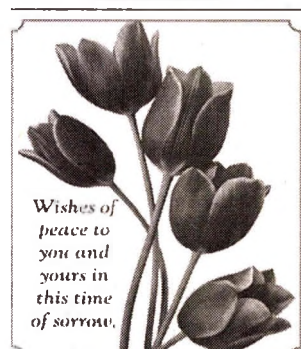


Ruth age 99, passed away July 29, 2017. She was born July 27, 1918 in Farmington, MI, daughter of the late Fred and Genevieve Pagel. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Dickson; her grandchildren: Charles and Monique; her great-grandchildren: Sean, Justin and Samantha; her brother, Stuart Pagel and her nieces and nephews. Ruth was united in marriage to Camille Van Cuyl for 50 years before his passing and was married to Albert Sherman for 21 years before his passing. Ruth is also preceded in death by her brother, Fred Pagel Jr. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 4 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Wynings

Beverly "Bud" age 73, passed away July 28, 2017. Bud is a life long resident of South Lyon. He is survived by his wife Diane, son Derek and daughter Beth (Russell) Brooks; 3 grandsons: Riley Kolb, Dominic Garofalo and William Brooks. He is preceded in death by his parents Corwin and Betty and sisters Mary Lou Gardner and Linda Sue Nichols. Services entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com



Your Invitation to

Worship

Brighton

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
www.hsroc.net
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
810-231-9199
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Please visit our Shrine of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

Highland

Church of the Holy Spirit
3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland
Saturday Mass 5PM,
Sunday Mass 9 & 11AM
248-887-5364 | HolySpiritHighland.com
The Holy Spirit is Here - Come Home
All are Welcome!

Milford

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD
VISITORS WELCOME!
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695
Pastor Steve Swayze
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March)
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older
Website: milfordbaptist.org

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, 248-684-2798
Sunday Worship: 10 am
Children's Church 10:10 am
Groups for Children, Youth, and Adults
www.milfordumc.net

Novi

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi
on the corner of M-5 & W 13
Sundays 9:00a & 11:15a
www.brightmoorcc.org
something for the entire family

OAK POINTE CHURCH
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-0043
www.oakpointe.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist
All are welcome at all services
905 E. Commerce St. Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am
Children's room: Wed & Sun services
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

OAKPOINTE | milford CHURCH
1250 South Hill Rd.
(248) 685-3560
www.opcmilford.org
Contemporary Worship Service:
8:30, 10:15, and 11:45.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-novi.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Bryant Anderson
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
www.milfordpc.org
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12
A heritage of area worship since 1836

SAINT GEORGE'S (an Episcopal Community)
"God Loves You. No Exceptions!"
• Communion 8am & 10am, Sundays
• Nursery, Sunday School 10am
stgeorgesmilford.org
801 E. Commerce Street, Milford 48381

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Robert A. LaCroix, Pastor
Dcn James Houbeck, Associate
Parish Office: 248-349-8847 www.holyfamilynovi.org

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

South Lyon

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2652
www.umcnovi.com
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
Gathering in Jesus Name
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1983 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching KJV

first united methodist church south lyon, mi 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Summer Worship: 8:15am, 10:00am, & 10:45am
Rev. Mary McInnes, Lead Pastor
Rev. Kenny Walkup, Assoc. Pastor
southlyonfirstumc.org

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship, 9:30 am.
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.
248-349-0911

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)
Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

United Methodist Church Northville
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Taft Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
www.umcnorthville.org

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
Sunday School at 9:45
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
oursaviouralc.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
Summer Service Times
9:00am & 10:30am
Childcare Available at 10:30am Service only

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Matthew Oliver, Minister

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. Cliff Mansley, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippecc.org

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Rev. Thomas Scherger
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weakes
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net

St. Joseph Parish
Regular Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 P.M.
Phone: 248-446-8700
Web Address: www.saintjosephsouthlyon.org
830 South Lafayette

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) (248) 437-2875
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Playroom available
Kids/Youth Connection Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
Loving God and Loving People
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400
(In Brookdale Shopping Center,
behind Powerhouse Gym)
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher
www.solidrocksouthlyon.com

For more information regarding this directory, please call
Deb Wolff at 313-222-5428
or email: dwolff@gannett.com

CLASSIFIEDS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Phone: 800-579-7355
 Fax: 313-496-4968
 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com

Place an ad online 24/7 at
advertise.hometownlife.com

Find a new job or career



JOBS

Discover your new home



HOMES & RENTALS

Turn here for your next vehicle



AUTO

Auctions, pets, services & stuff



STUFF

the job network

Homes
 Love the house. Know the neighborhood.

cars.com

Deadlines: Thursday at 4pm for Sunday
 Monday at 4pm for Thursday

classifieds.hometownlife.com

All advertising published in Hometownlife/O&E Media newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card(s). Copies are available from the classified advertising department: 6200 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, or call 800-579-7355. • The Newspaper reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Newspaper reserves the right to edit, refuse, reject, classify or cancel and ad at any time. All ads are subject to approval before publication. • Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. • Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears & reporting any errors immediately. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, only the first correct insertion will be credited. The Newspaper shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from an error or omission of an advertisement. No refunds for early cancellation of an order. **Publishers Notice:** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 724983 3-31-72). **Equal Housing Opportunity Statement:** We are pledged to the letter & spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity, throughout the nation. We encourage & support an affirmative advertising & marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin.



JOBS

In print, online and on the go



How to investigate a company's work-life culture

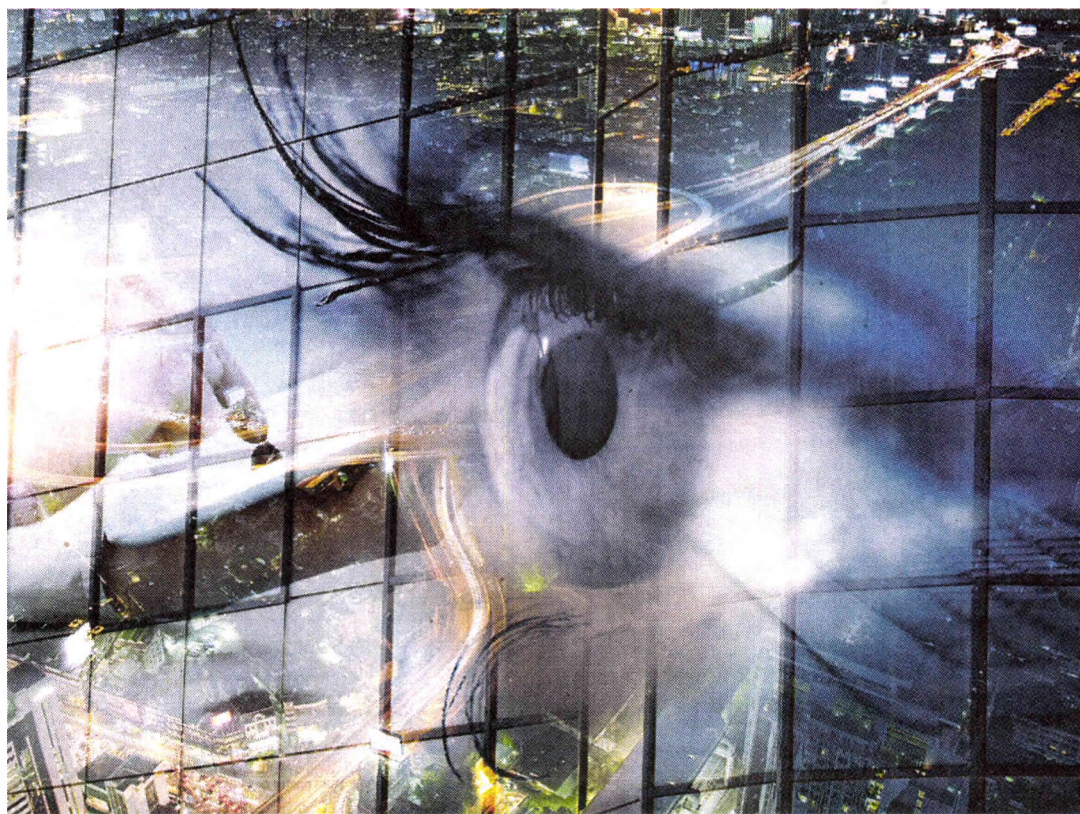
BY PETER JONES
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

We all know that to get where we want to be, certain sacrifices are required – especially when we are starting out and getting the engine going in our careers. That may mean late nights, extra hours and constantly going above and beyond what is expected.

You can be willing to do all this extra labor with a smile on your face and still want the possibility of working remotely for a week in the summer or an afternoon off to see your kid's recital. So, when you're job hunting, here are five ways of finding out (without alerting the hiring manager), whether your potential new company prioritizes work-life balance.

1. Reverse the reference check

They're going to be checking up on you, after all, so why not check up on them? Sift through your online network and see if you know anyone (or anyone who knows anyone) who used to work for the company and might be willing to chat with you. Avoid asking them to answer any of your questions in writing, but do ask them to be candid. Ask about the culture, the flexibility, the



GETTY IMAGES

diversity and what they would have changed if they had the chance.

2. Stake it out

Try to schedule your interview for early in the morning or late in the day. If it's 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. and the office is crammed, despite being advertised as a 9 to 5 job, then you have your answer. While at the interview, be sure

to look for signs of life outside of work: family photos, vacation memorabilia, etc. If you don't get past the lobby or the boardroom, ask for an office tour. Evidence that families and outside interests are prized in the office is a very good sign.

3. Social media stalking

Not the creepy kind, just the quick search. Try to get

a sense from different tiers of employees, from executives to interns. Are people complaining? Working all the time? Taking vacations? Do they have families? What sort of press has been generated by the company or its employees?

4. Do your homework

Read up on companies to get a sense of work-life bal-

ance policies in your industry. Try Apres, Glassdoor or Fairygodboss for starters. If you don't get this job, or decide you don't want this job, then you'll have a good idea of companies you might try next.

5. Ask around it

Direct questions can raise suspicions about your work ethic or intentions. Save them for after you receive the offer and are negotiating with human resources. And, in the interview process, ask questions that might get the answers you want without tipping your hand – questions such as what they love about the company that has nothing to do with their direct work, or the type of person who does best in that environment. You can also ask them to describe the company culture. Pay attention to what they're saying — and what they are not saying.

If you keep your wits about you, it is possible to glean quite a bit about a company's particular work-life balance — all without damaging your chances of getting the job.

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

Continue your search at jobs.usatoday.com

GET ALERTS
 Set up email alerts to receive jobs that match your skills

SHARE PROFILE
 Post your resume and be seen by top employers in the area

FIND ADVICE
 Improve your search and interview skills with tips and ideas

USA TODAY
 the job network

MICHIGAN AD NETWORK SOLUTIONS CLASSIFIED
TO PLACE YOUR AD 1-800-579-7355

CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT
 IF YOU HAD HIP/KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY AND SUFFERED AN INFECTION between 2010 - present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727 (MICH)

FOR SALE- MISCELLANEOUS
 SAWMILLS from only \$4397.00- MAKE & SAVE MONEY with your own bandmill- Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship! FREE Info/DVD: www.NorwoodSawmills.com 1-800-578-1363 Ext.300N (MICH)

HELP WANTED- TRUCK DRIVER
 \$5000 SIGN ON! Dedicated Customer, Home Every Week, \$65K+ Annually and Excellent Benefits Plan! CALL 888-409-6033 www.Drive4Red.com (6 months experience and CDL A required). (MICH)

STEEL BUILDINGS
 PIONEER POLE BUILDINGS- Free Estimates-Licensed and insured-2x6 Trusses-45 Year Warranty Galvalume Steel-19 Colors-Since 1976-#1 in Michigan-Call Today 1-800-292-0679. (MICH)

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE
 FREON R12 WANTED: CERTIFIED BUYER will PICK UP and PAY CASH for R12 cylinders or cases of cans. (312) 291-9169; www.refrigerantfinders.com (MICH)

Child & Adult Care Services

Looking for Wonderful TEACHERS
 Local Novi Preschool: part time, flexible hours. Retired teachers welcome. Experienced, organized, cheerful, reliable, loves little children. Call 248-471-2333

Engineering & IT

Software Engineer III for Novi, MI to serve as first point of contact with customer, product development team in Japan & vendors regarding design, development, testing & debugging of software for automotive infotainment systems; develop & analyze software, middleware and application levels for open source components and implement in C and/or C++; instruct product development team on customer requirements; negotiate software specifications; perform system tests; support product launches. Requires Master's in IT, C.S., Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering or closely-related field & 2 yrs experience using C or C++ to code embedded software for use in automotive infotainment systems, mobile phones, or related electronic systems that use standard Linux System API; developing embedded systems using kernel, device drivers & CPU architecture; debugging embedded software using JTAG debugger; developing or maintaining device drivers; and working with global teams. Will also accept Bachelor's in said fields & 5 yrs progressive, post-Bachelor's stated experience. Mail resume to Kim Brothers, Fujitsu Ten Corp. of America, 30155 Hudson Dr, Novi, MI 48377.

General

CUSTODIANS/ JANITORS

Contract Management Services Company has immediate openings for FULL-TIME JANITORS at Schools in the Wayne and Farmington, MI areas. Experience a plus. MUST be able to work evenings (6:00pm - 11:00pm) and some weekends. Must be able to lift a minimum of 20 lbs. Friendly, energetic, customer service oriented individuals need only to apply. GREAT BENEFITS!
 Please send resume sales@ovalationsinservices.com

LANDSCAPE & LAWN MAINTENANCE
 Company hiring full-time laborers. Please call: 248-669-1350

MAINTENANCE TECH.
 Full-Time For beautiful Canton opt. Community. Great opportunity For right person. Please e-mail Resume to manager@autumnridge-opt.com

RECEPTIONIST
 Full Time Position. Competitive salary and full benefits including medical, dental, vision, life insurance and 401(K).

Michigan Educational Credit Union
 Please reply with resume to: 9200 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 Attn: Andrea Feltz 734-455-9200 ext. 5234 or email at general@micheducu.org

RECEPTIONIST
 Full Time Position. Competitive salary and full benefits including medical, dental, vision, life insurance and 401(K).

Michigan Educational Credit Union
 Please reply with resume to: 9200 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 Attn: Andrea Feltz 734-455-9200 ext. 5234 or email at general@micheducu.org

SERVICE ADVISORS & SERVICE DISPATCHER
 Brighton Chrysler is now hiring. If you have a strong desire to advance and grow within a newly remodeled dealership, are trustworthy, and have a good work ethic, apply now. Call or apply in person with Mike Gring. (810) 229-4100. Vacation time, good wage, and good working environment. EOE.

General

TELLER
 Full Time Position. Previous cash handling experience preferred. Competitive salary and full benefits including medical, dental, vision, life insurance and 401(K).

Michigan Educational Credit Union
 Please reply with resume to: 9200 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 Attn: Andrea Feltz 734-455-9200 ext. 5234 or email at general@micheducu.org

Healthcare-Dental

DIRECT CARE STAFF - For small group home. Positions in Holly, Oxford/Brandon Twp. South Lyon \$9.53/hr 248.486.5368

Medical Assistant Part Time
 Fax Resume to 810-227-6511 or call 810-227-0906

Find what you want in **CLASSIFIED!**

Turn your dust into dollars by placing a **CLASSIFIED** ad!

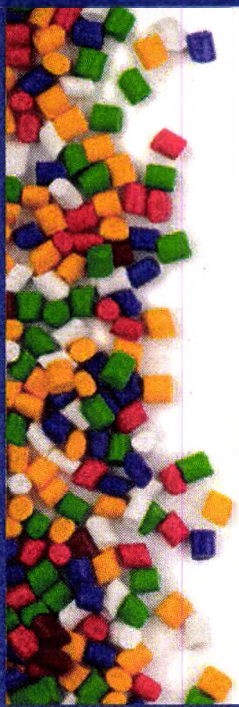
Get results. Advertise in **CLASSIFIEDS!**

Find your new job **HERE!**

Get results. Advertise in **CLASSIFIEDS!**

NOW HIRING

PRODUCTION POSITIONS FOR DIRECT HIRE



WE OFFER:
COMPETITIVE PAY
OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH
DAY & NIGHT SHIFTS
BENEFITS & WELLNESS
FULL-TIME POSITIONS

APPLY ONLINE AT:
ASAHI.APPLICANTPOOL.COM

LOCATED OFF I-96 IN FOWLerville, MI

AsahiKASEI

Helping YOU reach your GOAL



Whether you want to get fit or get organized—save money doing it with an O&E Media classified ad!

Our classifieds WORKOUT!

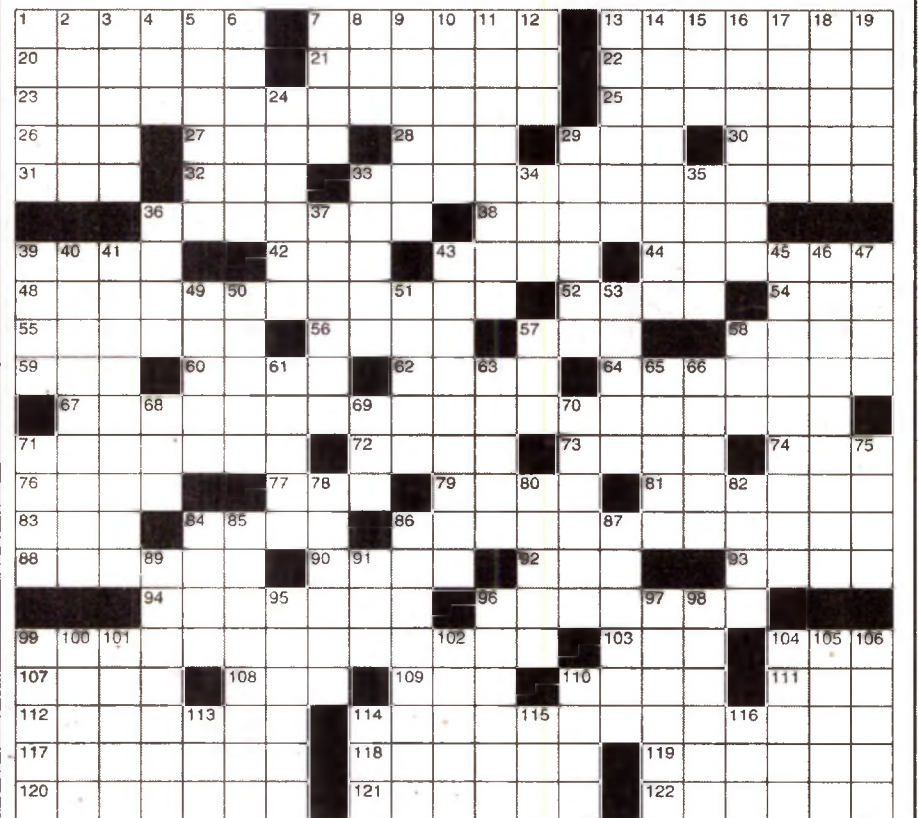
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
 hometownlife.com
 A GANNETT COMPANY

800-579-7355

THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|---|-----------------------------|--------|
| ACROSS | 1 3.26 light-years | 7 Smithies' blocks | 13 Mark with surface ridges | 20 Wise goddess | 21 Baby sock | 22 Garden State capital | 23 Money made by the poet who wrote "In a Station of the Metro?" | 25 Lessees | 26 Port on the Danube | 27 "Just playin' with ya" Singer | 28 DiFranco | 29 Bad-mouth | 30 Fuel brand in Canada | 31 Tirana is its cap. | 32 Hound doc | 33 Switchboard worker reached by the poet who wrote "The Bridge?" | 36 Grid of fine lines in an optical instrument's focus | 38 Boxer Johansson | 39 Aged, once | 42 According to 44 Concerning | 44 High-priority task | 48 Holiday tree decoration hung by the poet who wrote "The Song of the Shirt?" | 52 German car make | 54 Cool, 1940s-style | 55 Mix up | 56 "No it —!" | 57 450, in old Rome | 58 Co. division | 59 Caesar of old TV | 60 Horror film lab helper | 62 Puente of mambo | 64 Promises | 67 Business run by the poet who wrote "The Shooting of Dan McGrew?" | 71 Most ventilated | 72 Lovett of country rock | 73 Give a title to | 74 Pindar verse | 76 FBI action | 77 Koko, e.g. | 79 Vigoda and Fortas | 81 Having a bill | 83 Novelist Packer | 84 Soccer star | 86 Caution given by the poet who wrote "The Road Not Taken?" | 88 Amount of groceries, say | 90 Busy as — | 92 Adnatic, e.g. | 93 Henri's head | 94 Off the mark | 96 Compound with two or more amino acids | 99 Food energy used by the poet who wrote "To a Mouse?" | 103 Toronto-to-D.C. dir. | 104 — Cruces | 107 Irish Rose's lover | 108 Pats' goals | 109 Drink suffix | 110 Enter | 111 Noah's boat | 112 Tennis hitting technique | 114 Marinara cooked by the poet who wrote "Aurora Leigh?" | 117 Shifty | 118 Fisher of fashion | 119 Israel's language | 120 One of the 12 apostles | 121 See 115-Down | 122 Tromps (on) | 17 Trial blast | 18 Bodily trunk | 19 Painter James | 24 Venetian painter | 29 Carry out kind acts | 33 Simoicons | 34 M.D. type | 35 Cuba's Castro | 36 Actor Foxx | 37 Eau — | 39 Resistance units | 40 Mardi Gras locale | 41 Moving shakily | 43 Like sun visors | 45 2002 baseball-themed film | 46 Reliant (on) | 47 Decides | 49 Drab shade | 50 Denver university | 51 Contest form | 53 Town square | 57 Bamboozle | 58 Hwy. felony | 61 In base eight | 63 1990s cardio fad | 65 Conga's kin | 66 Guide | 68 Purge | 69 Jai-alai cry | 70 Shoe part | 71 UAR part | 75 Threshold | 78 June gems | 80 Twisty paths | 82 Cards' cost | 84 Witty bits | 85 Optional course | 86 Alternatives to Maseratis | 87 Sherlock | 89 Holmes' pal | 89 Tactfulness | 91 Scarer's cry | 95 Comedian | 96 Gilda | 97 Runt | 97 Apple computer webcam | 98 More obtuse | 99 Norman in "Psycho" | 100 Curved fastening bar | 101 Rend | 102 Pop heroes | 104 Singer | 105 Curved | 106 Distorts | 110 Cotton seed removers | 113 Fruit seed | 114 TV's Arthur | 115 With | 121-Across, company's worth after liabilities | 116 Japanese prime minister | Shinzo |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|---|-----------------------------|--------|



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

			5					
	9			6		2		
		8	3		9			
	7		1	4	3	5		2
1		5	8	6	9			7
		9			5	4		
	8		2					1
					7			

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	9	2	7	8	6	4	1	9
6	1	9	4	3	2	7	8	5
7	1	4	8	6	3	2		
4	7	3	6	9	8	5	1	2
8	9	1	2	5	7	3	4	6
2	6	5	3	1	4	9	7	8
9	4	6	1	2	3	8	5	7
5	8	2	5	8	2	5	6	3
1	3	7	8	6	5	9	4	2

CIRCUS WORD SEARCH

C A T C H E R A T L G N I G G I R N L A
 T L C P Q E N A M H C T I P S N U N C
 P K D R I J N I A L H C R E P A D E I F
 A U A E I G R B F I F E Y T E N K G U O
 N R C T H E R G A E R G P B U G O N E U
 T L R S A W A A L U T M U G O A I P J
 O D O I R Q E E N Y L E S I O M K C O T
 M I B E A R L B W D N Y N E B R S N R H
 I C A K K E S I F A S T H U U T T A E G
 H T T U P P R H G U R T L O C Q M L S C
 E B S H O E A E S O T I A O O P E A U B
 E U A R S D R P D U S P N N O O R B T N
 D N P K W I E U O T T C F L D I L L A G
 T G G O E N C B F S E A I H Y I G P R L
 S E H P S T A L D S P N O L T A N S A S
 P E F I T T O L S N E I P I G W D G P T
 G Q O O S A A I W Q G U J F H Y G K P U
 L N N U T R O O I A S R E L G G U J A N
 N E O A E N L A D D I S M A R G O R P T
 G R K H S C H A U E G Y S U C R I C D K

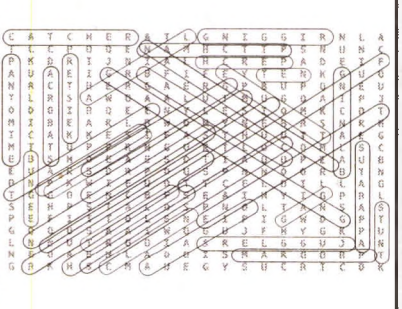
- ACROBATS
- ADAGIO
- AERIAL
- APPARATUS
- BALANCING
- BALLYHOOD
- BUNGEE
- CATCHER
- CIRCUS
- CLOWN
- CONCESSIONS
- ELEPHANT
- EQUESTRIAN
- FLOAT
- FUNAMBULIST
- GAG
- GRANDSTANDING
- GUY WIRES
- HERALDS
- HOWDAH
- INTRODUCTION
- JUGGLERS
- KEISTER
- MANAGERIE
- NET
- PANTOMIME
- PERCH
- PITCHMAN
- PROGRAM
- PROPS
- RIGGING
- ROUSTABOUT
- STUNT
- SUSPENSION
- TRAMPOLINE
- TROUPE

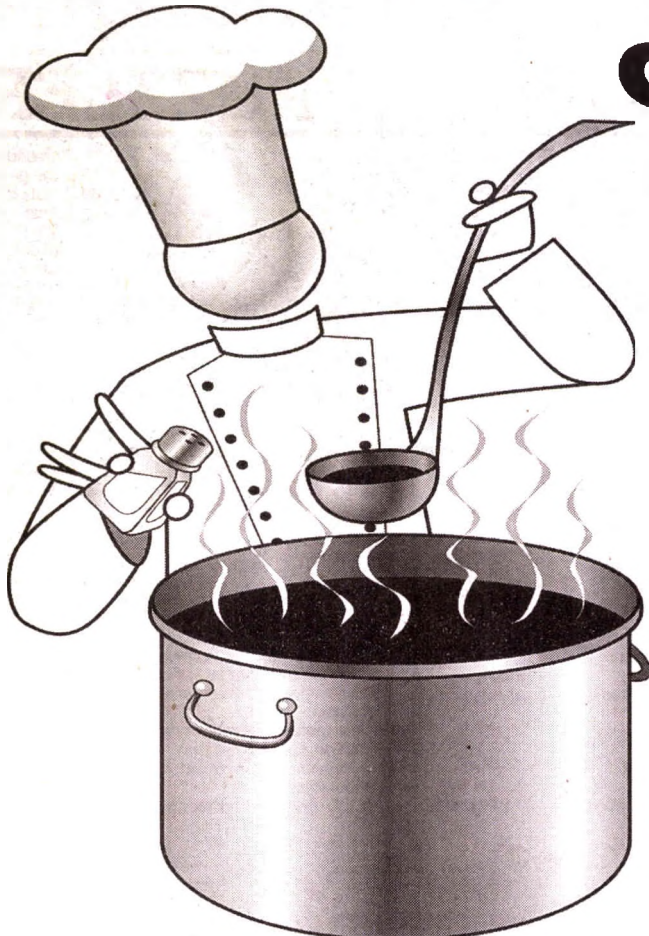
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers	PARSEC	ANVILS	STRIATE
	ATHENA	BOOTE	TRENTON
	POUNDS	STERLING	RENTERS
	ULM	IKIDANI	DIS ESSO
	ALB VET	CRANE	OPERATOR
	RETICLE	INGEMAR	
	OLDE	ALA	ASTO MUSTDO
	HOODORNAMENT	PEL	HEP
	MIDDLE	ISNT	CDL DEPT
	SID	IGOR	TITO ASSURES
	SERVICE	ORGANIZATION	
	AIRIES	TITLE	NAMEROD
	RAID	APE	ABES BEAKED
	ANN	PELE	FROSTWARNING
	BAGFUL	ABEE	SEA TETE
	INERROR	PEPTIDE	
BURNS	SCALORIES	SSE LAS	
ABIE	TDS	GADE GOIN LARK	
TOPSPIN	BROWNING	SAUCE	
ELUSIVE	EILEEN	HEBREW	
STPETER	ASSETS	TREADS	

Word Search Answers





GET COOKING WITH THE EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIEDS!

Whether you're looking for a job in the food industry or another field, we've got the recipe for success!

- Generous portions of regional listings
- A blend of employers and employment agencies

SPICE UP YOUR CAREER — PUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS TO WORK FOR YOU!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
hometownlife.com **MEDIA**
A GANNETT COMPANY

1-800-579-7355

www.hometownlife.com

Professional Service

all your needs...

Cleaning & Maid Services

Call Cindy for all your weeding, house cleaning and yard maintenance needs. 248-308-0852

Office Cleaning 20+ yrs exp. Reliable & Reasonable. Free est's 810.422.7108

Decks

Experienced

Revive your deck or fence this summer with a fresh stain, repair, or remodel! Contact Lance today for a free on-site consultation. (810)588-3087

Landscaping

Tree/Brush/Stub Removal Lots Cleared, Pavers, Patios/Driveways. Free Est. Fully Ins. (248)563-0545

Lawn & Garden Care

QUALITY GUARANTEED
Martin Tree Service. Free Estimates! Fully Insured! Professional! Tree felling, trimming, and stump grinding! facebook.com/improveyourview 810-991-4123 ilcmartinfree@gmail.com

Winds of Change Tree Service Free Estimates. 517-214-0364

Masonry & Concrete

ROCK SOLID MASONRY & CONCRETE. 25 years exp. Free Est's. 734-223-2218 Shawn Gudinas

Painting

Painting By Robert •Wallpaper Removal •Interior •Exterior •Plaster/Drywall Repair •Staining. 40 yrs exp Free Est! 248-349-7499 or 734-464-8147



SUMMERTIME IS FOR PAINTING David Ritchie Painting, Ins. Refs. Free Est. (517)672-2982

Roofing & Siding

D&R ROOFING & SIDING Free est. Don: 517-376-2064

Great Buys

Garage Sales

neighborly deals...

Estate Sales

COMMERCE: Artist moving sale, quality oil paintings at bargain prices 150 pieces, \$5-\$1000 Must See! Sat 8/5 & Sat 8/12, 9am-2pm. 6110 Brock Way

ESTATE SALE

Garden city, Estate sale, 1245 Gilman St., Michigan, 48135 Fri: Aug 4th 10 till 7, Sat: Aug 5th 10 till 7, Sun: Aug 6th 10 till 7. Collectibles, tools, power tools, art, toys, dolls, furniture, 100's of items... 10 to 20% off Bundle pricing!!!... No good offer Refused!! Credit cards accepted over 205, Dir: 3 blocks South of ford road between inkster and middlebelt. Turn south at the 7-11 on Ford and Gilman

Garage-Tag Sale

Beverly Hills, 2 Family Household Goods Sale, 100 Charrington Court, Michigan, 48025 Fri: 8am-4pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: 8am-2pm, Collectibles, Antiques, adult & children's clothing and toys, golf clubs, furniture, kitchen appliances, linens, computer accessories, cd's, collectible books, Dir: Off of Greenfield Rd, between 13 and 14 Mile Road. One block north of 13 Mile, first long driveway on right

BRIGHTON 1480 Pepperarove Dr. Huge Multi-Family 8/3, 8/4 & 8/5; 9-4 Collectibles, precious moments, KY Derby, hobby & even plate, Sofa bed, H/H, baby & clothes. Rain / Shine

Multi-Family YARD SALE
Canton, Garage Sale, 3621 and 3598 Aspen Lane, Michigan, 48188 Sat: 8-3, Sun: 8-3, Bedroom furniture, Kitchen items, Wall art, Kids items, Electronics, much more!, Dir: Off Geddes Road in Hidden River Estates, between Beck and Canton Center Roads

RUMMAGE SALE
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Youth Group Rummage Sale, 34567 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, 48152 Thur: 8am-4pm, Fri: 8am-4pm, Sat: 8am-12pm, Dir: West of Farmington Rd. on Seven Mile Rd. (just past Gill Rd.)

Farmington Hills, 30475 Sunderland 8/4-8/6; 9-5. Clothes, Baby Clothes, Furniture, Books, Toys, High End Items

GARAGE SALE
Highland, Garage Sales, 5701 Knobby Hill, Michigan, 48137 Thur: Aug 3, 8-5, Fri: Aug 4, 8-5, Sat: Aug 5, 9-12, TWO garages ONE location. One garage all tools and equipment. Second Garage all household and furniture, Dir: Millford and Clyde Roads 3 miles north of M-59

LIVONIA- 35909 JAMISON ST. Wed, Thurs, Aug 9 & 10 9am-4pm. Fri Aug 11, 9am-1pm. Collectibles, household, many interesting items.

Milford, MOVING SALE! 1920 S. Hill Rd. 1 mile south of Milford. Thur/Fri: 9am-4pm, Aug 3/4 & 10/11.

2 DAYS ONLY

Redford, Garage / Moving, 17454 Denby, Michigan, 48240 Fri: 10AM - 5PM, Sat: 10AM - 5PM, Moving Sale, Dir: E. of 7 Mi. & Inkster

South Lyon, 24280 Douglas Dr. Thurs-Sat 8/3-8/5 9a-5p Huge new jewelry elec., Rep apparel samples, New T-Shirts & Outerware, All sizes, Girls Abercrombie, Boys under Armor, Toys

Adopt Me Pets

find a new friend...

Domestic Pets

AKC Labrador Retriever Puppies yiw/blk, m, \$600 call/text 248-459-1045

Pet Services

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - New Hudson Sun., August 6, 2-5PM DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Questions: 313-686-5701

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - New Hudson Sun., August 6, 2-5PM DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Questions: 313-686-5701

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - New Hudson Sun., August 6th, 9:30-12:30pm. DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, Rabies, 3 yr \$17, Heartworm Test \$19. Must bring ad. Questions: 313-686-5701

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - New Hudson Sun., August 6th, 9:30-12:30pm. DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, Rabies, 3 yr \$17, Heartworm Test \$19. Must bring ad. Questions: 313-686-5701

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - New Hudson Sun., August 6th, 9:30-12:30pm. DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, Rabies, 3 yr \$17, Heartworm Test \$19. Must bring ad. Questions: 313-686-5701

Pet Services

LOW COST VACCINE WELLNESS RURAL KING Sun, August 6th, 9:30-12:30pm. DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, Rabies, 3 yr \$17, Heartworm Test \$19. Must bring ad. Questions: 313-686-5701

LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC Highland Feed & Supply 217 E. Livingston Rd. Sat August 19th, 10am-1pm DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Skin, Ear & Eye exams avail. 313-686-5701

LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC Highland Feed & Supply 217 E. Livingston Rd. Sat August 19th, 10am-1pm DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Skin, Ear & Eye exams avail. 313-686-5701

LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC (WHITMORE LAKE) 6850 Whitmore Lake Friday, July 28th, 10am-2pm DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Skin, Ear & Eye Exams Available. 313-686-5701

Assorted Items

all kinds of things...

Cemetery Lots

2 CEMETARY PLOTS AT GLEN EDEN IN LIVONIA, 2 ADJOINING CEMETARY PLOTS IN THE "GARDEN OF HYMNS" SECTION \$2750 FOR BOTH. (734)775-7258 drailred49@gmail.com

General Merchandise

CAROUSEL HORSES FOR SALE Hershell Stillman, Parker. Great condition. Call Terry 248-939-3866 or 248-889-0075

Wanted to Buy

BUYING Older Motorcycles, road & dirt bikes & used ATVs/Snowmobiles. Running/Non 810-775-9771

Transportation

Wheels

best deal for you...

Auto Parts & Services



H&W Top \$\$ Cash for junk cars, Free towing-7 days, 34yrs 734-223-5581

Cars

Buick Century 2004 Automatic 147,028mi Drives but Transmission is bad. Rust on quarter panels. \$1,000 or best offer. (248)476-5107

Chevy Impala '11, 62k mi, excellent condition, \$6,500 734-765-7839

Mercedes Benz GLE 350 2017, loaded, \$51,500, 810-265-5001

Recreational Vehicles

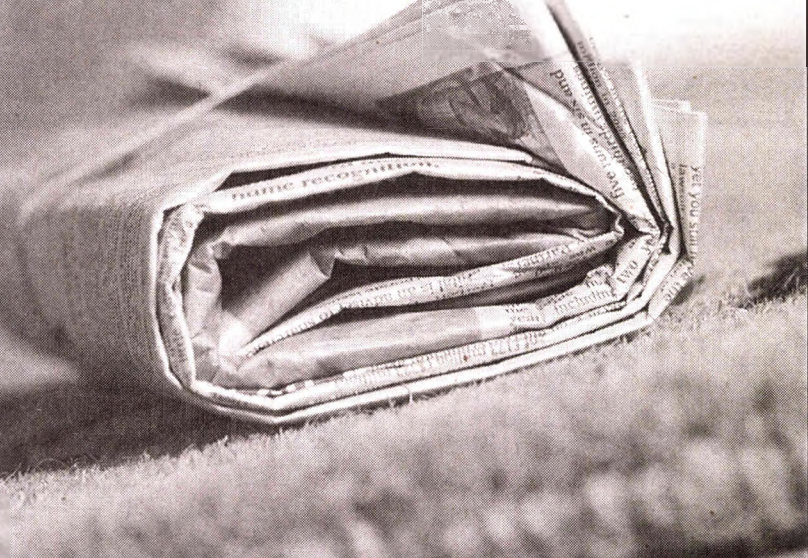
WINNEBAGO, 2000, 37 ft w/slideout, good condition, 313-537-4097

Vans

DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT 2007 Slow & go, pwr doors, runs well, 119K mi., \$4,000 248-613-0637

Your community, delivered to your front door.

- Farmington Observer
- Wayne-Westland Observer
- Garden City Observer
- Redford Observer
- Livonia Observer
- Canton Observer
- Plymouth Observer
- South Oakland Eccentric
- Birmingham Eccentric
- Northville Record
- South Lyon Herald
- Milford Times
- Novi News



For Home Delivery, call **866-887-2737**
hometownlife.com

Real Estate One

Michigan is more than our market...it's our home.

PURE MICHIGAN

COMMERCE
248.363.8300

MILFORD
248.684.1065



Absolutely Gorgeous Ranch!
*This lake view home features two bedrooms and one bath
*Brick paver walkway leads to charming covered front porch
*Large ceramic foyer, massive great room, granite kitchen with backsplash
*Master bedroom features crown molding, ceiling fan and amazing lake views
MLS 217063387 248.684.1065 \$269,000



Exquisite Home in Great Neighborhood!
*This beautiful four bedroom, three and half bathroom home is located on 2.26 acres
*Spacious dining room with crown molding, open kitchen with breakfast room
*First floor laundry with porcelain tile, cabinets and sink
*Stunning master suite
MLS 217040546 248.684.1065 \$525,000



Custom Built Home in Desirable Westacres!
*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
*Theatre room has an 8ft HD projection screen
*Oversized three car garage with direct access to the basement and outside
MLS 217042605 248.684.1065 \$595,000



Exquisite One of Kind Lake Sherwood Home!
*This lake front home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms with amazing views throughout
*Updated kitchen with delightful breakfast nook and barn wood accent wall
*First floor master suite with lakefront views, jetted tub and custom walk in shower
*Spacious finished basement with bedroom and plenty of room for entertaining
MLS 217052442 248.684.1065 \$734,900



Exquisite Custom Built Home!
*This five bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, is just minutes from downtown Northville
*Updated kitchen with granite counters and hard floor, double oven and two pantries
*This home features an Elevator that provides access to all three levels
*Professionally landscaped yard with composite deck, bridge walkway, gazebo and a salt water Assemany pool
MLS 217036450 248.684.1065 \$649,900



Gorgeous Cape Cod in Desirable Lake Oaks!
*This home features four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 1.86 acres
*Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, hardwood flooring and desk area
*Master bedroom has private deck, 2 walk in c
*Full finished basement with kitchenette, full bath, rec room and laundry
MLS 217055133 248.684.1065 \$569,000



Gorgeous Colonial on Over 1 Acre!
*This four bedroom, two and half bathroom Colonial, has a spacious backyard perfect for a pool
*Spacious kitchen with expansive island, granite counters and maple cabinets
*Master suite with sitting area, finished basement with plenty of space for entertaining
*Located just minutes from downtown Milford and Kensington Park
MLS 217024941 248.684.1065 \$450,000



Adorable Colonial in Desirable Subdivision!
*This home features three bedrooms two and half bathrooms
*Great floor plan, finished basement and beautiful landscaping
*Oversized lot, and stamped concrete patio in backyard
*Neighborhood features tennis courts, clubhouse and community pool
MLS 217057283 248.684.1065 \$249,900



Gorgeous Custom Built Colonial!
*This home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms located on a quiet cul de sac
*Beautiful gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and hardwood floors
*Great room equipped with temperature controlled wine cellar & cozy bar
*Full finished basement with kitchen, bedroom, full bath and living room
MLS 217057350 248.684.1065 \$549,900



Beautiful Brick Ranch on 5 Acres!
*This home features four bedrooms and three and half bathrooms and a three car garage
*Gourmet kitchen with double ovens, granite island and stainless steel appliances
*Spectacular master suite with two walk in closets and whirlpool tub
*Lower level includes, a large bedroom, full bathroom, exercise room and wet bar
MLS 217059849 248.684.1065 \$599,713



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
MLS 217047128 248.684.1065 \$369,000



Perfect Location!
*This condo features two bedrooms and one and half bath
*Private and secluded back deck allowing for great outdoor entertaining
*Generous size rooms, separated by Jack and Jill baths
*Best location for shopping, dining and convenience of many local freeways
MLS 217061801 248.684.1065 \$169,900

"Real Estate One and my agent exceeded my expectations throughout the whole process" TK

Home for Sale - In State

HURON TWP - Old World Charm
3 bdrm Cape Cod, covered front porch, open fir. plan, LR, Din Rm, Kitchen w/stove & fridge, huge master bdrm, bsmt w/washer & dryer. 2.5 car gar. C/AC \$129,000 Century 21 Castelli 734-523-7900

Lots/Acreage/ Farm Land for Sale

LAND SALE!
NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTY
Land for sale in the counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Wexford, Kalkaska and Antrim. Many properties are beautifully wooded, close to river or lakes, and located on a maintained road with electric. Some border 1000's of acres of state or national forest with direct access to recreation trails. All properties are surveyed and have cleared sites, ready to camp or build. RV's and storage buildings permitted, no "Mobile Homes" allowed. Starting at \$39,900, \$2,500 down \$350 per month @ 8%. 231-633-6449 greatlakesland.net

Real Estate Rentals

great place to live...

Apartments & Lofts

HARTLAND: 2BR Ranch Units Air, garage, no pets. Nice area! Starting at \$750 Call 734-497-0960.

Homes-Rent

Chocotah 3br 1ba ranch, 2 car gar. on 1 acre. \$1100+dep 517-404-6868

HAMBURG- 3BR, 2BA ranch, full bsmt, FP stove refrig, d/w, 2.5 car lake access. \$1500+ sec & ref. no cats. Call: 734-260-6360

We can sell it in CLASSIFIED!

The Classifieds

Your source for everything new and used in your local area.



Find your **KEY TO HAPPINESS** in the **OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC** classifieds

800-579-7355

