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Please leave empty, returnable (deposit) bottles and cans in a bag or box on the front porch or at the end of the driveway and a band member or other volunteer will come by to pick up the donation between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Donors can also drop off cans and bottles between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. the same day, at the main Novi High School parking lot on 10 Mile. Band boosters will be on hand to accept the donations.

In 2016, the marching band placed fourth in statewide competition Flight I.

Novi candidate forum

A candidate forum for Novi mayor and city council will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Flex Tech High School, 24245 Karim Boulevard. Moderator will be Dana Barry of WNIC-FM (100.3).

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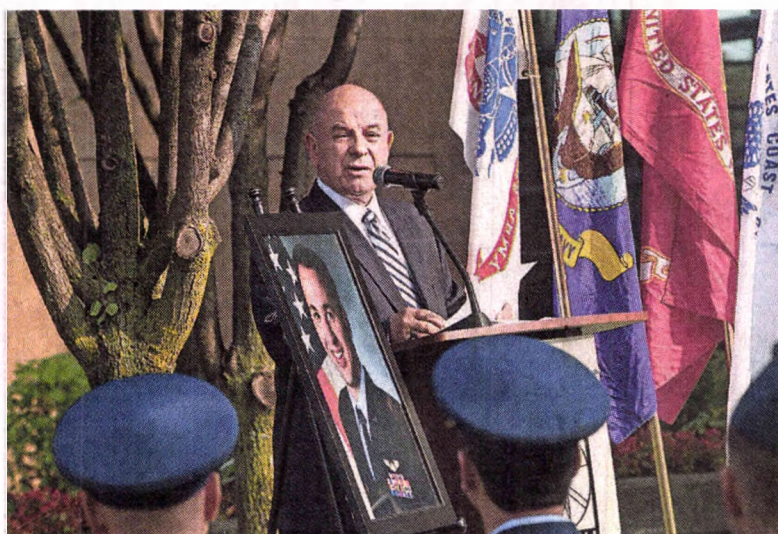
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'Laughter' gets his memorial



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt was one of the speakers. KELLY DOBSON

Novi native made ultimate sacrifice

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

When the 9/11 terrorist attacks took place, Andy Becker was just seven days into his senior year at Novi High School.

Less than a month later, he told his parents he knew what he wanted to do after he graduated. He would go to college for aeronautics, join the ROTC program and convince the U.S. Air Force to make him a pilot. He did it, he said, to defend our way of life against a new enemy.



Becker

It was a duty for which he would make the ultimate sacrifice. The evening of March 14, his plane crashed during a training mission in New Mexico, killing him and the two others on-board.

On Sept. 16, close to 200 Novi citizens gathered to pay tribute to Ma. Andrew Becker and unveil a memorial near the entrance to the Novi Civic Center in his memory.

Becker was born and raised in Novi and spent his high school

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Meet the newest U-M drum major



Drum major Kevin Zhang performs Sept. 9 with the University of Michigan marching band before the Wolverines' game against Cincinnati. Zhang, a 2014 Northville High School graduate, played trombone in the band for three years and was picked this year to lead the band on the field. SAMII STOLOFF

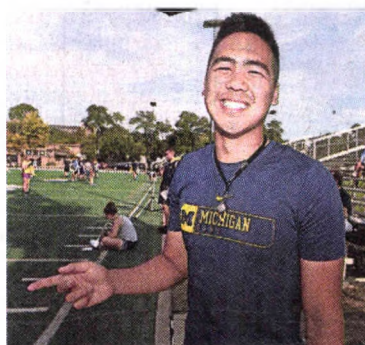
Northville High School graduate is 54th student to assume role

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Kevin Zhang's performance enthusiasm has taken him from the football field at Northville High School to the Big House — Michigan Stadium.

Zhang, a 2014 Northville graduate, is this season's drum major for the University of Michigan marching band, leading marchers through pregame and halftime shows at Wolverines football games and helping coach them during rehearsals.

A senior who played trombone in the band during his first three years at U-M, Zhang said it's an honor to take on a historic role — he's the 54th drum major — and continue a tradition that's bigger than any one band member.



University of Michigan marching band drum major Kevin Zhang hangs out at the school's Elbel Field before practice begins. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said recently. "Every member of this band works incredibly hard.

"I don't need to try and find any external motivation. We have a big privilege and duty to serve this band," he added.

Anyone who's seen a Wolverines pregame show knows the drum major's athleticism: There's the leap through the marchers' block 'M' formation; the back bend (Zhang's head touches the ground); the strut downfield as the band plays "The Victors"; and the twirling of the drum major's mace over the goalpost.

There's lot riding on that mace toss, superstition has it.

"If the drum major catches the mace, then the team will

"Being able to help serve the other 400 members of this band and being able to work for them," is a privilege, Zhang

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First look at development draws praise, criticism

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

A proposed high-density development called Villa D'Este, to be built on a 49-acre property east of Napier Road and north of Nine Mile, drew both criticism and praise Sept. 13 as citizens lined up to voice their comments to the Novi Planning Commission at a public hearing.

The development, proposed by Mark Guidobono of Cambridge Homes, calls for 53 single-family ranch houses and is targeted toward senior citizens who want to downsize but remain in Novi in a largely rural area. Eighteen acres of land to the north would be donated to the city as preserved woodlands.

Guidobono is seeking approval to build at a higher density than what the area is currently zoned (1.42 homes per acre instead of 0.8). Carmine Avantini, a consultant with CIB Planning, called the development "missing middle housing," a concept in which multi-family housing, such as townhouses, duplexes or apartments, is incorporated into pre-existing walkable neighborhoods. Guidobono's proposal calls for 53 single-family homes, spaced 15 feet apart and around 2,500 square feet each, with customization options such as a two- or three-car garage. They're projected to sell around \$700,000.

In a presentation to the planning commission, Guidobono described his proposal as "very special" with "a lot of benefits" compared to lower-density single-family housing. Since the houses will be closer together, 58 percent of the property will be considered "open space."

Homes will back up to the woods and be surrounded by landscaping, so that only the entrance is visible from the road.

"It's a very, very private setting that will preserve a lot of natural features — there's really nothing like this that I can see in Novi or even Oakland County," Guidobono said. "Where else could you go where you can look out your back door and feel like

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Lt. Col. David Erpelding of the U.S. Air Force shared the many accomplishments of Maj. Andy Becker during his career.



Shelly Becker, widow of Maj. Andy Becker. KELLY DOBSON

BECKER

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years in football, wrestling and musicals. After graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2007, he was deployed with the U.S. Air Force nine times, flying 459 combat missions and logging 2,260 combat hours in areas including Afghanistan and Iraq.

He served as mission commander for the last two deployments and received 22 air force service medals. At the time of his death, he was pursuing a master's degree in space study at American University.

At the dedication, Lt. Col. David Erpelding, 318th Special Operations

Squadron, recounted Becker's high standing among friends in the air force. "Andy loved to fly - and to answer our nation's call," he said. "He was a pilot everyone wanted to fly with. He perished doing what he loved." Performance

reviews identified him as a "vibrant officer with leadership that impacts all in the special ops command."

Becker's air force nickname was "Laughter" because he loved his life and laughed freely and his laughter was

contagious, said Novi Mayor Bob Gatt, who spoke at the ceremony. "When asked, Maj. Becker was always proud to say he was from Novi, Michigan," Gatt said. "We can always be proud to say he's one of us."

The new memorial at the civic center is a pair of copper-colored boots under a simple stone bench. Gary Becker, Andrew's father, said it serves as a reminder of the price of freedom.

"He gave his life for our very way of life," he said. "I hope it's a small reminder to always thank all those who are in service to our country - not just Andy - because we need to remember their sacrifice ... and we can honor that by the way we live."



It was a full house to honor U.S. Air Force Maj. Andy Becker.

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you're in northern Michigan, but still be close to family, shopping, the medical center?"

Eighteen people lined up to voice their comments and an additional 17 submitted letters or emails, with public sentiment split pretty much down the middle. Concerns included traffic, wear and tear on the area's chip-sealed dirt roads, affordability, density and adverse effects on wetlands and wildlife.

Linda Slanina, a long-time resident who lives on Nine Mile, found out about the project that day. "Most of the houses around here are on one- to 10-acre parcels," she said. "From Garfield to Beck, there are probably not more than 53 homes in the whole distance. It'll mean a big change in density." Plus, she questioned, does an empty-nester really want a four- to five-bedroom house?

Jim Willis, a real estate agent in downtown North-

ville, said the demand is there and the price is right for empty-nesters who love Novi and want to stay in the area. "Every day, we hear the same story: 'Where can I go?'" he said.

Multiple other supporters agreed they were thinking of moving to Villa D'Este themselves. One speaker, who owns the property at 49289 W. Nine Mile, called the development "one of the best projects I've ever seen" and "desperately needed" in the city of Novi.

Property values in the surrounding area would increase, he said - and the site is bound to be developed sooner or later. Ron Valenti, another Nine Mile resident, said he liked the "intentional and purposeful preservation" of surrounding wetlands. He noted that traffic would be lighter in comparison with a traditional single-family development and called the overall appearance "a natural fit for the area."

Local resident Sarah Tedesco disagreed; she felt that a gated communi-

ty at that site would be "inappropriate" and would ruin the area's scenic beauty. One of her neighbors was concerned about increased traffic ruining Garfield Road. "It's going to become almost unbearable: potholes, dust," she said.

After the hearing, commission member Mark Pehrson requested to see an overlay of 53 homes as opposed to 30, the number slated for a previous, more traditional proposal at that site (by a different developer) that fell through prior to Guidobono acquiring the property. He also wanted more information on the "constant comments" that the city often hears about with this type of project.

"I'm not foolish enough to say it won't have some impact," he said.

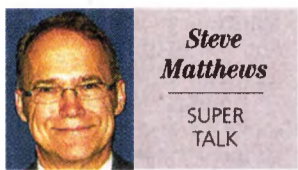
A decision on rezoning was postponed until Oct. 11 because of an inaccuracy in the site description and to give city staff time to review the plans. The October meeting will include a second hearing, at which time members of the public can voice their comments.



Villa D'Este, to be built on a 49-acre property east of Napier Road and north of Nine Mile, calls for 53 single-family ranch houses.

Parent 'book clubs' a chance to share reading successes

Reading has always been a big part of my family culture. From an early age, I was taken to the community public library and encouraged to find books. My parents, particularly my mother, always found time to read to my sister and me. My father would sit with the family as my mother read. I often sat next to him as my mother would read, enjoying both the story and the company of my parents. As I grew, I often found my father reading. It began to dawn on me that my father was a particularly avid reader.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

At first, all I remember him reading were Louis L'Amour western books. He loved those books. But as I paid more attention, I began to see that he often read books about raising children. He was a teacher, so it made sense to me that he would try to learn about the students with whom he was working. One day, I asked him why he read books about raising children.

He told me that he knew parents were counting on him to be good for their children. He went on to say that he did not have all the answers, so he read books to keep learning. My father has rubbed off on me. I, too, find it invaluable to read books. I read for fun, enjoying a good story as much as the next person. But I also read books about raising children. Over the past couple of years, I have invited parents and community members in Novi to join me in reading some of these incredibly

insightful books. This year will be no different. On Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27, at the Novi Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m., I will host parent-to-parent book discussions. These "book clubs" offer a chance for parents in our community to take some time to think about and reflect on the children in our homes and in our community. Reading and reflecting together gives us an opportunity to share our successes and failures as parents and community leaders and provides us with an oppor-

tunity to strengthen our skills as parents and community leaders in service to the children in our community. I have selected three books that give some perspective on parenting and helping our children navigate the world we live in. » Sept. 25: "Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World" » Oct. 30: "Becoming Brilliant: What Science Tells Us About Raising Successful Children" » Nov. 27: "Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World"

The books are available at the Novi Public Library for anyone who signs up to participate. To participate, go to the library, get a book, start reading and then join us. I would encourage you to join me in our parent-to-parent book discussions. We will have fun and, hopefully, we will learn together how to better serve and support the students in our community.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at steven.matthews@novik12.org.

Downtown Northville gets a new salon

Melissa Sullivan announced the opening of her new salon, Parlour 7, in downtown Northville. The new business, 540 S. Main, opened earlier this summer. The salon occupies space in the plaza at Seven Mile and Main Street. The salon offers a family friendly environment with what she says is a "fresh and inviting" atmosphere, which she created with her eye for design. Parlour 7 offers a variety of client services for men, women and children — consultations, full-color services, cuts, makeup application and connecting clients with personalized hair care, to name a few. Customized bookings for special events, occasions and weddings both on and off-site are available. Recent years of residential growth in the Northville area have "created the demand for a fashionable salon catering to families while offering an individualized service," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has lived in Northville the last 17 years with her husband Erik and their daughter Mattison. Prior to opening Parlour 7 Salon, she owned and operated a boutique-style salon in Northville for eight years. Her 17 years of experience has taken Sullivan on "many rewarding paths," she said. She obtained her instructor's license, works to inspire stylists with varying levels of experience and has been a successful business owner. "I wanted a space I could grow in, a place to continue to care for my loyal clients and future clients to come," Sullivan said. "The location and timing came together perfectly, allowing us to become one of the largest salons in the downtown Northville area." Sullivan said she wanted to personally design the space, with her vision of an industrial chic warehouse, mixing modern and raw elements with classic and glam

decor. She's currently looking to add to her professional team, seeking "fresh, eager talent looking to start their career or seasoned stylists looking for a new home," she said. "My goals for my salon are to provide a place where the clients are comfortable enough to be themselves, where the stylists can create a custom look that compliments the client's identity and to build last relationships with our clients," Sullivan said. "Our belief is that people will come to Parlour 7 to feel whole and be part of our family. People go to salons to look a certain way. At Parlour 7, we know you, we get you." Parlour 7 is open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment or walk-in. Clients can book an appointment by phone at 248-449-6677, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parlour7/ or on the salon's website at www.parloursevensalon.com.



Parlour 7 Salon owner Melissa Sullivan got some help cutting the ribbon from Northville Mayor Ken Roth, her daughter Mattison (left) and husband Erik (right). PARLOUR 7

Woman claims over \$50,000 missing from safety deposit box

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

A 79-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman filed a police report Aug. 21 over \$50,000 in cash and jewelry missing from a safety deposit box at a Comerica Bank branch in Birmingham. Bank officials, however, say the report is inaccurate. The woman told Birmingham police when she initially tried to open the box, she discovered the keys no longer worked and the lock appeared to have

been changed. She discovered the theft when a technician opened the lock. She also told police it was the first time she opened the box in the past six months. A bank manager at the Comerica branch at 188 N. Old Woodward said Friday the locks were never changed on the safety deposit boxes, nor does the bank keep a locksmith on the premises. The manager also stated the bank does not have access to the boxes without the customer being present in the room.

As for the reported missing items, bank officials say they aren't in a position to verify the claim. For privacy reasons, there are no cameras in the room where the safety deposit boxes are kept. "We don't inventory boxes so we don't know what's in them," the manager said. Police say they're investigating the case and planning to interview bank employees.

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Novi tops all state schools with 39 National Merit semifinalists

The Novi Community School District has established a new single-year record for the most National Merit Scholarship semifinalists in the history of Novi High School.

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. released the names of 39 Novi High seniors who were named 2018 National Merit semifinalists.

These Novi seniors earned semifinalist status: Arun S. Annamalai, Mihir R. Bhadange, Subarna Bhattacharya, Lindsey Boivin, Deeya Chaturvedi, Robert E. Chen, Aditya Chitta, Shaily J. Fozdar, Mehak Gulati, Zijin Huang, Jyotsna Joshi, Selinah Y. Liang, Audrey L. Ling, Joseph

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"When I got word that it was 39 students, I almost fell out of my chair," Novi High School Principal Nicole Carter said. "It's a testament to

their hard work and commitment and diligence over the years. These kids have obviously challenged themselves in such a way to outperform thousands of kids across this country. It speaks volumes to who they are and what they stand for, and how much time and energy and effort that they have put into their academics."

In the last six years, 146 Novi High seniors have been named semifinalists, an average of 24.3 per year. Nineteen Novi seniors were 2017 semifinalists.

Novi's semifinalists were recognized Sept. 20 by school and district administrators during a

daytime reception at the high school.

This year, the NMSC named 554 semifinalists from 140 Michigan high schools. Not one school – public or private – topped Novi's impressive number, which represents 7 percent of all in-state semifinalists.

"The level of support and engagement of their parents, as well as the support of our school board and the community at-large, there is no doubt that in the Novi community education is our first priority," Carter said.

"We put our money where our mouth is in regards to funding programming that is supportive of students who

welcome the challenge of rigorous course work ... and these students just get after it."

Rounding out Michigan's top five high schools (based on total number of 2018 semifinalists) are Troy (34), Bloomfield Hills International Academy (33), Northville (31) and Ann Arbor Huron (28).

The seniors will continue to compete for approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be awarded next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist

level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit scholarship.

The National Merit Scholarship program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as an initial screening of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

First Presbyterian of Northville wins 'the cup'



Members of First Presbyterian Church of Northville were awarded Sept. 10 "the cup," a traveling trophy among area churches for winning a euchre tournament that benefits Gleaners Community Food Bank. In addition to First Presbyterian, competitors included Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, St. James Catholic Church of Novi, Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia. Each church hosts the competition once each year. First Presbyterian made a \$400 donation this year. Last year, St. James put its name on the traveling trophy and donated a total of \$144. The third year of competition kicks off Sunday, Sept. 24. Each month, another of the participating churches will host the competition. Everybody is welcome in any of these churches.

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Fall Storytime

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Details: Stories, music and creative activities. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Only registered children may attend.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

When: Month of September

Details: Get back to school with "The Smart Card" – your very own free library card. Kids who live in Northville and are old enough to sign their own name are invited to sign up for a library card during September and receive a fun gift bag!

Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

When: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23

Details: Join us for stories, music and wiggles about bookies. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. No registration necessary.

Detroit Public Library: An American Classic

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26

Details: Authors Barbara Madgy Cohn and Patrice Rafail Merritt show photographs from their book, which unites the interests of history buffs, art enthusiasts and library lovers in this tribute to one of the city's most impressive structures. Register online or

by phone at 248-349-3020.

LEGO Day!

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized Pokemon themed LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Register online. Limit 30.

College Planning 101

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27

Details: Parents and high school teens can get their biggest questions about college planning and funding answered in this informative session by Equivest Financial Advisors. Don't pay a penny more for college than absolutely necessary. Registration recommended.

App Café: Download It!

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30

Details: Bring your tablet or smart phone, and enjoy coffee and snacks while we share the library's best downloading apps: Libby (Overdrive - Download Destination), RBDigital Magazines (formerly Zinio) and Freegal music. Our digital services librarian will be on hand to answer questions. Register.

Runestad presents flag to family of fallen Milford sailor



State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, welcomed the family of Petty Officer Kenneth Aaron Smith to the House floor Sept. 13. Smith was an electronics technician, 3rd class, aboard the USS John S. McCain when the guided-missile destroyer was involved in a collision with an oil tanker east of Singapore last month. Smith was among the 10 sailors who lost their lives. Runestad was joined by Smith's grandmother, mother and brother on the House floor and presented the family with a flag recognizing his service to our country.

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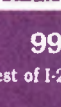
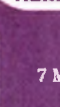
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win the game, and if they don't, the team will lose," Zhang said. (No statistics, to his knowledge, on if there's any real correlation.)

Zhang made his public drum-major debut Sept. 2 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, before the Wolverines' game against the University of Florida.

"Surprisingly, not too nervous. Obviously, there were a few butterflies going on before the game," he said. "It was a lot of fun. They had my back bend on that huge screen."

On Sept. 9, he made his home debut before the game against Cincinnati. "It was a blast. It was very exciting," he said. (The Wolverines won both of those first two games.)

A home game means a long day for the band, as all 400-some members gather for rehearsal at about 7 a.m. and practice for several hours, breaking for lunch, before playing and marching from the band's home base, Revelli Hall, to the stadium to get fans charged up.

"A lot of people are walking with us, a lot of people are sort of lining the street watching us," Zhang said.

At the stadium, the pregame show includes about 235 band members and the halftime show, depending on the choreography, up to about 270; there's a postgame concert, too, with all band members.

In addition to game-day rehearsals, the band typically practices for 90 minutes each weekday and the various instru-



Northville High School graduate Kevin Zhang begins the classic back bend that University of Michigan drum majors traditionally complete during pregame shows. A senior, Zhang became the band's 54th drum major this season.

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ment sections also rehearse separately a couple of times a week. The band is directed by John Pasquale, chairman of

U-M's conducting department, but Zhang helps lead rehearsals.

Zhang's band career is following the same pat-

tern at Michigan as it did at Northville, where he also played trombone for three years and then was the drum major as a

senior. He was also on the Mustangs boys swim team, president of his class and vice president of the National Honor

Society chapter. His parents still live in Northville Township.

"Always a high achiever and a very hard worker. An excellent student leader," said Mike Rumbell, the Northville marching band director. "It is so great to see him have such great success at Michigan."

As a Michigan graduate himself who was also in the marching band, Rumbell said, he knows what it takes to make it there.

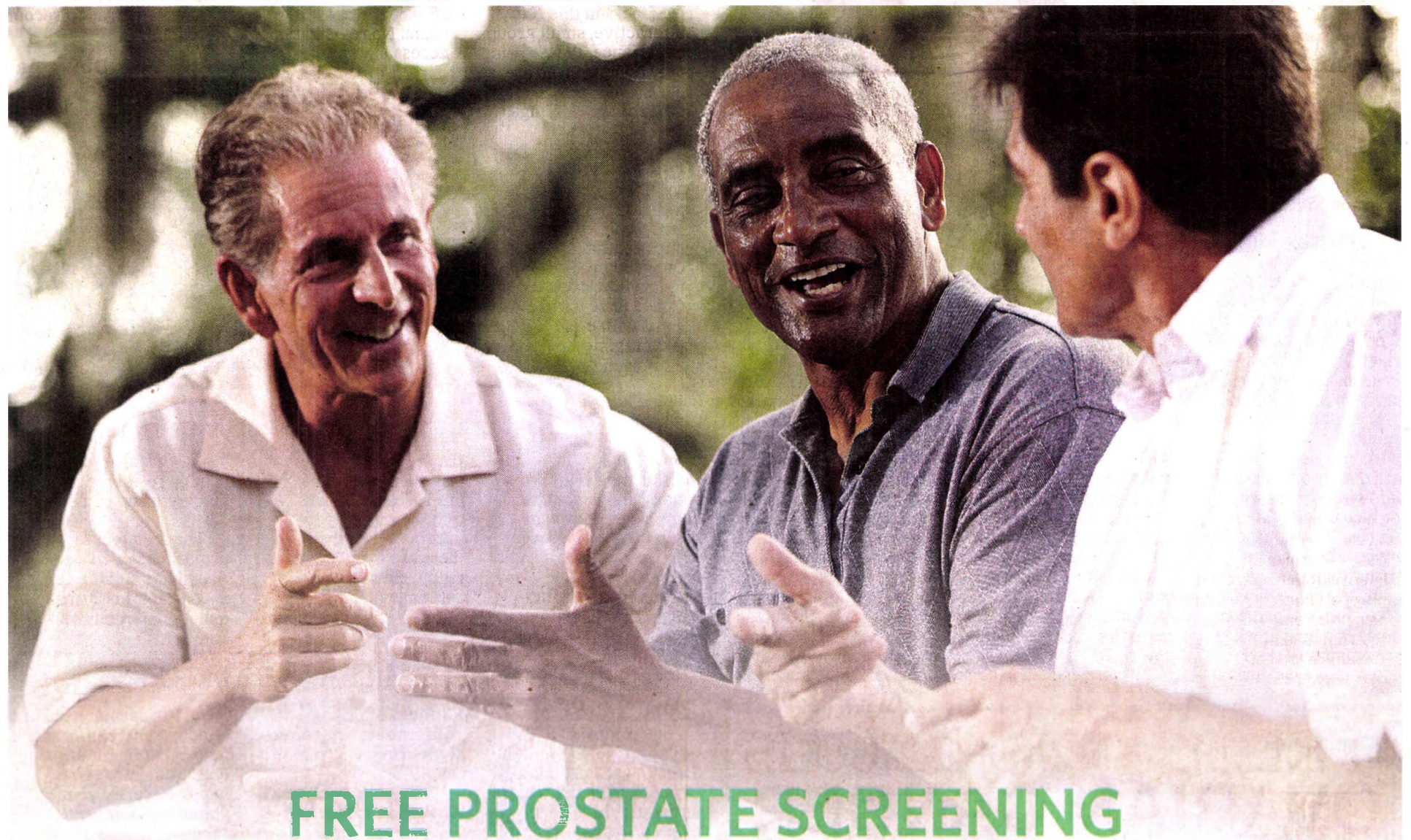
Although he's performing "on a completely different level now," band in high school was "definitely a lot of fun," Zhang said. A few of his fellow Mustangs are now bandmates at Michigan.

"It was an awesome experience," he said. "I loved band in high school and that was the big reason I did it in college." He's planning to return to Northville for the homecoming game against Plymouth later this month.

Zhang is a senior in U-M's Ross School of Business and already has a job lined up for next year with a management consulting firm in Chicago. He enjoys running — he ran the Detroit Free Press Marathon, his first marathon, last year — photography and cooking, is a member of the band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi and the co-director of the student group Do Random Acts of Kindness, or DoRAK. (Group members offer students hugs and maybe free bagels before that big chemistry exam, plus do community service in the Ann Arbor area.)

Zhang's father Hongyan is a professor at another university and his mother Qun is a mechanical engineer. He has an older sister, Jackie.

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Protecting your identity is your own responsibility

It seems over the last few weeks, we've been hit with one disaster after another. First, it was Hurricane Harvey in Houston, then Hurricane Irma in Florida and now, the latest disaster, the massive data breach at Equifax. When Mother Nature strikes, there is very little that we can do to protect ourselves. That's not necessarily the case when the disaster is man-made. I don't mean to suggest that you can 100-percent protect yourself from identity theft, because you can't. There are steps you can take that will make it more difficult for someone to steal your identity and to lessen the effect.

Unfortunately, data breaches are no longer rare, but rather, the norm. The year 2016 was a record one for identity thefts and 2017 will be



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

another record-breaking year. According to a report, for the first half of 2017, identity thefts were up 29 percent from the same period last year. Through August this year, there have been 975 reported data breaches, which have affected tens of millions of people — and that is before the Equifax data breach that affected more than 140 million people. When you look at the numbers, it is startling: there have been over three data breaches per day this year. The bottom line — we have a major problem and it's not going away anytime soon.

I don't know why the government or corporate America cannot solve the problem. It is obvious that either they can't or won't. Either way, you and I must accept the reality that we are the last line of defense and that there are steps that we must take to protect ourselves. Here are some of my recommendations of things that you should do. They are not 100-percent effective, but they will help prevent you from being victimized.

It is about time for you to be smart about your passwords. You can't use the same password on all your accounts and you can't make your passwords so obvious that they are easy to figure out. In 2016, the most popular password was 123456. Passwords like this are

easy for the crooks to crack. You must have passwords that contain numbers and characters and that are difficult to breach. In addition, you must regularly and routinely change your passwords.

It is important to protect your sensitive information. Just because someone asks you for your Social Security number doesn't mean you must give it. When someone asks for my Social Security number, my immediate answer is no. I will only give it if they give me a good reason they need it. This doesn't make me very popular at places like doctor's offices, but I don't care and neither should you. Protecting your identity is serious and you need to recognize that.

Many places now

offer a two-step verification process where, in order to log in to your account, you must enter a code that was sent to you either by cellphone or email. I recommend that you sign up for these services. Yes, it does make logging in a little more of a hassle. But what it also does is make it much more difficult for the crooks. It's worth a little bit of a hassle to keep the crooks away.

It's important you monitor all your financial accounts for fraud. If your bank or credit card issuer offers text or email alerts, take advantage of them. The sooner you can identify a fraudulent use of your credit card, the better.

Lastly — and it does deserve repeating — do not transact business over unsecured Wi-Fi. When you use an un-

secured Wi-Fi, you're giving the thieves and lowlifes an invitation into your computer.

I recognize that the steps I have mentioned are not going to make your life easier and, in fact, they'll make things a little more difficult. I can assure you that it is not as difficult as what you have to go through if your identity is stolen. The reality of the situation is we have to protect ourselves. If you turn a blind eye to identity theft and data breaches, you do so at your own peril.

Good luck!

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\$25 million project underway at Fox Run

Construction is underway on a \$25 million project that will create Edison Place, a new 96-unit residence building at Fox Run, which is managed by Erickson Living. It is scheduled to open in late summer 2018.

The building pays homage to the Boston-Edison Historic District, an instantly recognizable address in the heart of Detroit, containing more than 900 homes. Most homes were constructed between 1905 and 1925 and range in size from modest two-story vernaculars to impressive mansions. Early residents of Boston-Edison included Henry Ford, James Couzens, Horace Rackham, Sebastian Kresge and Joe Louis.

Edison Place will have a unique U-shaped design. The courtyard will face some of the most beautiful wetlands on Fox Run's campus, while the northern views will face the gorgeous wooded area that is now walking trails.

The building will have a combination of one-bedroom, one-bedroom with den, two-bedroom and two-bedroom with den apartments. There will be a 1,000-square-foot lounge with a wet bar. Reservations have already begun.

Fox Run's expansion comes at a time at when the community marked 78 new move-ins during



Edison Place at Fox Run, a new 96-unit residence building, will open in late summer 2018.

the first half of this year and when the demand for Erickson Living's vibrant lifestyle is at an all-time high, according to sales director Allison Murphy. The incoming residents came from across the Detroit area. There are more than 1,100 people now residing at Fox Run.

"We are excited to be

able to offer Erickson Living's vibrant lifestyle to more people than ever before," Murphy said. "The number of baby boomers who are aging is leading to explosive sales."

This year is projected to be a hot year for home sales nationwide. An increase in home buyers

has resulted from millennials turning away from renting and being at a point where they can begin to buy. Moreover, home prices have steadily risen in the past 12 months and are anticipated to continue to rise.

Consequently, home prices are now at near pre-recession marks.

"The economy has improved greatly, so there are many buyers ready and not enough homes available," Murphy said. "We have actu-

ally seen houses by incoming residents sell quickly, some in just one day."

The architect for this project is Lantz-Boggio Architects and the general contractor is Brinkmann Constructors.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millrace-northville.org for details.

Upcoming events
Buildings open to the public: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 15.
Grounds closed for wedding: 3:15-5:15 p.m. Sept. 21; 12:15-2:15 p.m. Sept. 22; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 23; 2:15-4:15 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sept. 30.
Heritage Festival activities: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Duck Race at 3:30 p.m.

Cemetery Walk: 2-5 p.m. Oct. 8. Rural Hill Cemetery. Tickets available now at Mill Race Village office and store and at Knightsbridge

Antiques Mall. **Members only annual meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

Children's Christmas Workshop Tickets on Sale: 6 p.m. Northville Historical Society members only, 6:30 p.m. non-members. Nov. 3, 218 W. Dunlap Street.

Christmas in the Village: noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 19. Free to the public. Donations accepted.

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Dec. 2.
German Christmas Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Pre-ticketed event. Tickets available at Mill Race Village office and store.

General info

Website: www.millrace-northville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas.

We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

Donations: Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.
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Ophthalmologist leads mission trip to Kenya

Diane K. Bert
Correspondent

This is the ninth year that well-respected Birmingham ophthalmologist Dr. Tim Page has traveled to Kenya with a Kenya Relief medical mission team and the eighth year that he has led the team of physicians, nurses and other volunteers.

This year, four high school senior boys joined the team. They each hope to become a physician.

The journey involved two eight-hour flights, one to Amsterdam and one to Nairobi, Kenya. In addition to their personal items, they carried \$250,000 worth of medical supplies donated by Bausch and Lomb and Alcon.

Upon arrival, they learned that there was civil unrest due to elections being held. This necessitated the use of unpaved roads that avoided cities and were full of potholes.

Timmy Page, 17, son of Dr. Page, was one of the team members. "There were no paved roads," he said. "We had many potholes and detours."

Charlie Carter welcomed the opportunity to travel to Africa and participate in a medical activity. There are no doctors in his family.

"There were no stop lights and no traffic on the roads," Carter said.

"This mission service trip and being with Timmy and his dad were important to me," said another of the teens, Brendan Flynn.

News of the team of eye specialists coming had spread far and wide through announcements on the radio and among



Birmingham-area volunteers traveled to Kenya in August to work on the Kenya Relief team, led by Dr. Tim Page. They provided surgery and treatment for residents of Kenya, many of whom walked 60 miles to get to the clinic.



The mother of a child severely injured by a fall head-first into boiling water presented Dr. Tim Page with a very special gift, a chicken. This represented a significant expense and a very valuable expression of her gratitude for the treatment he provided.

churches. Almost all the patients were blind and had family members accompany them. Many

walked 60 miles or more. The team of volunteers included optometrist Dr. Joseph Ales,

primary care physicians Dr. Joe Skoney and Dr. Justin Skrzynski and ophthalmologists Dr. Kevin Everett, Dr. Evan Black, Dr. Luisa DiLorenzo, Dr. Lisa Ngyuen, Dr. Tim Page, Dr. Jade Price, Dr. Laura Lombardini and Dr. Dustin Wasylik. Dr. Kathryn Winkler, of Fellow Oculoplastics, also accompanied them. Tim Breger, MDA, handled anesthesia.

Nurses and technicians also played important roles. They included Brenda Favero, Laneise Deering, Eleanor Beger, Lori Ruzza and Lori Becker.

Timmy, Charlie and Brendan are all seniors at Brother Rice. Connor Everett, 17, a senior at Seaholm, joined them. Their role at the clinic

was to prepare patients for surgery with eye drops and to shuffle them to and from the operating room efficiently so the three doctors could use their time well.

"We determined the flow by how fast the doctors could move," Charlie said.

Karen Sucher and Kim Deering also helped.

"Their role was pivotal. All of the patients are blind. When they come in, they need guidance. The team did an outstanding job of managing the flow of patients. We did 120 cataract surgeries in three days and other eye surgeries, also," Dr. Page said.

"This experience made us aware of how lucky we are," Timmy said. "Being able to

watch surgeries in person was a surreal experience. It was really cool. It definitely helped with my career choice."

The team will always remember meeting Dennis, 3½. Dr. Page had treated him last September and now he is ready for additional surgery to help with the consequences of his fall head-first into boiling water. Dennis had traveled 300 miles from Tanzania. He had an infection in his skull, a bulging eye and cellulitis. He now needed neurosurgery.

Dr. Page worked with Kenya Relief to establish fundraising and, within a week, it raised about \$5,000 to send him to a hospital in Kenya, where he can receive the treatment he needs.

To show their gratitude to Dr. Page, Dennis's mother presented him with a very fine gift, a live chicken. To put this in perspective, a Kenyan family might consume one chicken a year, Christmas Day. This was a significant present. Dr. Page expressed his gratitude and surreptitiously gave it to another family.

Dr. Page said 23 people "volunteered to make this strenuous trip."

"It was quite an emotional experience," he said. "Our team was brave. It was not easy. We work with shocking, sad, desperate people and it is uplifting and makes our spirits rise and soar to help them and to see their joy."

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Heavier precipitation during the summer months points to an earlier-than-usual peak season. DETROIT FREE PRESS

Fall colors look to peak earlier, longer statewide

Elissa Robinson
Detroit Free Press

Put away the bathing suits and sparkling lemonade.

Millions of Michiganders are eager for the cool breezes of fall, long sleeves and that pumpkin spice latte. But more than anything, it's the changing of the leaves that really makes Michigan's fall feel special.

And while it feels a little early to be talking about fall colors, heavier precipitation during the summer months points to an earlier-than-usual peak season.

"Other than the Pacific Northwest, we are expecting warmer-than-average fall temperatures during the September through

November time period. These warmer temperatures are expected to prolong the color season," said data scientist Wes Melton, creator of an interactive map, SmokyMountains.com.

Here is a look at the biggest weeks to capture the best of Michigan's fall colors:

» By early September, parts of the Upper Peninsula will be seeing near peak conditions. Meanwhile, the northern Lower Peninsula will see some partial color.

» If you're planning a trip to the U.P., the week of Sept. 17 may be the best time. Fall foliage will be at its peak from Copper Harbor and Marquette to Munising and Sault Ste. Marie.

» The northern tip of

Michigan and the lower southwest portion of the U.P. will see peak colors during the week of Sept. 24. Meanwhile, most of the Lower Peninsula will be brightening up, with near peak colors showing.

» If the scenery of the M-22 highway is in your fall plans, the week starting Oct. 1 could be the perfect time to go. During this week, the Lower Peninsula, all the way up to about Frankfort, will be lit up with the most beautiful colors the Mitten State has to offer. North of Frankfort, we'll be past the fall's peak colors.

» By Oct. 8, the entire state will be past its peak foliage.

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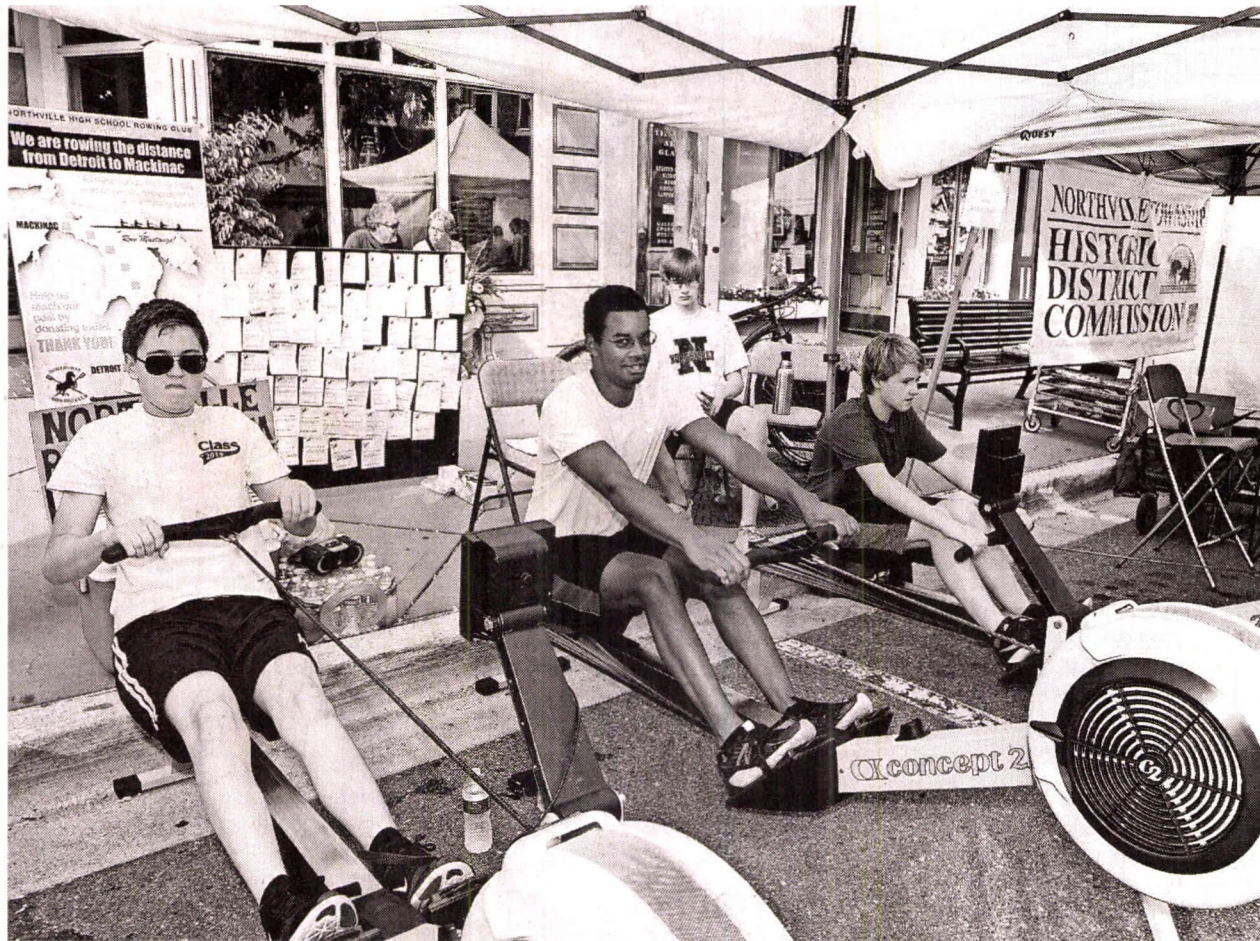
A stilt walker and a juggler roamed the streets, community groups raised money for various causes, old-school baseball was played at Ford Field and thousands of people visited downtown Northville during the Heritage Festival last weekend.

The festival, which was Friday through Sunday, was a celebration of Northville's roots in the 1800s and a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of its incorporation as a village in 1867. The Victorian Parade — marchers dress in Victorian-era garb — kicked off the festival Friday

and the Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club, which plays using 1860s rules, took to Ford Field both Saturday and Sunday.

Other highlights included the Victorian Saloon beer tent Friday and Saturday evenings, the Kiwanis pancake breakfast Saturday, horse-drawn carriage rides Saturday and Sunday and Saturday's performance by the Dodworth Saxhorn band, which uses 19th century instruments and recreates the brass band concerts of the era.

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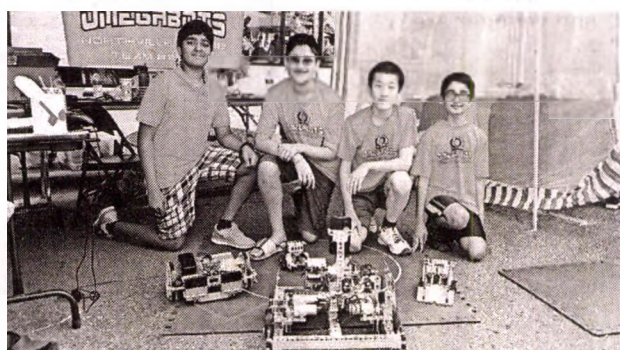
Northville High School's rowing team members Aidan Brazil, Brett Somerville and Seth Sharples take part in their fundraiser that had their team of 53 members rowing 400 miles over the course of the three-day Heritage Festival. TOM BEAUDOIN



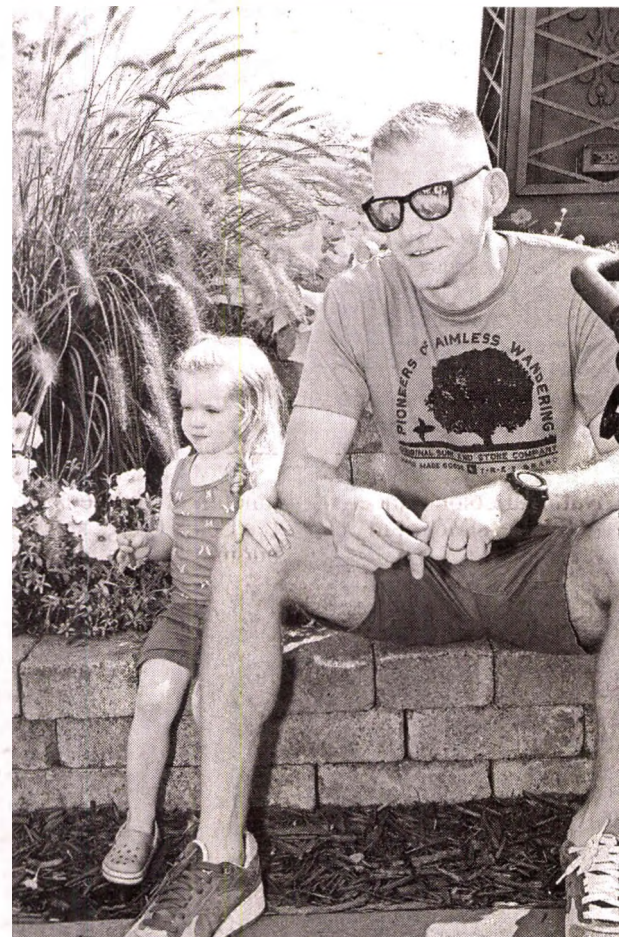
The Tiseo family from Northville get a photo taken with Joe, the High-Five Guy. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville Lions Club members Jim Williams and Debra and Don Beard host the Project KidSight booth, where children's eyesight was checked in order to make families aware of any problems that might exist. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville's Meads Mill and Hillside middle school students Joshua Chacko, Eeshan Khandelwal, Andrew Xiong and Rahul Dalvj were part of the annual Heritage Festival as they let people have a hands-on experience with the robots they've created. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville resident Pat Redman enjoys the beautiful weather and some licorice with his daughter, 2-year old Reese. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville Masonic Lodge member Matt Jorgensen cooks up delicious food during the annual Heritage Festival in downtown Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN

Cancer survivor found her calling after misdiagnosis

Sharon Dargay
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Jessica Dilts-Cash is an open book when it comes to her health. "It's important, because I want people to know you have to be an advocate for your own body. I think as young people, we all think we're invincible. We're healthy, getting married, we don't have time for disease," said Dilts-Cash, 34, of the New Hudson, who was diagnosed with rectal cancer two years ago. "We think, 'That's just a little pain,' but that's not always the case. Listen to your body."

If something doesn't feel right, if symptoms don't subside, keep questioning and pressing for answers, she advises.

"Don't be like me: 'She's the doctor and she gave me the clear, I'm good to go,'" she said, recalling a misdiagnosis she received in 2014. "I think prior to this, I had doctors on pedestals. At the end of the day, they are human and humans make mistakes."

Dilts-Cash has become an advocate for colorectal cancer research, prevention and awareness since a colonoscopy in 2015 confirmed she had stage IV rectal cancer. As ambassadors for Fight Colorectal Cancer, she and her husband, Aaron Cash, were part of an awareness campaign that included showing their images on a large advertising billboard in Times Square during National Colon Cancer Awareness Month in March.



Jessica Dilts-Cash receives chemotherapy at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Farmington Hills. Her husband, Aaron Cash, is at her side. PATRICIA ELLIS

She'll accompany an organization called Colon Club next year to Washington, D.C., to speak with congressional members. She wants to make it easier for persons under age 50 to get colonoscopies paid for by their insurance companies.

Dilts-Cash also wants to decorate South Lyon for National Colon Cancer Awareness Month next year.

"I want to see if we can decorate trees in blue lights and I thought it would be cool to ask different restaurants to have blue light specials and give a certain amount of proceeds to the Colon Club," she said, adding that she plans to

meet with a few members of the community this month.

Annual run/walk

She'll speak at the upcoming Detroit Undy Run/Walk, raising funds for Colon Cancer Alliance, Saturday, Sept. 23, in downtown Detroit. She'll also participate in the run.

Starting time is 9 a.m. at Rivard Plaza, 1340 Atwater. The event includes a 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. and a one-mile fun run at 9:10 a.m. Registration fees for the 5K are \$40 for ages 14 and older and \$35 for ages 6-13. The fun run, open to all ages, costs \$35 for ages 6 and up. Runners 5 and younger are free.

Each participant will receive a pair of boxer shorts. Survivors also will get a T-shirt and medal.

"I found a calling when I was first diagnosed. I like to talk to people and get the word out there," she said. "It used to be an old man's disease. Now it's becoming a huge problem in the population under 50."

According to a study by the American Cancer Society published earlier this year in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, persons younger than 55 are 58 percent

more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage colorectal cancer than older persons.

Researchers said the incident rate for rectal cancer increased 3 percent per year from 1974 through 2013 for adults ages 20-29 and from 1980 through 2013 for adults ages 30-39. The rates increased by 2 percent per year from the 1990s through 2013 for adults ages 40-54. Those born in 1990 have double the risk of colon cancer and four times the risk of rectal cancer than people born in 1950.

Wrong diagnosis

Dilts-Cash was preparing to run her first half-marathon when a doctor told her she didn't need a colonoscopy because she was young, had no family history of rectal cancer and felt healthy, despite finding blood in her stools. She said the doctor attributed the bleeding to her preparation for the run.

A year later, after symptoms worsened, a colonoscopy and other tests confirmed she had stage IV rectal cancer, with cancer cells also in her liver and lungs. She sought a second opinion from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas and now is a patient of Phillip Phillip, M.D., at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Farmington Hills.

Dilts-Cash, who works as a pharmaceutical company sales specialist, finished 12 rounds of chemotherapy and is now on maintenance doses.

"The doctors can't believe how well I'm doing. I still work out every day I don't have chemotherapy," she said. "I want people to know that, yes, cancer is scary, it's hard, but it doesn't have to be. When I heard stage IV, I thought I'd die tomorrow. It doesn't have to be like that. I try to live like anyone who has a chronic disease."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn about Novi candidates

The Novi Mayor and Novi City Council make decisions regarding our roads, water, building codes, zoning, police, fire department, waste removal, bike paths, parks, trees and taxes. They are the ones who decide what can be built next to your subdivision. They decide which businesses can be exempt from property taxes for many years while the remaining businesses and residents make up the difference. Their decisions affect both our pocket books and our quality of life. We should do our best to try to assess the qualities of candidates for these offices and their positions on local issues as they seek to serve us.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7-8:30 p.m., a candidate forum for Novi Mayor and City Council will take place at Flex Tech High School, 24245 Karim Blvd. (off Haggerty, north of 10 Mile). The moderator of the Candidate Forum will be Lisa Barry of WNIC radio.

Please join us at Flex Tech High School on this important evening and listen and ask questions. Then in the city election on Nov. 7, you will be able to cast a much more informed ballot for the offices of Mayor and City Council.

John A. Kuenzel
Echo Valley Civic Association president

SAHS Barn Dance thanks

The Salem Area Historical Society (SAHS) sends out thank yous with regards to our recently successful Barn Dance on Sept. 8. It was a

great family event to kick off the fall season in Salem. Those who attended spanned in ages from grade school, high school, to senior citizens.

A big thank you goes to the Three Cedars Farm staff for generously donating their facility and their time for the Barn Dance. Their barn is an excellent fit for our event. Another thank you goes to the Picks & Sticks Stringband for their great playing and to their dance caller, who did a great job in getting everyone involved and dancing. More thank yous go to our major sponsors of the Barn Dance; Salem Tool on Salem Road, Alumetec Industries on Salem Road, AA Anchor Bolt on Salem Road, Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar on Gotfredson Road, All-American Storage on Six Mile Road, Gardner-Westcott on Six Mile Road and Three Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road. We encourage all in the area to support our sponsors whenever possible.

The last thank you goes to all of the people who attended. Your participation, enthusiasm and conduct made this a super family event. Thank you, all!

Sincerely,

Terry Cwik
Salem Area Historical Society president

Read this book


I recommend all readers, thinkers, citizens who vote with reasonable minds not with the gut to read the latest book by best-selling author Kurt Andersen titled "Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire." Andersen writes in

plain and meaningful prose about how and offers a why we Americans are living in these chaotic, fearful, unbelievable times in 2017. He traces the beginning 500 years ago when people were looking for gold, seeking freedoms, trying to deal with reality. He began writing the book in 2013, before the current President decided to run for office. His ideas about the Puritans may surprise some readers. Andersen believes the 1960s were crucial to forming life stances in this decade.

In the current political climate some persons have an Alice in Wonderland feeling, of being in a hole and hopeless. We notice the efforts to discredit, undermine and abolish the progressive programs which were achieved in the previous eight years in Congress under our previous President. Examples include DACA, changes in the EPA, Paris Climate Agreement, the Affordable Care Act, immigration laws, education, housing, dialogues for stressing peace instead of war.

As citizens we must educate ourselves in order to make wise choices in our leaders from school board members to mayors, county officers, state and national representatives and senators. Grass roots actions can help improve such injustices as Economic Inequality, ethnic and religious prejudices to realize the common humanity shared by all human beings.


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Michigan Philharmonic opens season with 'Beethoven and Blue Jeans'

Michigan Philharmonic will begin its 72nd season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at The Village Theater in Canton with "A Bit of Beethoven and Blue Jeans."

Wear your favorite pair of jeans for the splashy orchestra showcase and enjoy some more "casual" classics. The Michigan Phil features a bit of Beethoven opening with the stately "King Stephen's Overture," followed by Michigan Philharmonic Concertmaster Joseph Deller, performing Beethoven's lush "Romance for Violin and Orchestra No. 1 in G."

Deller has been the concertmaster of the orchestra for the past six years and is looking forward to performing this highly popular concert work. He performs regularly with Flint Symphony and Michigan Opera Theater as, well as serving as violin instructor at Flint Institute of Music.

The Michigan Philharmonic has won numerous awards for performance of contemporary music highlighting the works of living composers. One of the orchestra's favorite composers and jazz pianist, Mary Watkins, returns to Michigan to bring her soulful piece called "The

Initiate."

An eclectic composer, Watkins is also a pianist, arranger, recording artist and record producer. Much of her music reflects a love for a variety of different styles of whether jazz, gospel, country, rock, classical or pop. She has composed solo piano for both adults and children, wind ensembles, string quartet, chamber and full symphony orchestra, as well as composing three operas.

Her latest symphonic work, "The Initiate," was commissioned by Women in the Arts, National Women's Music Festival, Inc. in 2015, premiered July 2, 2016, in Madison Wis. This deeply moving piece takes the listener on a journey of hope, self-empowerment and love.

In keeping with the splashy showcase theme, the orchestra performs colorful Latin-flavored compositions by Ginastera and Rimsky-Korsakov to round out this evening of musical magic.

For tickets and more information, call 734-451-2112 or go to www.michiganphil.org.



Joseph Deller will perform with the Michigan Phil.

Crawford invites family of fallen USAF major to event



State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Nowi, was joined at the Michigan House of Representatives annual Sept. 11 memorial service by the family of a U.S. Air Force pilot, Maj. Andrew Becker of Novi, who died in the line of duty in March during a training exercise in New Mexico. She was joined at the ceremony at the Capitol by Becker's parents, Gary and Stacy Becker. Also joining Crawford were Novi Fire Capt. Mark Theisen (left) and Novi Patrol Officer Bob Manar (right), first responders from the communities she serves.

Panel discusses multiculturalism during event at Schoolcraft

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

When writing a book several years ago with several colleagues, Ron Fournier realized quickly he needed to pay more attention to those in the so-called "millennial" generation.

Working with students at Harvard University back in 2005, Fournier, the editor and publisher of Crain's Detroit Business, said Sept. 7 it was clear millennials — those born in the 1980s and into the early 2000s — would play a huge factor in shaping the world.

"We really had to understand them if we want to understand where the future of politics were going, where the future of business is going," he said. "We were surrounded by the future."

Fournier served as the moderator Sept. 7 at



Peter Ventura speaks during a Livonia Chamber of Commerce panel discussion Sept. 7 at Schoolcraft College. To the right is Kellen Winslow Sr., assistant to the president for community relations at Madonna University. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Schoolcraft College for a panel discussion hosted by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce entitled "Connecting Cultures to Business," a discussion focused on working among various generations and cultures in the workplace.

The event features speakers of varying ages and backgrounds, including one from each of four different generations, including:

» Peter Ventura, the CEO of Principal Associates and a Livonia planning commissioner

» Kellen Winslow Sr., assistant to the president for community relations at Madonna University and a National Football League Hall of Fame player

» Martin Manna, president of the Chaldean Chamber of Commerce as well as the Chaldean Community Foundation

» Van Nguyen, director of trustee development for the Beaumont Health Foundation and former executive director of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce

Ventura, a member of the "silent generation," those born right before World War II, said the phrase "multiculturalism" is something he's experienced through his entire life.

He said it can be a

misconception that those in his age and demographic don't see the world as a multicultural place.

"When I grew up here in Livonia a long time ago, all of my classmates and my friends, we used to say, were other nationalities. We didn't say anything about race," he said. "We all talked about nationalities, where we were from."

"We lived a multicultural life."

Winslow, a baby boomer, said he too has seen a wide range of cultures in his life, going from a high school where a majority of students were black to another school that was majority white to dealing with the cultural factions within athletics.

He said he agreed with how Ventura said he grew up in that he was told to always be respectful of others' way of life, even if it is different.

"I was taught the same way: let people be people. Don't judge people. Don't do things to hurt other people. Be respectful," he said. "Those are the things I grew up with, so I can understand exactly what he's talking about."

Changes in perception

Manna said Chaldean people are typically stereotyped as just owners of party stores, some-

thing that he and others are working on changing when it comes to perception.

Today, Chaldeans are business owners of various trades, including hotels and restaurants, and the perception is one that continues to change, Manna said.

"It's often that, Chaldeans, they're just party store owners and immigrants in general who don't pay taxes," he said. "People in general have a hard time understanding the pathway of how this community came to America."

When it came to Asian Americans, Nguyen said, the struggle of dealing with the "model minority" image can be frustrating in business.

That change is being seen especially on the coasts of the country, with Nguyen saying it hopefully continues to change perceptions in business will arrive in the Midwest as well.

"Here, we're not quite seeing it as much," she said. "But I'm sure in due time, the misconception of us being 'model minorities' and being quiet and prime and proper will probably go down a little bit."

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CITY REGULAR ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote for the November 7, 2017 City Regular Election is October 10, 2017. If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

In person:

- City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, Monday - Friday, 8am-4:30pm. (Northville City residents only).
- Wayne County Clerk's Office, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, Michigan 48226, Monday - Friday - 8 am- 4:30 pm. Call 313-224-5525 to confirm hours and furlough days.
- Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.
- Any Secretary of State branch office.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission, and some offices of the Commission for the Blind
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

By mail:

- Voter registration application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Note: a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

LOCAL: Mayor, City Council

and for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$104,850,000

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Mail Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

DATED: September 21, 2017

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

Divorce: The third most traumatic life event

Q: I am contemplating a divorce. My wife wants us to go into counseling, but I do not. What are your thoughts on marriage counseling? I feel that the marriage is too far gone and don't really believe in counseling.

A: Divorce is one of the most traumatic events in your lifetime. The worst in terms of a life-altering event is the death of a child. Second is the death of a spouse, if your marriage is good. Third is a divorce.

I always urge my clients to go into therapy. Even if you believe that your marriage is over, talking to an experienced therapist or marriage counselor cannot hurt. I recently completed a divorce where my client wanted to salvage the marriage and his wife was done. The other at-



Henry S. Gornbein

TALES FROM THE FRONT

torney and I worked together to convince the clients to see if the marriage could be salvaged. One issue was the fact that they had several young children and ending the marriage would have been a disaster for the children, as well as an economic mess.

Through numerous therapy sessions and hard work, I am pleased to say that the divorce action is being dismissed.

Saving your marriage is the first reason to go to a therapist. Especially if you have children, it is important to give it one last try. Don't just go through the motions, but actually do your home-

work and work hard to see if issues can be resolved so that you can move forward with your marriage. It is also important to have the right therapist. Putting a Band-Aid on the wound or problem will not save your marriage for long. It is important to address your issues and your spouse's as you move forward to try to rebuild your marriage and relationship. You have to dig beneath the surface as to who you are and who your spouse is.

Build support system

The second reason for seeing a therapist is to build a support system as you go through the divorce process. You can't do it alone. Friends and family can be helpful, but having a good therapist as a sounding board and

coach can be critical as you go through the roller-coaster of a divorce.

Over the years, I have worked with many therapists and taken a team approach, where an agreement is reached and confidentiality is waived so that I can speak to the therapist about legal issues that may have an emotional impact. The therapist, in turn, can talk to me about some of the psychological issues so that, if need be, I can address them better through the legal system. This creates a win-win situation for the client who is going through a divorce. It helps smooth out the bumps as we go through the divorce process.

Know who you are

The final reason for therapy is so that you learn who you really are

and why you are going through a divorce. If you don't learn about your issues and trigger points, you will be doomed to repeat your mistakes. During my career, I have represented many people as they go from one marriage to the next. My record is two different women who were each 36 years of age when I handled each one's sixth divorce! I represented one of them for divorce No. 7.

The sad reality is, without help, someone who leaves an abusive marriage often marries the same type of abusive person again. If you were attracted to an alcoholic or someone with another addiction, you may be back in the same boat. The physical package may differ, but the psychological profile will be the same. This is why it

is so important to learn about yourself and work on changing who you are, so that you won't repeat your mistakes from relationship to relationship or marriage to marriage.

These are some of my thoughts. What are yours? Please share them with us.

Henry S. Gornbein specializes in all aspects of family law. He is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Lippitt O'Keefe Gornbein PLLC, where he heads the family law unit. He is creator and host of the award-winning cable television show "Practical Law," with more than 800 episodes aired to date. He is the author of the book "Divorce Demystified, Everything You Need To Know Before You File For Divorce." Contact him at hgornbein@lippittokeefe.com or 248 646-8292.

Livonia woman, refugee, works to help Iraqis

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Jihan Daman knows firsthand the effects of keeping refugees out of the United States.

She and her family lived in northern Iraq at the beginning of the Iran-Iraq War in the early 1980s. When her father began receiving more information about Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party and pressuring him to join, he decided it was time to leave their home and head out.

He couldn't get to the United States yet, as refugees were limited at that time, Daman said. So he applied to tour Greece on a tourist visa and got out of Iraq that way.

They wouldn't return home, instead applying to become refugees in Athens.

"Then we applied and we stayed. And that's how my dad got us out," said Daman, a Livonia resident.

Today, Daman has used her upbringing and skill set learned in the United States to try to help those in her home country facing incredible challenges, especially as ISIS reigns across Iraq.

She's set up St. Rita's Hands of Hope, a non-profit that has assisted with creating a clinic in Daman's native city of Alqosh, Iraq, which is about 30 miles north of Mosul. Daman, who graduated with a social work

degree from Wayne State University, traveled to Iraq twice in recent years, working with a Chaldean priest in Alqosh in setting up the clinic.

It's a different world in Alqosh when it comes to mental health, an area that is still not accepted as widely as it is in places such as the U.S.

"There's no such thing as therapy," she said. "Anybody who has an issue ... they would go straight to the psychiatrist and get medication."

Her organization has helped hundreds of people in the city and she had high hopes of doing even more education on mental health and what it means for its residents.

"There, they don't have it," she said. "Literally, we're trying to build mental health, promote mental health, empower women."

Refugees

It isn't just mental health that Daman has gotten involved with. She's received thousands of calls from people overseas looking for assistance in fleeing the country as ISIS took over communities across Iraq.

Daman said her business, St. Rita Family Services in Sterling Heights, has gotten messages for years from people looking to escape for a better life. Those calls began during the

Barack Obama administration and have continued into President Donald Trump's tenure.

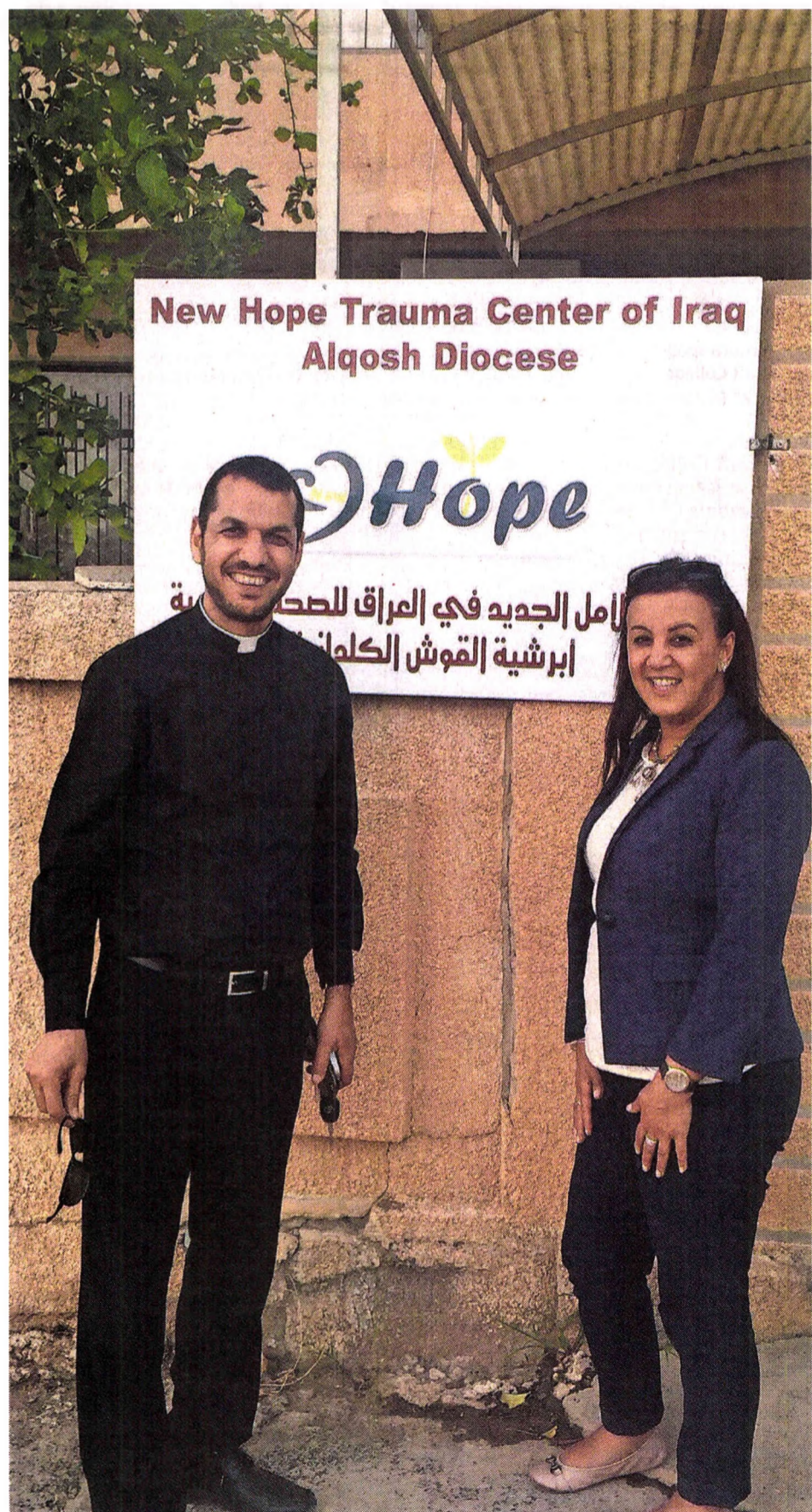
"I had cases that were brought to my attention that people were being stopped and were not being processed for their security clearance. They waited years and years for that. I received over 4,000 cases. People call and they give their case number," she said. "They are just waiting for security clearance."

The mentality toward refugees like her, Daman said, has become a difficult one. She understands the need for safety and security for the U.S., of which Daman is a citizen, but said punishing all


innocent people for the sake of such safety isn't the way to go.

"I am with him to protect this country, I am with him because I live here, my daughter lives here, this is my home. I want all the protection," she said. "But at the same time, there are innocent people. ... A lot of people don't want to leave their country they live in. You cannot just pick up and leave because you want to pick up and leave. Unless it's a safety issue."


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Jihan Daman (right) with the Rev. Araam Romeel Qia in Alqosh, Iraq. Daman has established a charity designed to help those in her former village in Iraq. COURTESY OF JIHAN DAMAN



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Developer hits home run with sports complex plan

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Ben DiPonio plans to open a few indoor batting cages this year, followed by baseball and soccer fields next summer.

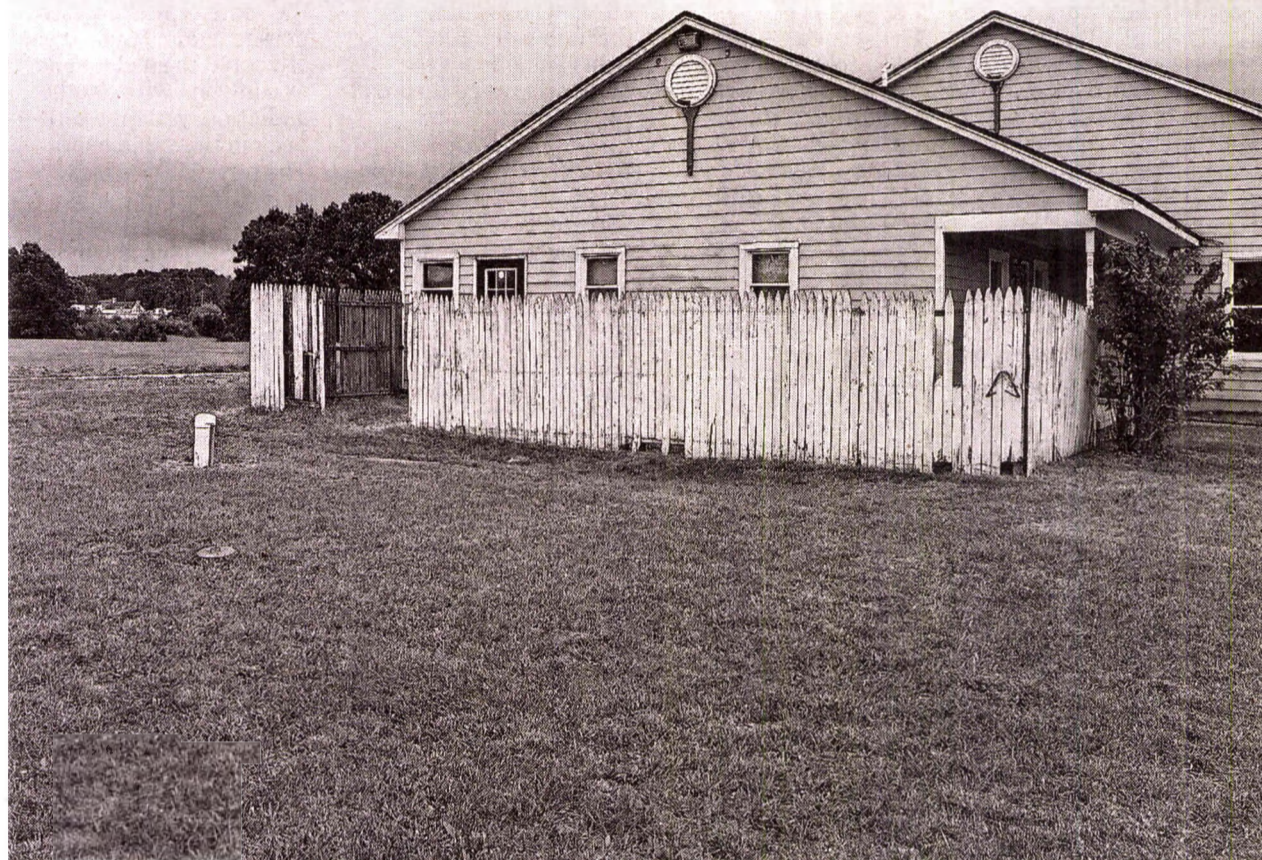
The facilities are a small part of his design for a sports complex that eventually will include various athletic fields and indoor training areas for baseball, volleyball and other sports on approximately 22.7 acres just north of Milford High School, in Highland Township.

"There's a vacuum out in this area for high-level athletic training and athletic complexes. People have to go to either Legacy south of Brighton or to Wixom. The other closest is Flint and there is one in Waterford," DiPonio said. "We're in a hole here and there seems to be a need for athletic facilities.

"This is an opportunity for the community. It's going to take a lot of work, but I think there is a need here and we want to fill that need."

He and his son Nick plan to renovate and add another 5,000 square feet of space to the site's existing building, which will be used for softball/baseball training and other sports. He hopes to have the batting cages in the building open by the end of the year. The facility anchors the western edge of the property, which formerly was used as a golf driving range. There's room for additional indoor sports buildings and several athletic fields on the site.

DiPonio said the market will determine which sports they'll cater to indoors and on the field. His vision for the property includes one baseball field and several soccer



Ben and Nick DiPonio plan to renovate and expand this building as part of a sports complex they've planned on 22.7 acres in Highland Township. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fields, but that could change.

"We might end up with two baseball fields and two soccer fields," he said. "Soccer fields are interchangeable with football and lacrosse fields. We'll let the market decide what it means and that we'll determine over the next five or six months."

Youth teams

The DiPonios said they've begun preliminary discussions with area soccer groups and

with the Huron Valley Schools district.

"This is an opportunity for us to impact young kids," said Nick DiPonio, who coaches a youth baseball team. "That, for me, is the biggest advantage of doing this in the community we grew up in, that we live in.

"One of our long-term goals is to come up with some sort of agreement with the high school and maybe co-host some events together, using their facilities and ours. We've only had prelimi-

nary discussions so far, but it's moving in a positive direction."

His father envisions drawing competitive teams from across the state, possibly even from across the country, to play tournaments and in championship games at the site. DiPonio said the community will benefit economically as out-of-town players spend money on lodging, food and recreation.

Site specific relief

The DiPonios own Pine Ridge Apartments in Highland, along with other commercial properties. They bought the former golf driving range site from the township this year.

The township purchased the land in 2015 with an eye toward using it for a community septic field, but subsequently began talks with White Lake Township about using its existing sanitary sewer system.

The DiPonios gave the township a five-year

option to buy back five acres for a community septic field when they purchased the property, which is zoned for multiple-family residential. Rather than ask the township to rezone the property, they requested site specific relief, which allows them to develop and run a sports complex on the site. The property would retain its current zoning and could be developed for multiple-family housing in the future.

The township board approved the site specific relief Sept. 13. As a condition of approval, the DiPonios agreed to specifics regarding hours of operation, lighting, public address system and a buffer between the property and homes north of the site.

DiPonio assured officials that fields will not be lit, although some outdoor lighting will be installed for a parking lot and at buildings on the site. Outdoor activities will be limited to daylight hours. He also agreed to maintain a 100-foot open space along the north side of the property or, if the township prefers, to create a landscaped buffer. Use of the public announcement system will be limited to special events, such as tournaments and championship games. Speakers will not be pointed north, toward nearby houses.

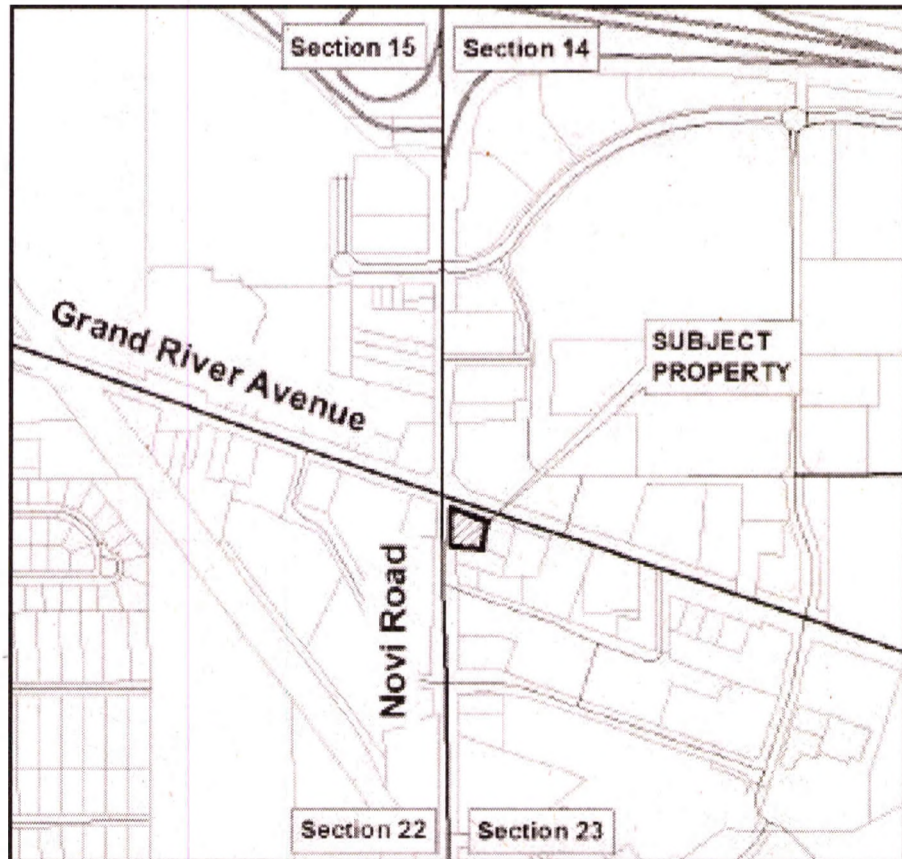
"It's well-suited for a sports facility. It's right next-door to the high school. It's an asset to the schools, as well as the rest of the community," said Rick Hamill, township supervisor. "Baseball, futsal, soccer, there are a lot of things that can be done there."

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-23-102-018

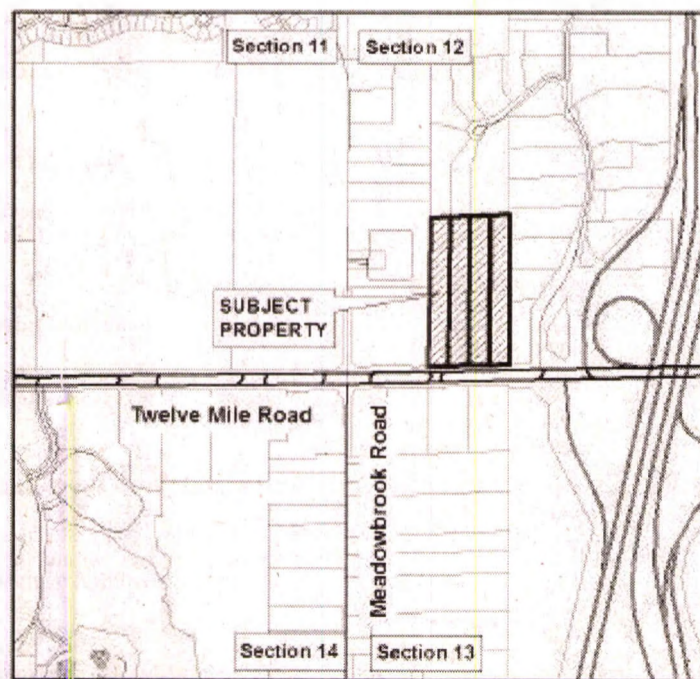
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **October 11, 2017.**

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



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-12-351-034, 50-22-12-351-036, 50-22-12-351-028 and 50-22-12-351-030

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **October 11, 2017.**

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Veterans benefit from foundation summit

Brad Kadrich
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Veterans in this country, including those in western Wayne County, face a variety of issues.

Officials with the Canton Community Foundation understand that and have for years offered help.

This year was no different, as veterans and representatives from a variety of assisting agencies converged on Madonna University for the 2017 CCF Veterans Summit, hosted each September for the benefit of local veterans.

Experts brought in by

the foundation help veterans understand benefits for which they may be eligible through Veterans Affairs.

This year's Summit, held Sept. 13, included representatives from:

» The VA Medical Centers of both Detroit and Ann Arbor.

» Freedom Center, whose mission is to provide a "welcome and friendly respite" to traveling military members, veterans and their families.

» Fisher House, best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no

cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

» Stiggy's Dogs, an organization that rescues and trains shelter dogs to be psychiatric service dogs for military veterans living with post traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

Veteran G.L. Mason loves the dog provided him by Stiggy's.

"This dog gave me my life back," Mason said.

Veterans also received updates on topics ranging from health care to property taxes.

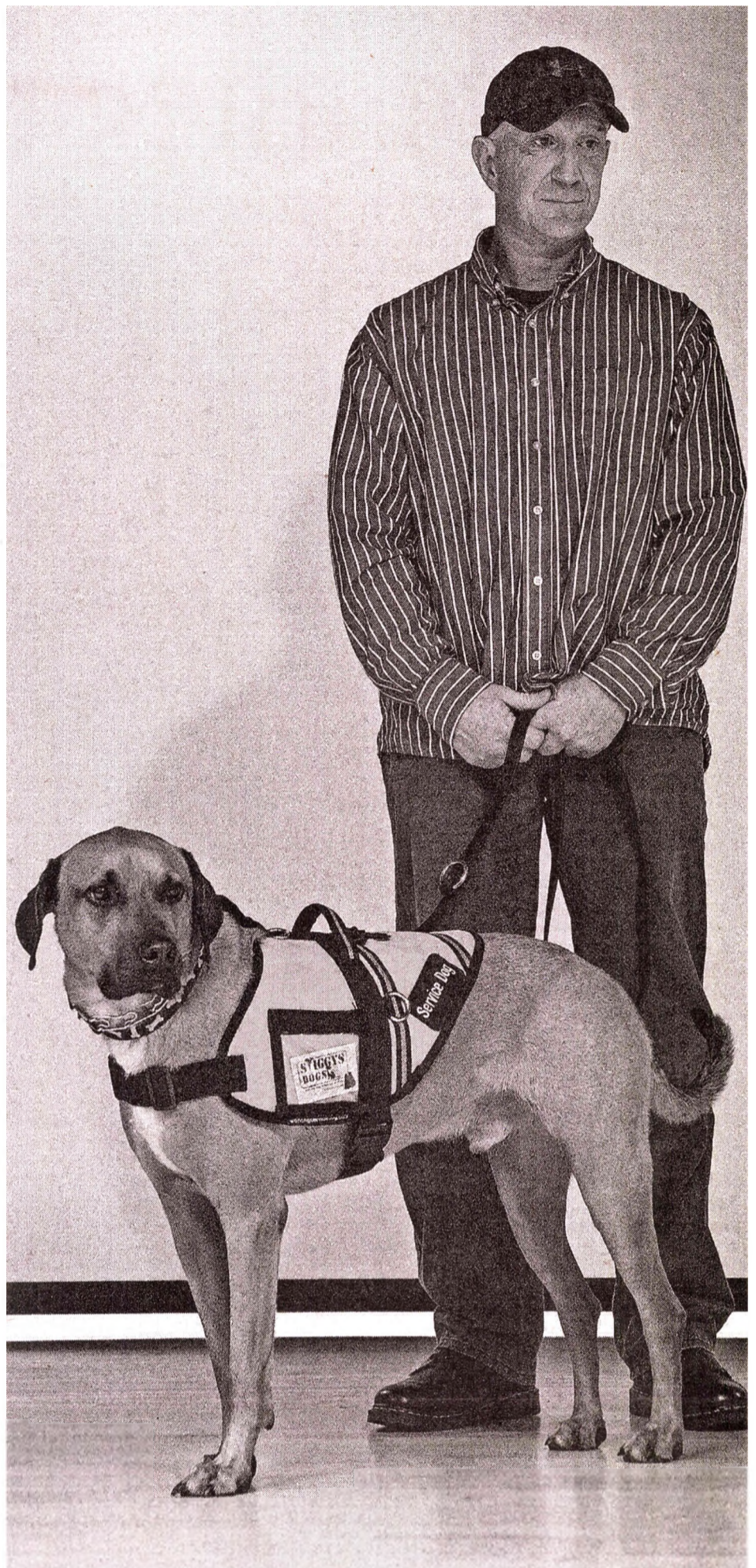
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Al and Donna Spiteri of Garden City listen to presenters. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Learning about services for veterans.



"This dog gave me my life back," veteran G.L. Mason said of Ammo, his service dog provided by Stiggy's Dogs.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **October 10, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0021 (Dembs Development, Inc.) 46480 Nadlan Ct, East of Beck Road and South of W. Pontiac Trail, Parcel # 50-22-04-151-034

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.14.5.C. To allow the height of a proposed 30 feet 8 inch building to increase by 5 feet 8 inches, maximum height allowed is 25 feet. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ17-0042 (Anthony M. Virga) 1607 East Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and North of Thirteen Mile, Parcel #50-22-02-355-018.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.32.a. for the addition of a proposed pergola to an existing shed, 10 feet by 10 feet allowed and Section 10 3.32.ii to build a proposed solid landscape stone wall under 5 feet in height 1 foot minimum off property line required, no fence allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0043 (Oak Electric/Fujitsu10) 30155 Hudson Drive, East of Beck and South of W. Pontiac Trail, Parcel # 50-22-04-152-024.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.2.A. for the installation of a side yard generator in the north side set back of the building. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ17-0044 (Patrick O'Fiara) 23160 Mystic Forest, East of Novi Road and South of Ten Mile, Parcel #50-22-27-277-002.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 9 foot variance for a proposed rear yard setback of 26 feet, 35 feet required. To allow construction of a proposed new screened in deck. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0045 (Jennifer Cooper) 131 Rexton Street, East of West Park Drive and South of W Pontiac Trail, Parcel #50-22-03-128-006.

The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning ordinance Sections 3.1.5 for a 16 variance for a 14 foot proposed front yard setback 30 feet minimum required, and a 5 foot variance for 20 foot side yard setback, 25 feet minimum required to allow for a proposed second story addition and covered porch. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0046 (Michael A. Southen/DisplayMax) 44425 Twelve Mile, West of Novi Road and North of Grand River, Parcel # 50-22-15-200-112.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5 for a variance of 150 square feet to increase the existing 104 square foot wall sign to 254 square feet, 250 square feet maximum allowed. This property is zoned Regional Center (RC).

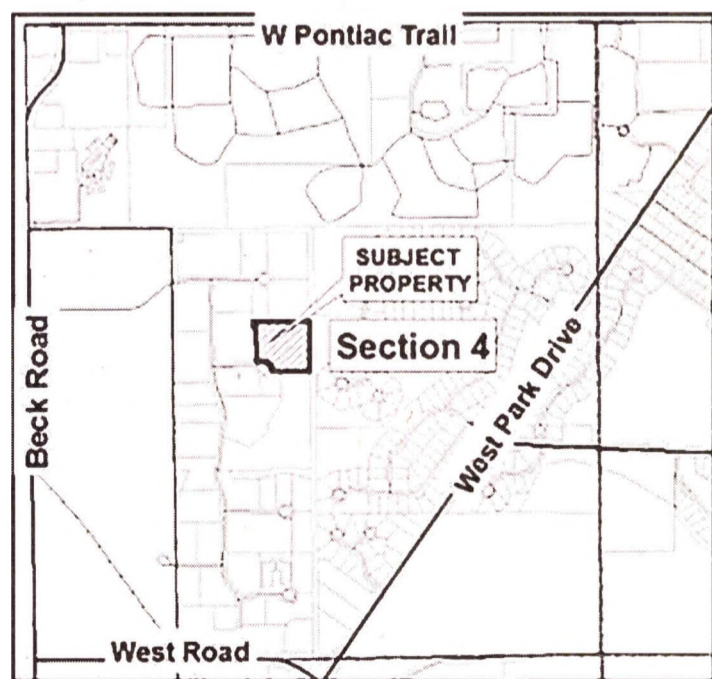
PZ17-0049 (Feldman Automotive) 42355 Grand River Ave, East of Novi Road and South of Grand River, Parcel #50-22-176-024.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning ordinance Sections 4.74.3. For the reduction in height of required 10 foot berm along the property lines abutting residential zoned district. The applicant is proposing a 10 foot berm for 67 feet and a berm with varying height from 5 feet to 10 feet along the southwest property lines. The request is being made due to the irregular shaped lot and conflicts with the layout. This property is zoned Vehicular Parking (P-1)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BECK NORTH UNIT 54 JSP16-36. FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 4, EAST OF NADLAN DRIVE AND NORTH OF WEST ROAD AND IS ZONED I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).** The applicant is proposing to construct a 67,000 square foot speculative building in the Beck North Corporate Park with associated site improvements. A Special Land Use Permit is required in order to permit the proposed use in I-1 adjacent to a residential district under Section 4.45.

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



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-04-151-034

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Teen relearns to walk, talk, write after three strokes

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Felicia Simons is determined to regain her former self, a teen she calls Felicia B.S.

Her left hand worked, her eyesight was sharper and the 15-year-old Milford girl didn't tire out easily when she was "B.S."

"That's 'before stroke,'" Felicia said, explaining the verbal shorthand during a recent interview at her home. "Every time I say 'B.S.' people are, like, what? And I have to clarify."

Now her formerly dominant hand gets Botox injections to keep it from stiffening and one eye sees the world through a blur. The Milford High School sophomore has enough energy for just three hours of school each day and, although she walks without a cane, her gait sometimes borders on unbalanced.

But she has made major progress in regaining what she lost Jan. 6, when an aneurysm ruptured in her brain and caused three strokes, sending her to Mott Children's Hospital for a three-month stay. In the earliest stages of recovery, Felicia couldn't talk and barely moved, except to signal a thumbs up or down in response to questions.

"I was a baby all over again. The first thing was learning to hold my head up. Then I was sitting up with no assistance," she said. "Then I started to walk with assistance."

Norma Simons, a single mom who adopted her daughter 10 years ago from Africa, recalls a solo walk as a turning point in Felicia's recovery. Doctors couldn't predict how quickly she would regain physical and cognitive abilities and they weren't sure if Felicia, who attended the International Academy as a freshman last year, would return to school this semester. Simons said she had faith and told doctors "where medicine stops, miracles begin."

"I have to say her attitude, her positive mindset, her energy level is what keeps me going. Not in my wildest dreams did I think she would be at this point as quickly as she has gone," Simons said. "When you are going through this day by day, it's tedious. But looking back to Jan. 6, this is amazing."

A community helps

Simons is grateful for the Milford community that came to her aid during and after her daughter's hospitalization. Friends, teachers and



Felicia Simons sits in her physics classroom at Milford High during her first day back at school. Simons suffered a stroke last year and is continuing to receive physical therapy during the day, but attends school part time for now. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Felicia Simons (right) walks to her school bus after a half-day of school with her in-school assistant Caroline Eby, who helps Felicia navigate at school as she continues to recover from a stroke.

members of Friends of Unity in Plymouth, the church Simons attends, sent cards, letters and kept vigil at the hospital. A GoFundMe.com campaign raised more than \$11,000 of a \$20,000 goal.

Community members pitched in to construct a ramp and remodel a downstairs bathroom to accommodate Felicia's wheelchair at home. Simons's first-floor office was turned into a bed-

room for Felicia and a breezeway was converted into an office.

The house remodel was key to bringing Felicia home from the hospital in early April. The outpouring of support helped to lift her daughter's spirit, Simons said.

Felicia abandoned her wheelchair about a week after coming home from the hospital and has moved back into her second-floor bedroom. The cards and letters she received are collected into two binders that she occasionally peruses.

Over the summer, through physical and occupational therapy programs, she rode horses, swam, practiced yoga and gardened. She can peek out words on a computer keyboard and is learning to use an adaptive pencil that gives her a better grip and steadies her right hand.

"My handwriting is messy," she said, compar-



Norma Simons, Felicia's mother, talks about her daughter's determination to get back to school and her busy teenage life after suffering a stroke and ruptured aneurysm last winter in their Milford home.

ing neatly-printed homework done last year to the large, clumsy strokes her right hand creates. She says it's just a matter of time before her left hand, "Miss Lefty," emerges from hibernation.

"She is waiting for her puppy prince to come and lick her," Felicia said, with a laugh.

Simons promised to get her daughter a golden doodle when she is strong enough to care for the dog herself.

"This puppy is a motivating factor for her to push, to get strong," Simons said.

A new school

Meanwhile, Felicia is settling into her sophomore year at Milford High School, which Simons chose because of the support services it provides.

Felicia attends the learning resource center, takes an interactive physics and chemistry class, and traded her flute for percussion to "bang on things" during band instruction.

Although she wants to return to the Interna-

tional Academy someday, she described her first day at Milford High as "good," but a bit chaotic.

"Want to hear a fun fact? Abraham Lincoln and Justin Timberlake have had ADHD. It was in my resource learning room class," she said, explaining where she heard the tidbit. "I'm learning how to function with special needs. That's why we looked a famous people with special needs."

She hopes to make new friends and do well at Milford High School. She'd like to continue riding horses as therapy and try skydiving and cliff jumping as an adult.

Felicia dreams of becoming an obstetrician and says her physical challenges won't hold her back.

"I came all the way from Africa not to die, not before I leave my mark. I want to help kids. I want to bring life," she said. "I'm determined and stubborn, so no stroke is going to stop me."

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SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 - SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee; Richard Allen, Trustee

ABSENT: Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

AGENDA:

- MDEQ Presentation:** Supervisor Nix introduced the two presenters:
 - Larry Bean - Jackson and Lansing District Supervisor of Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division
 - Scott Miller - Jackson District Supervisor of Air Quality Division
- Public Comments/Question and Answer:** Numerous residents had questions and comments for the Board of Trustees and MDEQ representatives regarding the Arbor Hills Landfill.

3. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available September 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

Coalition urges Trott to oppose EPA budget cuts

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Standing only a short distance from the Rouge River, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash joined a small coalition Sept. 7 concerned about possible cuts in the federal budget to environmental protection.

"A lot of our infrastructures is decades and decades old and we have to make sure it's kept up," Nash said. "A lot of that is federal money and we're at risk of losing a lot, especially the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative — that's \$300 million. We're the Great Lakes State, so we get the bulk of that funding."

The Rouge River runs through Shiawassee Park in Farmington Hills, which is where the rally took place. Activist Jennifer Teed talked about the efforts that went into protecting another stretch of the Rouge that runs near her house in Detroit.

"A moral movement is uniting beyond partisan politics," she said. "Those who care about our Earth and humanity will continue to unify and rise up. This will be a watershed moment."

Several of the speakers noted that nearly two-thirds of all Latino and African-American families live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant. Kathleen Slonager, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation, talked about her experiences doing home visits in Detroit.

"Driving into Detroit, I'd often have to close the vents in my car because of the industrial manufacturing going on and the smells, so I can't even imagine living there day in and day out," she said. "Unfortunately, it's people of color who are being more adversely affected by these environmental policies."

While the group called upon U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, to oppose any budget cuts to protecting the environment, noting the Rouge runs through his district, a spokesperson from his office said the two-term congressman has already joined

local Democrats and Republicans in opposing environmental cuts.

In a letter dated April 27 to the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the group voiced its opposition to the possible closing of the Region 5 EPA office, which serves Michigan and other states surrounding the Great Lakes.

"The Great Lakes drive our region's economy. Each year, the Great Lakes generate billions in annual economic activity and support 1.5 million good-paying jobs in the tourism, boating and fishing industries," the coalition wrote. "The Great Lakes also provide drinking water to 48 million people. It is in our national interest to protect the Great Lakes from harm."

Along with Trott, the letter also was signed by U.S. Reps. Brenda Lawrence, Mike Bishop, Fred Upton, Sander Levin, Debbie Dingell, Dan Kildee and John Conyers Jr.

Nash said the partnership between local, state and federal agencies plays a critical role in the environment.

"We're the environmental regulator for the county and, if we don't have a partner at the state and federal level, we don't have the money we need, the expertise or the regulatory framework that we work in," he said. "Everything we do is to protect our surface waters and our drinking water ... that's our most important issue."

Nor did it escape anyone at the rally that the protest was taking place during a violent hurricane season.

"You saw when the hurricane hit Louisiana in 2005, in the previous 40 years they had built on basically 60 percent of their wetlands," Nash said. "Those wetlands absorb the storm surge and, when they're not there, the water just ends up going into the streets. Same thing in New Jersey with Hurricane Sandy and now we're seeing it in Texas."

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A coalition of scientists, activists and religious leaders spoke about the need to keep EPA funding at Farmington's Shiawassee Park. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Huddled under large shade trees, a group organizes a press conference addressed to U.S. Rep. Dave Trott on Sept. 7 at Farmington's Shiawassee Park.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

CORTNEY HANSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
October 18, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance:

- Article 31.5.B.(2), Fences (Height and Solid Fence), for a residence at 20297 Woodhill Drive, Parcel ID#77-013-03-0024-000.
- Article 34.4.C.(1), Land Division, Combination, Reconfiguration (Resulting Lot), for a residence at 15486 Marilyn, Parcel ID#77-051-99-0051-000.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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BONDING PROPOSAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

To the Qualified Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the November 7, 2017 Bonding Proposal Election will be **October 10, 2017** for the purpose of receiving applications for the registration of the qualified electors in said township not already registered, for the purpose of voting on a bonding proposal for Northville Public Schools.

Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from the Clerk's office, (248) 231-6210

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

In Person:

Novi Township Clerk's office, 44020 Cottisford Rd.

County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Secretary of State Branch Offices.

At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

By Mail:

Voter Registration Application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

Note: Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The General Election will be conducted at the Novi Twp. precinct at 44020 Cottisford. Derwood Haines, 44020 Cottisford Rd., (248) 231-6210, Novi Twp. Clerk

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Fantastic foxes freed from nature center

Susan Bromley
Livingston Daily

After heartbreaking starts to life, four foxes were rehabilitated in Howell and released into the wild.

"The releases are the happiest days here," said Dana DeBenham, wildlife director for the Howell Nature Center, where the kits spent their first summer. "That is always our goal — to get them living healthy and free in the wild."

The kits were brought to the Howell Nature Center, the largest licensed wildlife rehabilitation clinic in the state, this past spring by concerned residents. Unrelated and all males under six weeks old, the foxes came from a variety of circumstances.

One had been found alone in a horse pasture; another was brought in with mange and a broken tail; a third had been brought to a family by a possibly maternal German shepherd, who brought it home uninjured in its jaws; and the fourth was spared the fate of its parents and siblings, whom a man had shot to death.

"Someone talked him into live trapping the last kit," said DeBenham, who was unsure of why the man had killed the family of the fox baby. "If you can show they are doing harm, it is legal to kill wildlife."

When each of the foxes arrived, they all began a similar process geared to getting them back into the wild before fall — about the same time their parents would have released them to independence.

That process began with a few weeks of being bottle-fed a special formula.

"They were far too little to survive on their own. We needed time to cure the mange, but also to get them old enough to eat natural, solid foods and weaned off the bottled formula," DeBenham said.

Foxes are generally weaned by six or seven weeks old, so the wildlife rehab staff only had to feed the kits by hand for a couple of weeks, a fortunate circumstance as the danger for mammals is that they will acclimate to humans and be impossible to reintroduce to the wild.

Once weaned, the next step was to feed the foxes crickets, berries, apples and dead mice and chicks. They were also placed in an outdoor pen, now able to stay warm on their own.

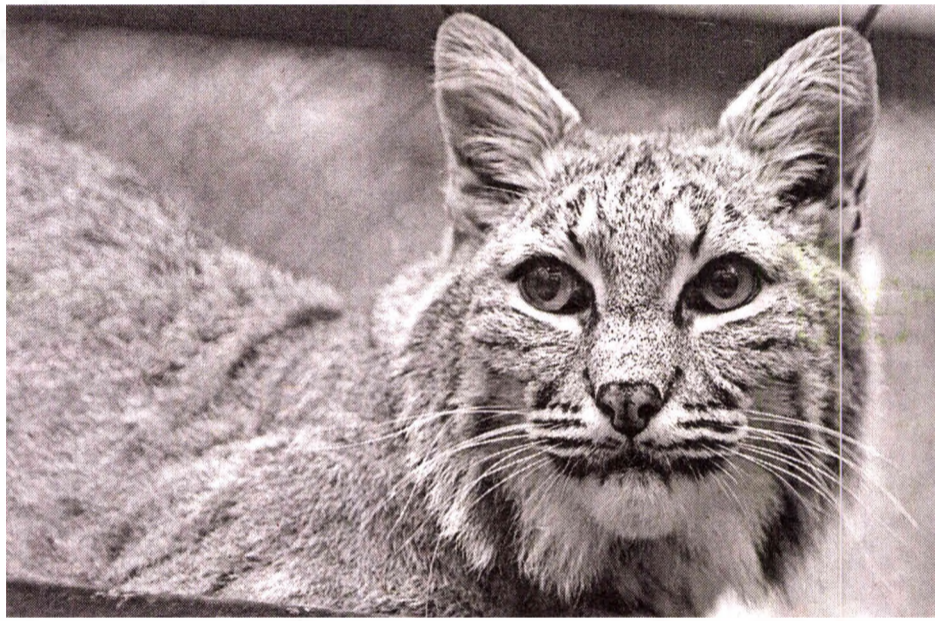
The next step was to teach them how to hunt, with live mice released into their pen.

"If we don't stimulate the kill instinct in young foxes, they will starve to death," DeBenham said. "In the wild, they would go on hunting expeditions with mom and dad and learn to hunt from them. ... It's tougher in the wild, but we can only simulate that natural upbringing so far."

The Howell Nature Center has a wildlife park in which animals are kept who were successfully rehabilitated but were unable to be released for various reasons, including permanent injuries or imprinting (birds) or acclimating to humans. Birds



Two of the four red fox kits rehabilitated by the Howell Nature Center this summer. The foxes were released into the wild Labor Day weekend.



A bobcat named Zeus, one of the permanent residents of the Howell Nature Center, relaxes perched on a raised platform. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

at Howell Nature Center are sometimes used to teach new arrivals of the same species how to act like their wild counterparts.

On a tour of the center's zoo recently, Denham explained that Aura, a turkey vulture living at the center since 1987, is absent from her exhibit as she is currently "baby-sitting" two orphaned birds and teaching them how to be vultures.

The fox kits could not have learned how to be foxes from Copper and Vixen, the center's two resident red foxes, who are reminiscent of pet dogs as they eagerly run to DeBenham when she steps into their pen. She feeds dead mice to the 11-year-old siblings, who were rescued in 2006 from an out-of-state breeder who sells foxes to fur farms or people who want to raise exotic pets.

Similarly, Kili, a bald eagle which injured a wing when a storm near Saginaw blew his nest out of a tree and which came to the center in 2009 after Michigan State University veterinarians intentionally imprinted the majestic bird on humans to have him better serve as a wildlife ambassador in schools, can't be used to train others of his species to be wild.

"He thinks he's a human," DeBenham said with a laugh as Kili re-

peatedly screeches as she and visitors approach. "He loves people."

By contrast, two other bald eagles, Liberty and Jefferson, are in a separate enclosure out of sight of Kili and they want nothing to do with Kili or humans. They were not raised by people from infancy as he was and still remember their wild roots. Liberty came to the center after being hit by a car on I-75. He is estimated to be about 17 years old and Jefferson, who fell from a nest near a Gaylord golf course in 2012, turned 5 this year.

The pair sit companionably near each other, but other species are one-of-a-kind at the zoo and in solitary enclosures, including Woody, a woodchuck who arrived in 1998 after a farmer shot her mother and the farmer's wife kept her as a pet a little too long for her to be reintroduced to the wild, and Zeus the bobcat, an escaped pet found roaming the streets of Dearborn in 2008.

The owner of Zeus, who had purchased the declawed feline in another state, later came to the Howell Nature Center to claim his pet, but was denied as it has been illegal since 2000 to own a large-exotic cat in the state.

The wildlife park offers animals who are

permanently injured and/or too accustomed to humans a safe home and their best life, while also teaching people the importance of wildlife and its conservation.

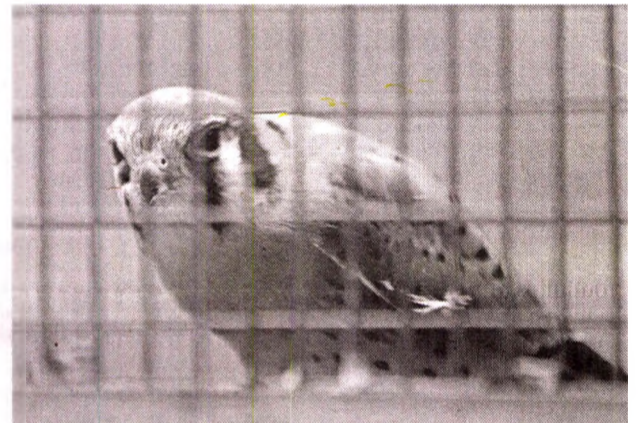
Still, the goal for the mammals and birds native to Michigan that are brought to the center daily is to get them healthy and back into their natural environment.

The four foxes are just a few of the estimated 3,500 injured, ill, orphaned or mistakenly believed abandoned animals that the Howell Nature Center, which has been rehabilitating wildlife since 1982, will have taken in by year's end — a record-breaking number, which tops even last year's dramatic spike of 3,100 animals.

For the previous decade, the center had seen an average of 2,200 to 2,300 wild patients per year. She speculates that the reasons for the spike in patients could be mild winters with animal surviving to spring, as well as fewer licensed rehabilitators in the state and more awareness of the Howell Nature Center.

"We've had a huge increase and it's been very difficult and taxing on resources," DeBenham said. "We've had to limit what comes in to us and we ask you to call first."

To stay in compliance with state laws and retain



An American kestrel named Horus, one of Howell Conference and Nature Center's residents, watches passers-by. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Liberty, one of the bald eagles at the center, stands at guard. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

its licensing, the center does not accept bats and skunks, due to threat of rabies, or mute swans, considered a non-native species. Raccoons are also not accepted, due to their sheer numbers, but the center is happy to refer those who find injured or orphaned raccoons to another rehabilitator.

DeBenham and Howell Nature Center development director Sarah Lewis urge all residents who find an animal they believe is hurt or abandoned to call the center's helpline first at 517-548-5530. Calls are answered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

Well-intentioned people often think an otherwise healthy wild animal baby they find has been abandoned, Benham said, but many, including fawns and bunnies, are left alone for hours by their mothers, who will return for them.

If an animal is discovered injured or babies have been orphaned after their mother has been hit by a car, for example, the

best thing caring people can do is put the wildlife into a box or carrier and keep in a warm, quiet place away from people and pets while a call is placed to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Up to 70 percent of wildlife injuries that the Howell rehabilitators see are caused by human interaction. You can help prevent these injuries by using special tape on windows to prevent birds from flying into glass; not putting rat poison outside; being responsible with fishing gear; and using extra caution while driving during deer rutting season in the fall and in the spring when turtles are crossing roads to lay eggs or look for a mate.

You can also help the Howell Nature Center and its mission of rehabilitating wildlife — it has a 55-percent success rate of release — by giving to its cause.

To make a donation, or for more information on upcoming fundraisers, go to howellnaturecenter.org.

Trott won't run for re-election

Todd Spangler
Detroit Free Press

After two terms representing a suburban district in Congress, U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, announced that he won't run for a third term next year.

Trott's departure announcement came amid speculation that he would step down. Late last week, his possible retirement was mentioned in a story by the New York Times.

Several other Republican U.S. House members who are considered moderates are also retiring amid poor approval ratings for President Donald Trump and questions about the impact they may have on mid-term elections next year.

The announcement had an immediate effect in Washington: The Cook Political Report, which tracks and rates congressional races, moved the 11th District from "likely Republican" to "toss up," despite its GOP leanings.

Among the others leaving are U.S. Reps. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania, Dave Reichert of Washington state and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. Trott, a lawyer and businessman who ran a lucrative law firm and associated firms closely linked with the foreclosure and real estate businesses, said he was leaving to "spend more time with my family and return to the private sector."

"When I initially ran for Congress, I expressed my desire to serve as a citizen legislator in Washington. Our country's founding fathers envisioned a government where citizens leave private life, serve for a brief time and then return home to their communities," Trott said.

He plans to serve out the remainder of his term. An adviser for Trott, Stu Sandler, said he didn't think Trump's unpopularity played a role in Trott's decision to step down and added that it's a choice he has thought about for some time.

"I am thankful to Congressman Trott for his dedicated service to our state and our nation. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors," Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser said.

Trump beat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton by 4 percentage points in Trott's district, which stretches from western Wayne County north through western Oakland County and then around to include Birmingham and Troy.

But Trott has had a rocky relationship with Trump, remarking last month that Trump should "stick to golf" after the president mentioned that there "fine people" in the alt-right movement.

Trott, 56, is one of the 10 wealthiest members of Congress. In a 2015 listing of wealthy members of Congress, the Washington political publication Roll Call estimated his wealth at more than \$73 million, placing him sixth.

He had long been touted as an up-and-coming hopeful before running for Congress in 2014, having worked for former U.S. Rep. Bill Broomfield in the 1980s and volunteering for former U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg when he worked for the Oakland County Republican Party.

In 2014, Trott toppled U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, who had won the seat after former



Trott

U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter, a Republican from Livonia, stepped down amid a scandal

over fraudulent re-election petition signatures. He then defeated Bobby McKenzie in the general election.

Trott's departure means the district will have its fifth representative since 2012. A Democrat, David Curson, sat briefly in the seat, winning an election to serve out McCotter's term.

Trott's departure is expected to set off a mad scramble for the seat. Among the names being talked about are those of state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, state Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard and Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel.

On the Democratic side, Haley Stevens, former chief of staff to former President Barack Obama's auto task force, is running, as is Fayrouz Saad, who worked for the Department of Homeland Security and as director of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's Office of Immigrant Affairs. There is also speculation that state Rep. Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills, might enter the race.

Trott serves on the House Financial Services

Committee and previously served on the House Foreign Affairs and Judiciary committees.

"Dave Trott has been a pivotal member of Congress and a bold and tireless representative for his district," said U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, who chairs the National Republican Congressional Committee. "The NRCC is looking forward to keeping his seat red in 2018. We will not let his hard work go to waste and are confident this seat will remain under Republican control."

Rachel Irwin, a spokeswoman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, responded by saying, "The only thing that Congressman Dave Trott has to show for himself this Congress is his vote to rip away health care and increase costs for thousands of his constituents and his retirement is a tell-tale sign that running for re-election in Paul Ryan's do-nothing Congress would have been an uphill climb not worth the effort."

"Congressman Trott's retirement opens up a competitive seat that is trending toward Democrats and we're confident that a strong candidate will be ready represent the people of southeast Michigan in Congress in 2018," she added.

Church launches Harvey relief effort

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Like so many, members at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth have been overwhelmed with the images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and what it means for people as they try to rebuild their lives.

Church members began asking themselves a simple question: "What can we do?"

So Beth Savalox gathered some friends together and decided to "put our heartbreak into action." Savalox, a West Middle School educator and a member of First United Methodist, began building an effort they're calling "Hands 4 Harvey."

"Our goal is to create 500 buckets to deliver to victims of the catastrophe," Savalox said.

"These buckets contain a specific list of pre-determined items to sanitize and safely clean contaminated water. The size of the item is important so they can all fit in the bucket."

The effort is similar to

one the church put together in 2012 for Hurricane Sandy, when 500 buckets were delivered. Organizers have divided the list of necessary supplies and are asking each location or school to collect a single item (or pack of an item).

The group has partnered with, among others, 10 churches in five counties, the Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library. James Eshaki from Essco Development in Birmingham has twice donated free space in the CVS strip mall (1440 Sheldon in Plymouth) to use as a collection center.

There are ways to help:

» Feel like collecting items? Giving communities (sports team, neighborhood, church, etc.) looking for a way to help could consider being a collection center. Contact Savalox by email at beth.savalox@pccsk12.com.

» Feel like donating items? The larger community is being asked to donate new work gloves (cloth or leather) with leather palms. Both the Plymouth District Li-

brary and the Canton Public Library will be a collection center for these items until Sept. 23.

» Would you rather contribute money to go toward supplies or shipping the buckets to the victims? Checks should be sent to or email Pam Davis for an electronic option at pam@myit-net.com. Mail checks to First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund.

» Do you want to help receive, inventory and assemble items into buckets? Contact Renee McKarge via email at rmckarge@comcast.net to offer to help.

» Do you own a business that can help (such as a trucking company to help ship the materials)? Contact McKarge via email at rmckarge@comcast.net to offer to help.

All items are due by Sept. 25; buckets will be assembled by the first week in October and delivered to the victims.

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First United Methodist Church members hope to send 500 buckets with relief supplies to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

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Mother of veteran who took his own life wants to shed light on issue

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Robin Kiepert describes herself as "a mother, a wife and a veteran."

These days the Merritt Island, Florida, woman can add another title: post-traumatic stress disorder awareness advocate.

"My youngest son, Terrance Jeffery O'Hearn, was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan," said Kiepert, who served eight years herself in the Air Force. "When he came home after his discharge, it became very apparent that things had changed for him. He was diagnosed with severe PTSD and ultimately took his own life."

O'Hearn was 30 when he hanged himself in his California apartment in 2016.

O'Hearn was being treated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, but for privacy reasons, the VA couldn't share details of his condition with Kiepert.

About a year after O'Hearn's death, Kiepert decided she needed to do something to help bring awareness of how large a problem PTSD is for returning soldiers.

Kiepert started a Facebook community, "Linked Arms for Veterans," for people to share their stories of struggling with PTSD.

As she started to speak out about her experience, Kiepert was surprised to find that there were still lots of people who were not aware of the problems with veterans and active-duty military members committing suicide.

Earlier this year, she began to think about ways to increase awareness. She found her inspiration in Ohio.

Howard Berry is a Cincinnati man whose son, Staff Sgt. Joshua Berry, committed suicide in 2013.

In March, Berry planted 660 American



Robin Kiepert's son took his own life after returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. She started a Facebook community for people to share their stories of struggling with PTSD. MALCOLM DENEMARK/USA TODAY NETWORK

flags on a hillside overlooking the Ohio River — one for every military member or veteran estimated to commit suicide each month.

She is hoping to set up a similar display near her home on Florida's Space Coast.

"I would like to see that people are aware that it is happening ... that it is happening in the community, that it is happening to people in their neighborhood."

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Q&A WITH ROBIN KIEPERT

What does it mean to you to be an American?

I am fifth-generation Californian, so I have a long line of history in America. I have a longstanding history of military people supporting and defending our nation.

I have traveled around the world, and I will tell you, there is no greater country than America.

What moment touched and motivated you to start this effort?

My youngest son, Terrance Jeffery O'Hearn, was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. When he came home after his discharge, it became very apparent that things had changed for him. He was diagnosed with severe PTSD and ultimately took his own life. I hope bring awareness to this very, very serious problem that we have with our returning soldiers.

Terry just fell through all these little cracks, that people weren't doing their jobs and those gaps were just wide enough for him to slide all the way through.

At first you think this is happening to you. And then after a while you realize that is happening to 20 families a day and that something has to be done about it.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I hope by the efforts of planting the flags that we will bring awareness to the fact that 20 veterans a day die by suicide. My concern is that statistics and the ongoing daily struggle that these veterans have makes those numbers stay high or higher.

It's pretty powerful when you see it all in one spot. We can talk about 20 or 22 a day. And we can talk about 7,000 or 8,000 a year. But when you see 660 flags in one spot ... it's powerful. The message, it's powerful.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to bring awareness to the fact that 22 veterans or active duty military people a day die by their own hands, by suicide, so that everybody understands that 22 a day is an unacceptable number.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Canton rises to Salem challenge, wins big



Canton senior running back Steven Walker bursts ahead of Salem defenders. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rocks' attack hits wall in second half as Chiefs turn close game into 45-14 rout

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The Salem Rocks stormed out onto the football field Friday, stoked to have a chance to get after campus rival Canton after a five-year hiatus.

But 48 minutes and 45 Canton points later, it was the Chiefs doing the celebrating at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, hoisting their helmets after their 45-14 victory over the Rocks.

Canton (3-1) outscored Salem 22-0 in the second half, as the Rocks could not move the chains even once. Conversely, the Chiefs displayed a business-like offense with consistent running from senior backs Steven Walker (15 rushes, 132 yards, three TDs) and Colin

Troup (22 rushes 151 yards, two TDs).

"I feed off (Troup's) energy, he feeds off mine," Walker

said. "Every time I get yards, he gets yards. We keep going, 4

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HTLSports GAME OF THE WEEK 5

Our high school football coverage continues with Week 5. Remember to follow us on Twitter @HTLSports or follow individual reporters covering games listed below. A live scoreboard at www.hometownlife.com/sports will feature tweets throughout the night starting at 5 p.m. Friday Updates on coverage can be found on our Facebook page @hometownlifespports.

Game of the Week

We will have a co-Game of the Week this week, featuring:

Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Birmingham Groves at Farmington Harrison .Follow Marty Budner @BhmEccen-

tric

Sunday, Sept. 24, 1 p.m., Birmingham Brother Rice at Novi Catholic Central. Follow Brad Emons @BradEmons1

Other games we will cover
Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., White Lake Lakeland at South Lyon East. Follow Brad Emons

Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Plymouth at Northville. Follow Tim Smith @Tim-Smith_Sports

Predictions

Smith: Groves, Rice, East, Plymouth

Budner: Harrison, Rice, East, Plymouth

Emons: Groves, CC, Lakeland, Northville

PAYING TRIBUTE

THANKS, JIMMY!

Redford Union gives back to Rollin family — ceremony honors 'No. 1 fan' and celebrates mom's 100th birthday

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Redford Union's "No. 1 Fan," Jimmy Rollin, seemingly never missed any game, meet or match involving his beloved Panthers over the years.



Rollin

Now that he's gone, having died from cancer July 23 at age 60, the school and community he loved so much is making

ing sure he will always be around.

A year-long tribute to Rollin began Friday during the Panthers' home opener against Livonia Clarenceville at Hilbert Middle School. The initials J and R are stenciled just outside the playing field

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Redford Union honored the late Jimmy Rollin last Friday, unveiling his initials now stenciled into the turf at Hilbert Middle School. Here, the Rollin family gathers around the initials. In the center is his mom Eleanor. TOM BEAUDOIN

GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY

VICTORY DAY IS A WINNER



South Lyon players celebrate another TD with a participant during their fourth annual Victory Day. AIMEE MORR

Weather cooperates in South Lyon's fourth annual special-needs event

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Victories have been hard to come by so far this season for the South Lyon varsity football team, but even a 0-4 start couldn't dampen the mood Saturday morning as everybody came away the winner during the fourth annual Victory Day.

Lions varsity players, along with their coaches, hosted 30 special-needs students from the school district.

And the weather couldn't

have been any more cooperative after three straight soggy years.

"First of all, it was the first year it didn't rain," South Lyon head football coach Jeff Henson said. "The sun was shining and it was 80 degrees."

South Lyon players and coaching staff ran participants through a series of drills to get a taste of the whole high school football experience.

"We let them tackle dummies on the mat, let them go through agility stuff, kick field

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A Victory Day participant (front) goes through the Lions tunnel with South Lyon player Austin Trudell. AIMEE MORR

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PREP FOOTBALL

Churchill's defense, fast start stymie Franklin

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The game started 13 minutes late because of some pregame festivities, but when the kickoff finally commenced, host Livonia Churchill was more than ready.

The Chargers played a near flawless first quarter, going up 17-0, and never looked back en route to a 24-10 KLAA Gold Division win over rival Livonia Franklin.

Drew Alsobrooks threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Tyrese Williams with 7:22 in the opening quarter. Alsobrooks also booted a 42-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

And on the first play of the second quarter, Darrell Mason Jr. ran in 4 yards for another Church-

ill TD to give the Chargers a 17-point cushion.

Mason, who was injured in Week 2 during a 34-14 win over Northville, missed last week's game with an ankle issue in a 21-9 loss against Livonia Stevenson.

"Darrell is explosive and he was even sick early in the week, so he hasn't practiced much," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "He's only been doing half practices when he can. So he came in and gave us a little different explosion, for sure, to help us.

Mason was questionable to go, but did his part with limited carries (14), which also included a 9-yard TD run with 11:09 left in the game to clinch the win.

"It felt pretty good," said Mason, who finished with 70 yards rushing. "Off the injury, I was a little bit iffy on how I was going to play, but actually came out pretty nice. My line did a great job

tonight. They did a great job. There was no doubt about it, I was going to come back this week. I had to."

Here are four other takeaways from the game:

CASE FOR THE DEFENSE

Churchill (3-1, 2-0) limited the Patriots to 192 yards offense. Franklin was 4-of-15 passing for 43 yards and one interception (by Churchill's Avery Grenier, with under a minute left).

"We just practiced hard all week. We knew it was going to be a tough game, but we came out on top," Churchill senior strong safety Jaren Carble said. "We worked hard all week and it showed on the field today."

Franklin's only TD came on the second play of the second period, when Julius Simmons ran 69 yards for a TD. Simmons finished with a game-high 99 yards on

eight carries.

"Our defense was immaculate tonight, except for that one play," Mason said. "You know, we all whiff. Overall, our defense was pretty nice tonight."

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

Alsobrooks was an efficient 14-of-19 passing for 114 yards, including 5-of-7 for 68 yards in the opening quarter. The Chargers got a great diving 28-yard catch from Martell Dooley to set up their first TD.

"I thought we started fast," DeFillippo said. "We were getting stops on defense, changed field position, so we had a couple of short fields. Our offense was mixing it up running (and) pass pretty well. And then when they hit the run, I thought the last seven or eight minutes of the half, we kind of lost momentum a little. They forced us to punt a couple of

times. And then we knew we'd have a challenge. (Franklin) are a tough team and our kids came out and played a great second half as well. Played great on defense tonight."

SHAKY START

The Patriots (2-2, 2-1) had just 13 total yards net in the first 12:04 while falling behind, 17-0.

Coupled with bad field position, the Patriots went three-and-out three straight times and did not pick up a first down until Simmons's 69-yard TD run just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

"Didn't come out and execute right," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That's on me. I didn't have them ready. Whatever it was, we just weren't ready to play in that first quarter."

The Patriots outrushed Churchill, 149-110, but came up 14 points short. Franklin did close the gap to 17-10 on Brad

Gibson's 30-yard field goal with 4:23 left in the third quarter, but couldn't generate enough offense on the night.

"We've got a gritty team that won't ever stop playing hard," Kelbert said. "We just went in there at halftime and made it kind of more of attitude adjustment more than anything else, but still didn't play good enough. Offensively we need to be better."

BAND POWER

It was senior night at Churchill and the kickoff was delayed 13 minutes because the senior marching band members were being introduced before the playing of the national anthem.

There was no delay of game penalty assessed to the host Chargers.

Ironically, Churchill's halftime show included the theme song from "Mission Impossible."

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Mason

PREP FOOTBALL



Northville quarterback Jon Michalak (left) looks for an opening against Glenn tackler Matt Nutt. MARTHA MICHALAK

Michalak keys Northville's 17-14 win over Glenn

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Northville quarterback Jonathan Michalak exudes confidence when he's out on the football field.

Playing the most high-profile position in perhaps all of sports doesn't faze the 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior, as he drops back into the pocket and hurls the ball with a vicious spiral that's rivaled only by his pinpoint accuracy.

Such swagger was apparent in the stat line for Michalak, who completed 14-of-24 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns in the Mustangs' 17-14 victory Friday at Westland John Glenn.

Even after tossing an interception to senior linebacker Hunter Cichockin the fourth quarter, Michalak kept his poise.

This calm demeanor by Michalak worked to Northville's advantage two drives later, as he threw a dump pass in the flats to senior running back Abe Khoury for a 33-yard score with 5:22 remaining to propel the Mustangs (2-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Gold) to their first division win.

Such a clutch moment would usually yield much bravado, but Michalak kept his words short and sweet when describing his team's win afterward. "Momentum and con-



Glenn ball carrier Khalil McDaniel (left) tries to break free from a Northville tackler.

trol the game ... that's all we needed," Michalak said.

Pulling off the win took a massive amount of resilience for the Mustangs, who look to ride that momentum into their homecoming game this Friday against Plymouth.

"I felt like we were meaner and nastier," Michalak said. "We played our hearts out this game, which is something we hadn't done yet."

Here are four other takeaways from Friday's game:

MOODY'S MUSINGS

The challenge by senior Jake Moody to break the state record for long-

est field goal will have to be put on hold for another week. Moody made one of two attempts, including a 33-yarder in the second quarter to give Northville the initial lead, 3-0. Moody showed off his range just before halftime, narrowly missing a 56-yarder in the final minute.

Mustangs coach Matt Ladach is in awe of Moody's ability to connect from anywhere on the field, as his extra points in the second and fourth quarter had enough distance to sail past the soccer nets and

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PREP FOOTBALL

Harrison's big second quarter puts clamps on Seaholm, 49-7

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Farmington Harrison charged into Maple Field a bit shorthanded for its OAA White Division battle Friday with Birmingham Seaholm.

The Hawks, playing without six suspended players due to a skirmish the week before against Stoney Creek, still rolled past the host Maples, 49-7.

"It was kind of a surprise, you know?" said veteran Harrison head coach John Herrington, now just two victories away from tying former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa as the state's winningest coach.

"I'm very proud of the way they stepped up this week in practice with those guys out. I guess it's the old cliché that we've all heard: the next man in steps in and does the job. All the people who filled in just did great.

"We had a couple guys play a position that they had never played before," he added. "They all did the job."

Harrison scored seven touchdowns for the second straight week and again played with a running clock to lift its overall record to 3-1, including a White Division-leading 3-0 mark.

Seaholm fell to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the White Division.

Following are five takeaways from the game:

NOT BAD FOR OPENERS

Notre Dame commit Ovie Oghoufo began the game with a bang for Harrison by returning the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Oghoufo also scored on a 5-yard third-quarter touchdown pass. He had a second-quarter TD pass called back because of a penalty.

"Ovie is a play maker and a difference-maker," Herrington said. "He got us started and made a lot of good plays for us. And I thought our quarterback, Noah Hendricks, had his best game."

PIVOTAL SECOND QUARTER

It was a strange second quarter.

Seaholm actually enjoyed more possession time and ran 21 plays to Harrison's 11,



Harrison running back Roderick Heard (right) is chased by Seaholm defender Ben Barton during OAA White Division action. DAN DEAN

but it was the Hawks who did all the scoring to turn a close game into a runaway.

The visiting Hawks registered four touchdowns that quarter, including two in the final 31 seconds.

Hendricks, a senior, tossed a 12-yard touchdown to Moet Andrews and Roderick Heard followed with a pair of touchdown runs from 27 and 3 yards out. It appeared as if the Hawks would take a 28-7 lead into halftime.

Seaholm got the ball back with 25 seconds left in the quarter.

The Maples picked up a first down and had the ball at their own 43-yard line with five seconds left. Seaholm quarterback Joel Mitchell completed a short pass to Vaishnav Siddapureddy whose attempted lateral fell to the ground. Harrison junior Vincent Rawls picked up the loose ball and raced 43 yards into the end zone for the TD as time expired to give his team a 35-7 halftime lead.

LOOKING FOR POSITIVES

Veteran Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald tried to find some positives in the stinging 42-point defeat.

DeWald liked the play of quarterback Mitchell and how he took charge in that punishing second-quarter drive that resulted in the team's only touchdown. He also liked the play of a pair of sophomores — running back Chaz Strecker and defender James DeWald. Strecker finished with 79 yards rushing on 13 carries.

The key for Seaholm was giving up 21 points on turnovers or faulty special teams play.

"We started a couple of sophomores who

played pretty well," DeWald said. "Our quarterback had a good game understanding the game and he had a good second quarter. The thing is, we were behind the eight-ball so much in the second half, we just didn't give him a chance to do anything."

HARRISON OWNS SERIES

Farmington Harrison and Seaholm have now played 10 times on the gridiron — seven times during the regular season and three more in the playoffs — and the Hawks have won every single meeting.

Their seven regular-season meetings have all been in OAA White Division action since the Hawks moved into the OAA following its move from the old Western Lake Activities Association in 2002.

The three playoff battles were in 2011, 1997 and 1984.

In the 10 games, Harrison has outscored Seaholm by a 369-93 margin.

JUST THREE WINS AWAY

Herrington, in his 48th season as the only head coach Harrison has ever had, is now just three wins away from becoming state state's winningest coach.

Herrington owns 428 career victories and is fast closing in on Fracassa's 430.

Herrington's Hawks will now face the most challenging part of their schedule. Harrison will host Birmingham Groves this week in a pivotal OAA game. After a game against Rochester, the Hawks must battle state power Oak Park. The good thing for Harrison is it will host both Groves and Oak Park in games which figure to decide the OAA White Division title.

WEEK 4 FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Join the live Twitter feed each Friday night by using #HTLSports. Coaches/statisticians are encouraged to send game information to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com by 7 p.m. Saturday to be included in the following Thursday print editions.

Friday, Sept. 15

Canton 45, Salem 14
Harrison 49, Birmingham Seaholm 7
Churchill 24, Franklin 10
Warren DeLaSalle 36, Birmingham Brother Rice 14
Oak Park 34, Birmingham Groves 14
Rochester Adams 54, Bloomfield Hills 14

Cleveland St Ignatius (OH) 38, Detroit Catholic Central 7: The Shamrocks managed just one score – a rushing touchdown by quarterback Marco Genrich – against Ohio powerhouse St. Ignatius. Genrich completed 12-of-28 passes for 126 yards. Ken Korte had five catches for 75 yards. Cam Ryan led CC's ground attack with 77 yards on 16 carries. Defensively, Ryan Birney and Carson Kovath each posted 6.5 tackles, while Kovath added an interception.

Dearborn 31, Garden City 21
Dearborn Divine Child 28, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 14

Ferndale 17, Detroit Country Day 7: Country Day was solid defensively, but could only manage one touchdown. The Yellowjackets' lone score came on a 6-yard pass from quarterback Anthony Toma to Darren King. Toma completed 10-of-21 passes for 108 yards. King grabbed a pair of interceptions for 48 yards. Isaiah Johnson led the way defensively with 14 tackles, eight unassisted, while Kolin Demens totaled 12 tackles, including six solo stops. The Eagles scored on a 24-yard field goal by John Stellard, a 2-yard run by Zoser Little and a 14-yard TD pass from KeShawn Smith to Anthony Merriman.

Hazel Park 18, Farmington 7
Livonia Stevenson 27, Howell 23
Walled Lake Central 49, Milford 35

Auburn Hills Avondale 47, North Farmington 0
Brighton 28, Novi 14: The host Wildcats battled back twice in the first half, but couldn't respond to a pair of second-half Brighton scores. Brighton quarterback Spencer Mykols threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes to Drew Billig, 16 yards in the first quarter and 9 yards in the second. Novi's Sean Gilliam answered each score, running for a 2-yard TD early in the second quarter and then adding a 14-yard scamper late in the half to knot the score at 14-14. Each touchdown capped an 80-yard drive. The Bulldogs (2-2) took the lead for good on Mykols' 1-yard run in the third quarter, before Rudy Ramirez closed the scoring with a 16-yard TD dash in the fourth quarter, followed by his fourth extra point. Gilliam ran 20 times for 135 yards and completed 10-of-25 passes for 117 yards. Traveon Maddox Jr. caught eight passes for 85 yards. Antonio Washington led the Wildcats (1-3) with nine tackles, including eight



Glenn ball carrier Khalil McDaniel tries to break free from a Northville tackler. MARTHA MICHALAK

solo stops. Maddox and Tyler Vankirk had six solo tackles apiece. For the Bulldogs, Mykols was 9-of-15 passing for 99 yards, while Chris Seguin ran 19 times for 112 yards. Defensively, Jack Johnson had seven solo stops plus three assisted tackles.

Pinckney 45, South Lyon 30

Plymouth 26, Wayne Memorial 20: Carson Miller ran 43 yards for a touchdown with 5:40 left to break a 20-20 tie. Miller carried 27 times for 217 yards and two TDs. He also caught three passes for 23 yards and another TD. Plymouth opened the scoring in the first quarter on Zach Beadle's 35-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Aniol. The Zebras gained their only lead late in the half, when Donte Williams completed a 33-yard TD pass to Fred Biles and then Williams ran in the two-point conversion. But the Wildcats answered quickly, as Beadle hit Miller on a 5-yard scoring pass with nine seconds on the clock to send Plymouth into halftime with a 13-8 edge.

Miller's 8-yard touchdown run, plus Mike Mathias's second extra point of the game made it 20-8 in the third quarter. Wayne responded with two quick scoring strikes: an 84-yard run by Williams and a 74-yard Williams-to-Reggie Micheaux pass that tied the game. Beadle was 6-of-11 passing for 90 yards. Ashton LeBeau led the Wildcats with nine tackles, including six solo hits. For the Zebras, Williams threw for 187 yards and ran for another 138.

Redford Thurston 45, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 0

Redford Union 33, Livonia Clarenceville 0: The Panthers (1-3) scored all their points in the first half and then cruised to victory. For RU, Tavian Groves rushed for 116 yards on 20 carries, including touchdown runs of 42 and 38 yards. Thornton Cain ran 11 times for 88 yards. He scored on a 48-yard run in the second quarter, courtesy of a strong trap block by Tyrese Taylor. Isaac Grant tallied RU's other two TDs, on scampers of 42 and 52 yards. Keion Brown had five tackles, including three tackles for loss, to help the Panthers score their first shutout of the season, as the Trojans managed just 65 yards total offense. Kyle Nolan paced Clarenceville (0-4) with 36 rushing yards, while Dion Turner added 20. Defensively, Will Brown had a hand in 10 tackles – including eight

solo stops – and defended one pass. Zach Jones chipped in four solo tackles, plus two assists.

South Lyon East 42, Walled Lake Northern 35: The Cougars racked up 465 yards total offense, to Northern's 364, to earn a shootout victory. Jake Waranaukas had another big two-way game for East, rushing 30 times for 224 yards and two scores, while adding a third TD on a reception. Waranaukas also chipped in an interception. Donovan Wright added 65 yards rushing on 13 carries, with one TD. Cougars quarterback Chris Kaminski was 13-of-19 passing for 146 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was Jacob Koshko, who gained 81 yards on four receptions, with three of them going for touchdowns.

Pinckney 45, South Lyon 30: Pinckney's Nick Cain had a night for the ages as he had seven catches for 164 yards and three TDs. He also returned a kickoff 97 yards for a TD and threw a 68-yard TD pass on a trick play. Cain also caught a two-point conversion and had an interception. Quarterback Connor Fracassi, Will Kelley and Jack Schafer had touchdown runs for South Lyon, which briefly led 10-9 before Cain's 97-yard kick return. Brenden Lach added a 2-yard TD catch from Fracassi to cap the scoring and also kicked a field goal.

Northville 17, Westland John Glenn 14

White Lake Lakeland 22, Waterford Kettering 16: The host Eagles (3-1) rallied from a 16-14 halftime deficit to earn a hard-fought victory. The Eagles seemed to be in control early, as quarterback Mitchell Boles hit running back Robbie Tracy for a 59-yard touchdown strike to help Lakeland race to a 14-0 lead. But Kettering took advantage of some big plays – including a blocked punt – to grab a two-point edge at the half. The Eagles' defense began the second half with a key stop and then the offense did its share, marching down the field to set up Dylan Kutzleb's touchdown run. Lakeland travels Friday to South Lyon East, hoping to push its winning streak to four games.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 49, Lutheran Westland 0

a huge weapon.”

GLENN GETS GUTSY
Down by a 10-7 margin to begin the fourth quarter, John Glenn (1-3, 1-2) appeared to be going for a game-tying 22-yard field goal, but opted for the fake instead as running back and holder Matt Nutt (21 carries, 121 yards) circled his way toward the near sideline relatively unscathed for a 5-yard score to put

Glenn back on top 14-10 following an extra point by senior Chase Kersten. “Matt’s a heck of an athlete and a great running back,” Glenn coach Steve Waller said. “He can catch it, he can throw it and he can run it. He had a hot hand tonight and we just rode him. He was a beast.”

ON THE DEFENSIVE
One of the standouts on the defensive end was



Canton's Colin Troup (left) gains yardage, but Salem's Nate Hunt makes the tackle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CANTON

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yards a play.”
Meanwhile, senior quarterback Connor Engel orchestrated the offense to a productive night. When he needed to make a big pass, he found targets such as senior Noah Brown (two catches, 53 yards) and senior Danny Lanava, who caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

“It’s crazy, it’s a blessing with what our O-line can do,” Engel said. “I just got to give it all to them. They put up those 45 points.”

Canton head coach Tim Baechler said his defense held Salem’s big guns in check except for one big play – senior Andrew Davis scored on a 63-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Ryan Young.

And on offense, the Chiefs put together several long marches that took chunks of time off the clock.

“We wanted to possess the ball,” Baechler said. “We thought we could just hammer our double-wing stuff. They were having trouble with it.”

“Our defense stepped up in the second half and got a couple stops. We were able to consume the clock and were able to knock a couple in there.”

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell, whose team dipped to 2-2, said his players performed better than the final score indicated.

“There were some things that were sloppy, coming out in the sec-

ond half like that, not being able to put a drive together hurt,” Britnell said. “And they are who they are; we didn’t get enough stops defensively. And we made too many mistakes offensively to keep drives going.”

“But it is what is and I don’t think the score is any indication of what kind of game it was.”

Salem got the ball to start the second half, but Chase Meredith immediately sacked Young to set the tone.

After the Rocks punted, Canton went on a 64-yard drive in nine plays, with Engel connecting with Lanava, who was all alone in the end zone.

That made it 29-14 and the rout was on.

Davis was Salem’s biggest offensive contributor, with 163 all-purpose yards. The Rocks’ second touchdown was a 3-yard run by senior Cody Tapp.

Kicking a key field goal at the end of the first half was Chase Meredith, to give the Chiefs a 23-14 edge.

Canton also scored on a pair of two-point conversions and a safety.

Following are five takeaways from the Park rivalry contest:

NO TIME TO WASTE
Canton quickly found the Salem end zone near the start of both the first and second quarters, with Walker and Troup both registering a TD run. Troup then scored on a two-point conversion run to put the Chiefs up 20-7 less than two minutes into the second.

THROW THE FLAG
The host Rocks bounced back to score on

Tapp’s TD. That closed out a 73-yard drive in 15 plays, taking more than eight minutes off the clock. Two Canton penalties kept the chains moving for Salem.

MORE THAN A QB

One of the better defensive performers for Salem was the quarterback, Young, who ran down several Canton players to minimize damage on potentially big gainers. He registered 12 tackles, while senior linebacker Parker Selby had eight.

“He can play. He’s a football player, period,” Britnell said about Young (4-of-8 passing, 85 yards).

GLAD TO SEE YOU

Canton and Salem last met during the 2012 season, with the Rocks missing a potential game-winning field goal. None of the current players were in high school when that contest took place.

WALL OF FAME

Salem’s fourth Wall of Fame induction ceremony was Saturday, but inductees were introduced to the crowd during Friday’s halftime. Honorees include Bob Dasher, Brian Gilles, Jeff Roth, Jacqueline Merrifield, Fred Locke, LaTonya Wheeler, Tim Dillon, the late Scott Beaman, the 1974 boys golf state championship team and 1977 football team.

Beaman died in August after a bout with cancer. He was a long-time teacher in the district who in recent years was in charge of ticket sales at Park athletic events. He received the first Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Salem's Andrew Davis catches this pass from quarterback Ryan Young and then runs it into the end zone for a 63-yard TD against Canton.

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Rockets statue behind the uprights.

“That kid is phenomenal,” Ladach said. “I thought that 56-yarder was good, but he didn’t miss by much. Whenever we have the ball, we feel real good about having a good chance at getting points with that kid. He’s

Chicocki, who aside from his interception was one of three players to notch a sack against the Mustangs’ massive offensive line.

Senior defensive linemen Jarecy Scott and Donald Farris combined for a sack on Northville’s opening drive of the game, while Chicocki’s occurred just six plays into the second half.

“Hunter’s a great player and a two-year

starter for us and a two-captain” Waller said. “He runs everything out there on defense like us and is an animal.”

BETTER TO RECEIVE

Junior wide receiver Nick Prystash remained Michalak’s main target during the contest, finishing with nine grabs for 115 yards, along with a 5-yard touchdown with 3:24 left in the half to give the Mustangs a 10-7

lead. “Coming off last week, we’ve been working hard on the offensive and defensive game plan,” Prystash said. “We went through some adversity today and didn’t get the job done a couple of times, but in the end we came out with a ‘W.’ That was enough and we’ll just keep building off of it next week and capitalize on our opportunities more and more.”

Soaring Eagles



Plymouth Christian Academy celebrates after winning Saturday's 50th annual Holly/Duane Raffin Festival of Races. Standing (from left) are Eric Moore, Caleb Godin, Hunter Torolski, Nathan Sutrick, Seth Windle and Luke Pohl. Kneeling is coach Rod Windle. The Eagles finished with 80 points. In fifth with 129 points was Lutheran Westland. Pohl won with a time of 17:01, while Seth Windle placed second (17:37). Other PCA finishers included Torolski (14th, 18:59), Quinn McClaren (29th, 19:50) and Sutrick (35th, 19:59). PCA ATHLETICS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lakeland's Kutzleb earns weekly honor

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Dylan Kutzleb considers himself a car and a boat guy.

And the 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior running back from White Lake Lakeland showed Friday that he has a well-tuned engine, running for a career-high 254 yards on just 14 carries as the host Eagles improved to 2-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference with a 34-14 win over South Lyon.

And for his efforts, which included touchdown runs of 86 and 69 yards, Kutzleb earned

this week's HometownlifeSports.com's Athlete of the Week honors.

"I'm just really humbled that there's 14,000 people out there that even care about this," Kutzleb said. "I'm really surprised that I was even nominated for this award and then to win it means a lot for me."

Kutzleb, who was also a big factor in Lakeland's 29-27 LVC win the previous week against Waterford Mott, believes the seed was planted for his early season success during the off-season.

"It started in early summer," he said. "We started workouts every morning. All the team was there working hard, three hours a day, just getting at it and building

as a team and getting the offense down early."

Kutzleb had a couple of individual goals going into the season that he needed to improve upon.

"Particularly, blocking for me was a big thing that I needed to work on," he said. "but also finding the holes and hitting them with no hesitation was a big thing also."

Kutzleb also excelled in track last spring, when he was runner-up in the long jump at the KLAA Lakes Conference meet with a personal best 21 feet, 1 1/4 inches. He also placed third at the regional and was a member of the Eagles sprint relay teams.

"For track, I'm looking to make states for the long jump this year," he

said. "Maybe if I can get an offer there from some school, I'd consider that. But mostly, I'm going for education more than sports."

Kutzleb is keeping his options open as far as his future.

"I'm not really looking into football right now," Kutzleb said. "I'm looking into going to Michigan State and pursue an engineering degree."

During his spare time, Kutzleb likes to stay active.

"I like cars and just hanging out with my friends, playing sports, being outside ... fishing, stuff like that, being on the boat," he said.

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JIMMY

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and the RU Blue and Gold athletic boosters club also plans on unveiling a sign at the stadium.

"What we're going to do at each home opener for each varsity event, we're having a moment of silence for him," RU athletic director and football coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "His mom (Eleanor Rollin) also turns 100 (Sept. 17), so the family are coming to the game also to kick off the home season."

"Obviously, Jimmy will be missing his first game in a lot of years. They're coming in to try to fill in for him and say thank you (to) the community for the support they've got."

Jimmy would have loved how Friday's game turned out, too. The Panthers blanked Clarenceville by a 33-0 score.

Night of celebration

Friday's football game gave the Redford Union community an opportunity to begin giving back to the man simply known as "Jimmy" all over the



After RU's 33-0 win over Clarenceville, Eleanor Rollin waves to the crowd. The night featured festivities honoring her late son Jimmy. The crowd also sang "Happy Birthday" to Eleanor, as she turned 100 Sunday. TOM BEAUDOIN

district. He graduated in 1977 from the high school.

"We've got Jimmy's initials stenciled just outside the playing field," Tomasaitis said. "Blue and Gold (Club) is planning some other things. I'm not sure."

"We have VIP seating for them (family) on the track inside the gates. We're going to play 'Happy Birthday' to Jimmy's mom at the first change of possession. The band's going to play it and we're going to his mom for her 100th birthday."

Even as Rollin neared the end, he had Redford Union and the Blue and Gold Club on his mind.

"Everything he had, his car and everything else, is being donated to the Blue and Gold and to the athletic department," Tomasaitis said.

The family also is asking that donations continue to be donated to the Blue and Gold Club and athletic department.

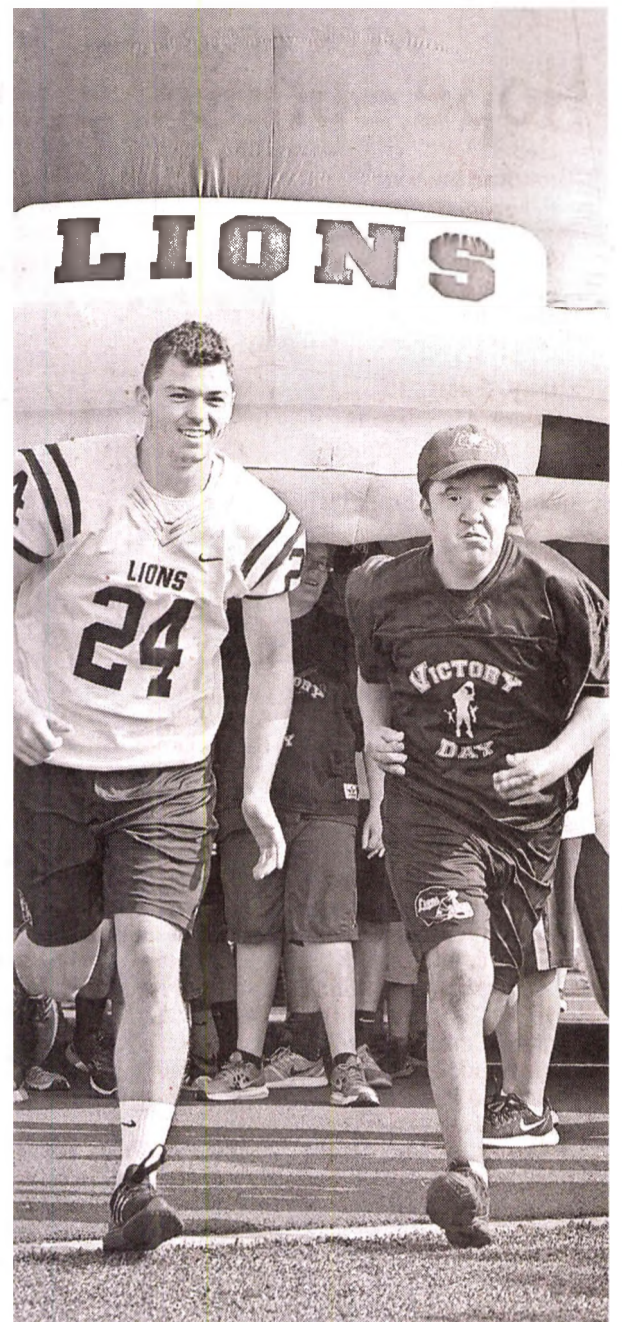
Giving back

"Jimmy was at everything. You'd look up and he was there," Tomasaitis

said. "The other athletic directors around the conference knew who Jimmy was because he showed up at everything."

"He was at tennis matches, he was at swim meets, football games, basketball games, volleyball, baseball, softball, track. He showed up at everything. Coaches would drive him to games sometimes or he'd ride the bus if an event was farther away."

Honoring Jimmy and keeping his memory and love of RU athletics alive is going to be a priority



South Lyon player Will Kelley goes through the Lions den with a Victory Day participant. AIMEE MORR

VICTORY

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goals, then each kid got an opportunity to score a touchdown," Henson said.

And the event continues to grow each year.

"We had all kinds of fans in the stands," Henson said. "The energy was great, the attitudes were great. The cheer and pom pon teams were also there to help us. The band played the national anthem for us. It was a really good day."

South Lyon running backs coach Adam Delamiellure, who works for Unilock, helped arrange for his company to sponsor the event.

Each participant received a jersey, a football and a medal.

"It was a great day," South Lyon running back and cornerback Will Kelley said. "You get to help out kids that normally don't get a chance to play football or to get to play in

game like we do. So it's just fun to help them out live out that experience. The most fun part about it was that every kid got to score a touchdown and get that feeling."

All 29 South Lyon varsity football players were there to help coach up the participants.

"With the drills, we just taught them what the coaches taught us, like how to carry the ball, how to tackle, power through everything, wrap up on the bags, scoop and score," Kelley said. "We talked to them after and asked them what was their favorite part about the day."

The event concluded with a cookout for all the participants.

"It was a good experience to help out the kids," Kelley said. "It was just about letting them play football."

The Lions will go after their first triumph Friday, Sept. 22, at home against Milford in a Lakes Valley Conference encounter. Game time is 7 p.m.

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Redford Union's Thorton Cain races ahead of Clarenceville defenders on his way to a touchdown Friday.

all year.

"You don't see that dedication from alumni over time, that's for sure," Tomasaitis said. "It is (nice to honor him). We're going to miss him. It was a shock to the whole community when

he passed away.

"You need to take time out for people that are special to the school like that."

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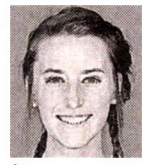
COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Hope springs eternal with All-American Jones on mound

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Before she even graduates next spring from Hope College, Sydney Jones is already leaving quite a legacy on the softball diamond.

The 2014 South Lyon East High School grad is coming off an extraordinary junior season, as she earned NCAA Division III first team All-



Jones

America honors from Fastpitch News while leading the Flying Dutch to the regional finals at Wisconsin-Whitewater and claim a share of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title with a 13-3 record.

The right-hander, who posted a 17-7 record with a 1.18 earned-run average, also earned all-region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and was named the MIAA's Most Valuable Pitcher.

Jones set school records with 17 wins, 11 shutouts, 23 starts, 22 complete games and 229 strikeouts in a single season. Her ERA is second-lowest in Flying Dutch history.

Jones became the Flying Dutch's career strikeout leader (482).

She also proved to be a standout defender in the infield, recording a .994 fielding percentage with just one error in 154 chances.

"It was just working hard with my teammates and, really, perfecting my pitching," Jones said. "And it's, really, taking it to that next level to be able to do the kind of things that me and my team did last year."

Hope College coach Mary VandeHoef said there are several reasons for Jones's breakout year.

"It's always great when someone puts a lot of time and energy and hard work into what they do and to see the results on the field," said VandeHoef, whose team finished 27-15 overall last season. "Syd is an incredibly hard worker, takes her position very seriously and works hard ... and so she's gotten better every year."

As a freshman, Jones went 9-3 in 88½ innings with a 1.74 ERA, followed by a sophomore season where she logged 121 innings, going 8-10 with a 2.13 ERA.

"Along with great velocity, she has a really, really good movement on her pitches," VandeHoef said. "She's a pitcher that really commands the inside part of the plate really well, but at the same time this past sea-

son, she really developed her change-up and that became a pitch that took her from her sophomore to her junior year to becoming a pitcher that could throw that change-up in any count."

Jones attributes her success to Hope College pitching coach Jeanette Olinger, whom she affectionately calls "Coach J," along with Wes Strickland, who offers softball instruction out of the Great Lakes Baseball Academy in Canton while she's home during school breaks.

"Coach J has been a great help for me," Jones said. "She's helped me mentally and physically get prepared for everything. She's just been super great."

Jones has a brother (Blake) and a sister (Taylor) who graduated from Hope in 2014 and 2016, respectively. Her younger sister Peyton, a 2016 East grad, is a sophomore who was a member of the Flying Dutch women's basketball JV team last year.

Meanwhile, younger brother Griffin, a sophomore at East, has not committed to Hope just yet.

Jones, who was a Division 2 honorable mention all-state player at East in softball, also played basketball, but decided to concentrate solely on softball once she arrived



South Lyon East grad Sydney Jones earned first team All-American honors at Hope College.

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in Holland.

"I hadn't seen her throw in games until that summer before she was here," VandeHoef said. "She was definitely a player who was on our radar, but hadn't had the opportunity to see her play. It was a great surprise to see that Syd

would be able to help us and contribute."

Jones, who is majoring in exercise science, is carrying a full 17-credit load this semester and plans to go into the nutritional field following graduation.

"There's a lot to love," Jones said about Hope

College. "The academics are amazing. My professors are amazing. I have met so many great people here and it's just been a blessing to be able to study here while still playing the sport that I love. It's really just been a great experience for me."

The Flying Dutch lose only three players to graduation and the goal for Jones is to earn a trip to the 2018 NCAA Division III national tournament. It's something she believes is within reach.

"Just to take it further and work just as hard, or harder, this off-season," she said. "And to keep pushing my teammates and having them push me so that we can go even farther at the end of the season, so we can make a better postseason run this year."

Earning All-America honors as a junior proved to be icing on the cake and it came as a surprise as she was one of five first team pitchers named and among 15 selections overall.

"I worked really hard for it," Jones said. "I was definitely excited this year. It was really a great thing to share with my teammates and everything because, obviously, I didn't get there alone."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Top duo looks to power Patriots, girls also look strong

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Livonia Franklin boys cross country coach Pat Koelzer likes the Patriots' blend of experienced as the team looks to compete within a very competitive conference.

"We have a good pack of varsity runners who need to continue moving closer to the front of races for us to do well," Koelzer said.

Leading the Patriots will be senior Grant Rudd and junior Logan Evanchuk in the top two spots, with senior Jackson Nordbeck, junior Russell Rusnell and junior Andrew Ulaszek pushing them at the front of the pack.

"Grant was a sub-17 minute racer as a sophomore," Koelzer said. "Last year, he dealt with some injury troubles before getting his time back down to 16:42.

"This fall, he has been healthy so far and looks to lead the way for the team and finish his high school career at or below 16:00 and, hopefully, battle for a shot at states."

Evanchuk (17:20) could push his time under the 17-minute mark, while Nordbeck, Rusnell and Ulaszek "are looking to get under 17:30 as soon as possible so our pack of five can be more competitive in the bigger races."

Koelzer added that the KLAA promises to be a juggernaut again this season, led by Plymouth.

"They look dominant and are likely to be a favorite to win the conference and region," he said. "Northville is usually a top three conference and region opponent. Stevenson, Salem and Novi look like they may also round out the top conference teams.

"Within our division,

other than Plymouth and Salem, Churchill and Canton are also likely to be the toughest teams to face."

Franklin girls

Veteran Livonia Franklin girls cross country coach Dave Bjorklund said the Patriots will be competitive again, even in the new-look KLAA division (which includes Salem).

Four of five top runners from 2016 are back, including junior Erin Seibert

(two-time state qualifier), Emily Esker, Ashley deGuise and Hailey Kutruks. Caroline Hardy is a promising newcomer.

"I like the competition we have within the team this year and look forward to see what we can do as the season progresses," Bjorklund said.

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KLAA ROUNDUP

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV:sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

Volleyball

BEDFORD INVITATIONAL: Hannah Grant led the way with 69 digs on the day and setter Rachel Holmes added 85 assist-to-kills Sept. 16 as Northville swept the competition, winning the Temperance Bedford Invitational with a 27-25, 25-22 win over the host Kicking Mules. Other victories came against Chelsea (25-23, 25-21), Carleton Airport (25-6, 25-13), Ida (25-12, 15-25, 15-13), Brighton Charyl Stockwell Academy (25-19, 25-23) and Grosse Ile (25-9, 25-12). Other top performers for Northville included Christina Valentini (26 kills), Brianna Maccoux (24 kills, 30 digs), Clare McNamara (24 kills), Gabi Fissette (49 assists, 10 aces), Ally Zayan (13 aces, 24 digs), Morgan Rodgers (20 kills), Jenna Boksha (14 kills, 19 digs), and Michael VanAcker (10 kills).

SALEM 3, WAYNE 0: The Rocks made strides as a program Sept. 14 with their first win of the season, 25-11, 25-16 and 25-11.

Boys soccer

PLYMOUTH 5, HARRISON 0: On Sept. 16, Justin Wojcik had one goal and three assists, while Caleb Crawford (goal, assist)

and goaltender Ryan Schmatz (shutout) sparked the Wildcats.

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1: On Sept. 16, the Chiefs rolled behind two goals from Nick Yono and single markers by Tyler Turko, Brett McGue and Kyle Kulas. Canton improved to 5-2-4 overall, 4-0-2 in the KLAA and 2-0-1 in the division. Chipping in assists were Jordan Forney, Nick Avram and Avery Olson, while Sean O'Meara earned the win in goal.

CANTON 1, HARTLAND 0: Brett McGue's unassisted goal in the second half Sept. 14 was all the Chiefs (4-2-4, 3-0-2) needed and goalie Sean O'Meara made 10 saves to post the crossover win.

NORTHVILLE 2, SALEM 1: Zach Westenberg scored the game-winning goal on a late penalty kick after Felipe McCarthy was taken down in the box Sept. 14 as the Mustangs (7-2-1, 5-1) stopped the Rocks (6-3, 5-1) in a crossover. It was 0-0 at halftime before Salem's Zach Friess broke the ice with a goal in the 64th minute. Northville tallied the equalizer on Andrew Mitchell's goal from Paul Kearis, who turned in a solid performance along with Nikko Wood and Brian Politi.

Boys cross country

SPARTAN INVITATIONAL: Novi's Gabe Mudel (15:29.2) was runner-up to Coldwater's Shauaib Algabaly (15:28.1) in the Elite Division at the MSU

Spartan Invitational on Sept. 15 at Forest Akers East Golf Course. Defending Division 1 champion White Lake Lakeland (153) took first in the Elite team standings, followed by Chelsea (179) and Saline (192). Salem was 10th with 323, led by Luke Haran, 38th (16:39.8); Andrew Beyer, 72nd (17:06.1); Nolan Teodori, 121st (17:31.3); Talha Syed, 135th (17:36.4); and Shane McKimby, 139th (17:38.3). Novi finishers included Trey Mullins, 74th (17:07.2); Matt Whyte, 92nd (17:16.9); Nate Wood, 114th (17:27.3); and Dallas Foley, 172nd (18:06.1). Northville (224) took third in Green Division, led by Nicholas Couyoumjian, 24th (17:05.8); Nathan Hayes, 28th (17:11.6); Raymond Jiang, 42nd (17:33.5); Sean McKee, 64th (17:55.8); and Alex Jund, 70th (17:59.2). In 16th place was Franklin, with Grant Rudd (48th, 17:39), Logan Evanchuk (54th, 17:46) and Russell Rusnell (72nd, 18:00) the top Patriots.

HOLLY INVITATIONAL: Plymouth finished second Sept. 15 at the Holly Invitational, paced by runner-up Ethan Byrnes (16:04.3). Also running strong races were Carter Solomon (third, 16:06.7), Patrick Byrnes (11th, 16:37.8) and Brandon Boyd (14th, 16:44.6). Canton, meanwhile, came in 10th place behind Shane Andrews, who placed 17th with a time of 16:47. That's the second-best time ever recorded at the

Holly meet by a Canton runner. In 24th was Grant Hoffmeyer (career best 17:04).

Girls cross country

SPARTAN INVITATIONAL: Freshman Yasmine Mansi ran a personal best 18:44.3 to place 15th individually as Northville took third in the Elite Division at the MSU Spartan Invitational on Sept. 15 at Forest Akers East Golf Course. Rockford (184) and Hart (194) finished one-two in the team standings, while the Mustangs placed third with 210 as Ana Barrott (19th, 18:51.8), Olivia Harp (58th, 20:01.2), Emily Gordon (60th, 20:05.5) and Keira Courtney (78th, 20:26.8) rounded out the Northville scoring. Meanwhile, Salem finished third in the Green Division race with 136 points, with Dearborn Divine Child (113) and East Grand Rapids (131) finishing one-two. For the Rocks, earning medals were Reagan Justice (16th, 20:08.1), Gabrielle Mancini (24th, 20:17.9), Hannah Jeffress (26th, 20:20.9) and Hallie Younglas (29th, 20:21.4).

HOLLY INVITATIONAL: Salem tallied 162 points to finish sixth out of 20 teams Sept. 15. Plymouth registered 215 points and placed ninth. For the Rocks, stellar performances were turned in by Olivia Millen, Maddie Grant and Anna Kubinski.

Girls swimming
NORTHVILLE 115, HOWELL 71: Lauren

Heaven swept the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 55.40 and 2:03.23 on Sept. 14 as the host Mustangs (2-1, 1-0) defeated the Highlanders in a KLAA Gold Division meet. Other individual winners for Northville were Kathleen Wasiniak, 200 IM (2:23.10); Meghna Ancha, 50 freestyle (26.48); Avery Thaxton, 1-meter diving (160.13 points); Sophia Tuinman, 100 butterfly (1:00.73); and Katelyn McCullough, 500 freestyle (5:13.30). The foursome of McCullough, Jennifer Ostrowski, Wasiniak and Mia Testani took first in the 200 medley relay (1:58.20), while Marisa Reddy, Kat Ivanaukas, Sinyu Wang and Claire Wan took the 200 freestyle relay (1:56.06).

Girls golf

SALEM WINS PAIR: On Sept. 15 at par-35 Fox Hills, Salem (184) edged Grand Blanc (185) and Canton (187). Nicole Hahn and Julianne Small each shot 44 for the Rocks, with Megan Kozlowski contributing 45. Medalist was Canton's Manasa Potluri, with 41. Tallying 48 for the Chiefs were Simi Neeluru and Zoe Barkoff.

PIONEER INVITE: Plymouth came in sixth Sept. 14 at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, with 357 strokes. Registering 82 over 18 holes was Shae Zydeck, while Erin Johnson shot 84. The tourney was held at Lake Forest Golf Course.

CANTON NINTH: The Chiefs shot 383 to place

ninth out 18 teams Sept. 16 at the Mustang Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark. South Lyon and Hartland finished first and second with 335 and 353 points, respectively. Manasa Potluri shot 81 for Canton, earning a top 10 medal. There were 90 golfers at the invite.

Boys tennis

SALEM SECOND AT QUAD: On Sept. 16 at Brighton, Walled Lake Central won a quad meet with Salem second. All Salem performers scored at least one point, most bringing home medals for first or second place. Victories for the Rocks were tallied by No. 2 singles Jason Zheng, No. 3 singles Parshva Sanghvi and No. 1 doubles Andrew Clarke and Khush Patel.

SALEM 7, CHURCHILL 2:

The Rocks had a strong, consistent match Sept. 14 against Livonia Churchill. Prevailing in singles matches for Salem were Eric Liu (No. 1) and Ajay Bharathan (No. 4). Churchill's only wins were posted by Mick Htake at No. 2 singles (over Jason Zheng) and Conner Riley at No. 3 singles (over Parshva Sanghvi). In doubles play, Salem rolled to wins at No. 1 (Andrew Clarke-Khush Patel), No. 2 (Ryan The-Nihal Lingam), No. 3 (Justin Kuhn-Neel Shah), No. 4 (Roenik Master-Rahul Rao) and No. 5 (Jack Nugent-Cal Smiley).



DON'T BASE YOUR BUSINESS ON FADS THAT FIZZLE OUT

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For every story of an entrepreneur who was in the right place at the right time to capitalize on a fad, there are probably 10 more about the poor guy who, after the craze, found himself with a warehouse of product that won't sell. As a business owner, you choose where to focus your efforts and resources. To be more than a flash in the pan, your business should address specific customer problems, offer solutions and latch on to trends that unfold over years, not months. Here are four ways to tell if your business aligns with a lasting trend:

YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM

Online shoe retailers solve problems of selection and convenience for customers, says David Choi, a Los Angeles-based entrepreneur and business professor. But a subscription service that ships high-fashion shoes with a celebrity's stamp of approval? That's a tougher case.

"Do you really need advice from (a celebrity) on what kind of shoe you want to wear?" asks Choi, who directs the Fred Kiesner Center for Entrepreneurship at Loyola Marymount University.

YOU HAVE A STRATEGY TO FIND CUSTOMERS

"Early adopters" are great customers in the beginning, but they shouldn't be the only ones, says Joe Foxtan, a New York entrepreneur who runs an online-marketing firm and mentors start-ups.

"These people just love to be the first to latch on to a new idea, but they can be flighty and fickle," he says. If they move on before you tap a broader market, sales could fizzle.

Customer acquisition isn't easy. But as a start, Foxtan advises, your business should address the demands of more mainstream customers.

YOU TAP INTO BIG UNDERLYING TRENDS

Charlie Ritchie is bullish on his business, a specialty-tea subscription service called Tea Runners, in part because it's supported by strong underlying trends.

High-end, exotic tea varieties are a small but growing segment, the Tea Association of the USA says. Meanwhile, Americans are increasingly shopping online, analytics firm comScore notes.

"I like tea, and I like the opportunity in this space," Ritchie says.

YOU THINK LONG AND BROAD, NOT SHORT AND NARROW

Fads happen over months or a few years and are characterized by the intense interest of a relatively small group. Trends build over years or decades, unfold across industries and affect broad swaths of people.

Choi points to the rise since the 1990s of craft beer, which he attributes in part to the shifts in Baby Boomers' priorities toward quality and distinctiveness over quantity and standardization.

Trends related to the aging of the population also influence other sectors — autos and health care, for example — and don't seem to be letting up.

Is your home really a safe investment?

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Buying a house is widely considered to be one of the best investments you can make. If you own your home, then your housing payments are being put to use to pay off your mortgage and eventually make the house 100% yours. Rent payments are simply gone forever. But some homeowners think of their houses as more than just homes: They expect to make a substantial profit on the purchase. Here's why that can be a really bad mind-set to have.

HOME PRICES

While it's true home prices steadily rise over time, what many people fail to realize is this rise has more to do with inflation than anything else.

If you buy a house for \$200,000 and later sell it for \$300,000, once you add in the effects of inflation you may find there was little, if any, change to the actual value of your home. Between 1890 and 1990, home prices rose by roughly 0.2% per year once corrected for inflation.

HOUSING BUBBLES

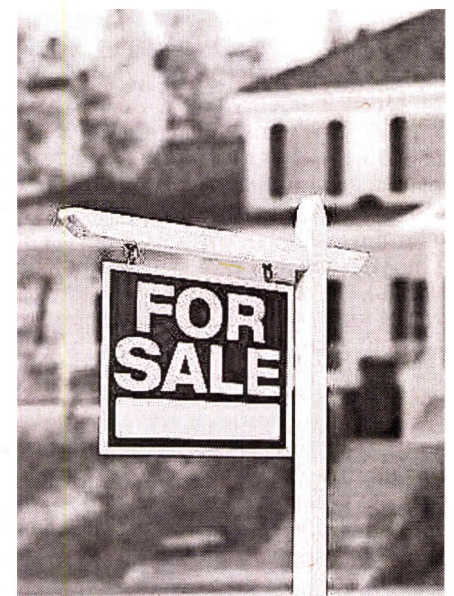
The housing market doesn't always follow such a smooth pattern, though. Sometimes factors will line up to create a much greater demand for houses than the available supply can meet. When demand is much higher than supply, a steep rise in prices is inevitable. This can create a "bubble" during which prices soar above the actual value of whatever is being sold.

Unfortunately, no bubble lasts forever. The housing market became so overheated borrowers no longer could keep up with their mortgage payments, resulting in a wave of foreclosures that nearly crashed the entire U.S. banking system. Consumers who had bought their houses at inflated prices saw the value tumble. Many people ended up "under water," meaning they owed more on their mortgages than the house was now worth.

THE REAL VALUE OF A HOMEOWNERSHIP

Buying your own house really is a great idea, but not if you're buying it for investment purposes. Over the long haul, real estate produces much lower returns than stocks do (indeed, stocks are one of the few investments that reliably beat inflation). Buying a house with the idea of using it to pay for your retirement or for Junior's college education will almost inevitably result in disaster.

The true value of owning your own home is the fact that it makes inflation work for you. If you rent a house, you can expect your rent payments to rise over time. If you buy a house using a fixed-rate mortgage, your base housing payment will stay the same year after year. Yet inflation will make that payment a smaller and smaller percentage of your overall budget as prices (and hopefully, your income) rise steadily over time. By the time you reach the end of a 15-year mortgage, your housing payment will probably look much smaller than it did when you started — even though the dollar amount of the payment hasn't changed.



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TECH

YOUR SMARTPHONE CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY

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The catastrophic events caused by Hurricane Harvey put smartphones to the test, raising the question about what our trusty mobile companions can do to help in crises such as these.

There are a few things you can do for emergency preparedness, but you won't be able to rely on your device for everything.

CELL SERVICE NOT A GIVEN

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), only 4% of the nearly 7,800 cell sites in Harvey's path were knocked out, affecting nearly 150,000 people. By comparison, more than 1,000 cell sites were inoperable during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, leaving millions without connectivity. Communications networks are getting better at weathering major natural events such as hurricanes.

CALL 9-1-1 WITHOUT A PLAN

Presuming there is cellular service, people are encouraged to send text messages and emails and posts notifications to Facebook and Twitter about their whereabouts and immediate needs or to look up where local shelters are. If your smartphone doesn't have coverage in the area you're in during an emergency or you don't have an active cell plan, you can still reach 9-1-1 from your mobile phone. You can also text 9-1-1, perhaps if you're unable to talk or need to be silent, but you must first be registered for the T9-1-1 service with your wireless service provider.

USE WI-FI FOR CALLS

While not as likely, you might find yourself in a situation where you've got Wi-Fi, but no cellular service. But that doesn't mean you can't still make phone calls. Using apps such as Facebook Messenger, Google Duo, Viber, and Fring lets you make free calls over Wi-Fi. Skype is also free to another Skype user, and in the event you need to call a

landline or mobile phone, it's cheap at about 10 cents per call, but it requires a cash deposit ("Skype Credits") into your account.

WATERPROOF DEVICES

But if your phone can't withstand water, none of this may matter, and so you have a few choices to make going forward. One is to invest in a water-resistant phone. If your current smartphone isn't water resistant, consider a waterproof case for it. As a last resort, have some thick Ziploc bags as part of your emergency kit.

BACKUP POWER IS KEY

It's important to have a backup power solution, such as a portable battery charger (a.k.a. "booster") on hand, and keep it charged up, too. An even better idea is to pick up a battery booster for your phone with a hand-crank, such as this \$29 Eton model, so you can charge the battery using the integrated hand turbine power generator. You also can plug your devices into your car's 12-volt port ("cigarette lighter").

MAPS, DIRECTIONS TIPS

Your smartphone can still help you get from point A to point B without cell service — by relying on the GPS sensor inside the device. But you'll need to download map apps that don't require service — such as Navmii, CoPilot Premium, or Navigon — or take advantage of Google Maps' new offline feature, but you'll need to download maps ahead of time.

DOWNLOAD EMERGENCY APPS (BEFOREHAND)

The American Red Cross offers numerous apps, including a Shelter Finder app, First Aid, Hurricane app, Earthquake, Wildfire, and others. Similarly, the official FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) app includes information for all kinds of disasters, including tips on creating an emergency kit and emergency meeting locations, maps of important locations, and so on.



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PERSONAL FINANCE

Q I hate paying fees when I don't have to. Currently, I'm paying my investment adviser a "wrap fee" of 1% on my \$500,000.

This means each year I'm paying him \$5,000. I'm struggling to justify the fee, especially since my portfolio is matching market returns and not beating market returns. As far as I'm concerned, my situation is pretty basic, and my adviser and I only talk for a total of 90 minutes per year. Additionally, we very rarely make changes to my portfolio. I'm a buy and hold investor, and it's stock I've held for years. I fought and scrapped to grow my money to \$500,000. It stings to think that all my adviser has to do to make \$5,000 is to make sure I'm still his client. Paying someone \$5,000 to keep his eye on my money seems a bit ridiculous. Do you think I should dump him and manage my money myself? — TONY, TAMPA

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A Buy and hold investors often feel the way you're feeling. These feelings frequently lead to a parting of ways between the investor and the adviser. The real question being asked here is "does my adviser deliver \$5,000 worth of value?"

If you try and answer any other questions related to this situation, you likely won't arrive at the right decision. But unfortunately it's not as easy as your adviser doing \$5,000 worth of work. We also have to consider whether or not you're allowing him to do \$5,000 worth of work.

An adviser can have many different duties. He can help pick and manage investments, create a retirement income strategy, implement a tax-loss harvesting strategy, assess and cover your insurance needs and much more. Ideally, these services are what your \$5,000 buys you each year you pay the fee.

If all you're really doing is holding stocks and you aren't receiving any additional services, paying your guy \$5,000 per year doesn't make a tremendous amount of sense. But I believe this is where the disconnect between clients and advisers often occurs. Your adviser may either be performing these services and you don't know it or offered you these services and you declined for no particular reason. I actually see the latter quite often. Clients can get distracted by their own assets and miss the need to plan the rest of their financial lives. Your frustration, while justified, is likely a by-product of a mismatch of services and strategies.

Think of it like your cable or satellite

package. If you typically only watch three channels yet you're paying for 300 channels, you'll eventually get frustrated.

Of course to make the analogy work, the three channels you actually watch are only available when you purchase the 300-channel package. You can't actually purchase the channels a la carte.

If you're not going to utilize any services other than "keep an eye on my money," then it serves both you and your adviser for you to move on without him.

However, if you want the adviser to "earn" his money, then he'll need to be able to use more tools in his tool box than just the "keep an eye on my money" tool.

Presumably, the reason you hired your adviser in the first place was because he knows more about investing than you do. If you haven't already, hear him out. Call him up and ask the following question — if we were to rebuild my portfolio from scratch, what would it look like and why would you structure it that way?

While you're at it, make sure he's put together a retirement income strategy for you, including an analysis of when you should start taking Social Security retirement. Also, have him evaluate your insurance needs and create a tax-loss harvest strategy. You gotta use him or lose him.

As it stands today, you are definitely not getting the biggest bang for your \$5,000. But again, I don't necessarily blame your adviser for this. Either start watching the 300 other channels or cut the cord.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Finances key for retirees with dementia

What family members need to know about managing their loved one's money



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Retirees with cognitive impairment and especially dementia need help managing their money, according to a recent report published by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College (CRR). And, "without help, they are vulnerable to financial fraud, abuse, or mismanagement," the authors of the CRR report wrote.

One source of help, according to the report, is Social Security's representative payee program, which allows a designated person to receive and manage a retiree's benefit check.

Unfortunately, just 9% of people over age 70 with dementia have a payee, according to the CRR report, *Are Many Retirees with Dementia Lacking Help?*

And that's a bit concerning, the authors say.

The good news? Most people without a representative payee do have other potential sources of help, often a family member such as a spouse or child. But they can also get help from the staff of a nursing home or from a power of attorney they may have assigned.

"And these arrangements," the authors say, "may be preferable to having a payee because they allow individuals to maintain some autonomy for as long as possible."

In fact, the CRR report notes that most elders do have help: 85% of those with mild cognitive impairment have at least one form of help, and 95% of those with dementia have help.

So, what do family members need to know about managing their loved one's money?

» **Don't procrastinate.** "It is important to understand long in advance what needs to be done, where everything is and how it will be handled," says Carolyn McClanahan, the co-founder of Whealthealthcare Planning and the founder and director of financial planning at Life Planning Partners. "Additionally, families need great communication and transparency to



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If a family is concerned about an elder having cognitive impairment, address it early.

reduce the chance of wrongdoing, resentment and mistakes."

And, if a family is concerned about an elder having cognitive impairment, address it early. "Get help sooner rather than later before cognitive issues make it difficult for someone to make decisions," McClanahan says.

McClanahan also recommends drafting what she describes as a financial caretaker plan, a road map that shows how finances will be turned over to a designated caretaker.

» **Draft a durable power of attorney.** One big part of a financial caretaker plan is a durable power of attorney, a written legal document whereby a competent adult appoints someone to act as their agent to manage their financial affairs.

"We use durable powers of attorney and trusts much more than representative payees because, as the (CRR) study suggests, there's often no need to go through the rep payee process," says Harry Margolis, the founder and

president of ElderLaw Answers. "A spouse or family member has access to the account receiving the Social Security payments and can help manage the funds."

» **Seek help from community-based organizations.** The problem, Margolis says, comes when there's no one to help out. "Those with money can hire attorneys, financial planners and trustees — assuming they're willing to spend the money," he says. "Others may be dependent on volunteers or left vulnerable to being exploited. Some parts of the country have public guardians who can step in but most don't, leaving a real gap in protection."

The CRR report notes those "without any help are more likely to be isolated from family, less educated, and non-white."

Experts suggest contact your local senior center or council on aging if you need help managing your money.

» **Use Social Security's Representative Payee Program?** The Social Security Administration's representative payment program provides financial management for the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments of beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security or SSI payments.

"In the representative payee program, a retiree's benefit is sent to another person (often a relative) who spends it on the retiree's behalf and submits records to Social Security documenting that the expenditures were in the beneficiary's best interest," the authors of the CRR report say.

Should you use this program? There are pros and cons.

"The program keeps elder people out of trouble due to loss of cognitive function," McClanahan says. "But one really needs to put the pieces in place to keep the payee from taking advantage of the elder."

Her bottom line advice about using the representative payee program: "Be proactive about planning for this long in advance," McClanahan says. "We recommend that elder people have multiple people looking behind them to reduce the risk of fraud and abuse."

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PERSONAL FINANCE

This move can bump up your credit score in 30 days

Early payments can be a big help on utilization

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Building credit takes time, and there aren't many shortcuts. But paying your credit-card bill early could give you a boost in just 30 days.

Ted Rood, a senior loan officer in St. Louis, says he has seen credit scores jump as much as 100 points as a result of this approach. Here's why it works and how to do it.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Two factors have a big influence on credit scores, and one's pretty obvious: paying on time. Late payments do credit damage that only time can repair.

Early payments, on the other hand, can help with the second big factor, which is credit utilization. That's a big term for a simple concept: how high your balance is compared to your credit limit.

Most credit experts recommend keeping balances under 30% of your limit on any card, and lower is better.

Consumers with the very best scores typically use less than 10% of their available credit.

Paying early can mean that whenever your card issuer reports your balance to the credit bureaus, it will be a small percentage of your available credit.

And unlike late payments, high credit utilization stops hurting your score as soon as a lower balance is reported.

WHO IT CAN HELP

If you are just shy of a credit score that would give you what you want — getting a credit card or loan, say, or the best terms on a mortgage — consider paying early or extra to get balances as low as you can.

It's also worth doing if you just made the cut, because credit scores fluctuate. A margin of safety is a good idea.

Reducing credit utilization is "a great way to see your score go up," says Jeff Richardson, a spokesman for scoring company VantageScore.

Rood notes that this strategy works



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Two factors have a big influence on credit scores, and one's pretty obvious: paying on time.

best if high credit utilization is the only blemish on an otherwise good credit report.

HOW TO DO IT

You don't need to know when your balance is reported to the bureaus — just make sure it stays low throughout the

billing cycle. Depending on your budget, try one of these methods:

» Setting up alerts to let you know when you've reached a certain percentage of your available credit. When you get an alert, go online to make a payment.

» Setting up charge alerts or checking your account regularly so you can pay off purchases as soon as they post.

» Making planned "micropayments" every week or two to keep balances low.

Rood says retail credit cards — those associated with a particular store — can create problems because they tend to have low credit limits. Just \$250 worth of purchases on a store card with a \$500 limit puts that account at 50% credit utilization.

But it's also easier to fix high usage on store cards than if you've used 50% of your \$10,000 Visa limit.

CONSOLIDATING CAN HELP

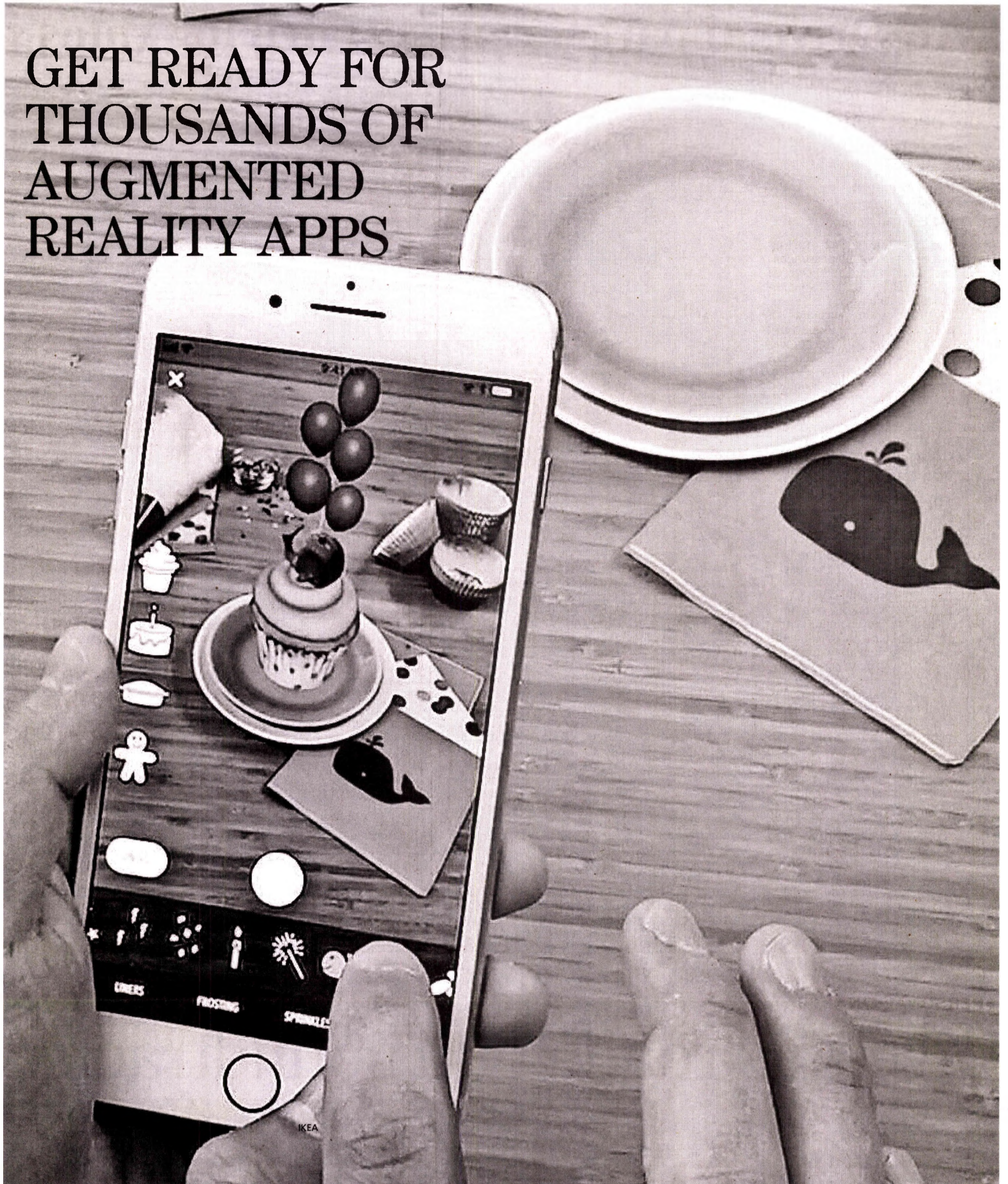
If you're having trouble getting below 30% credit usage but have decent credit, you could consider a personal loan to pay down credit-card debt.

That can drop your utilization percentage — and the loan might give you a lower interest rate, too. And having a more diverse mix of credit (loans as well as cards) can help your score.

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TECH

GET READY FOR THOUSANDS OF AUGMENTED REALITY APPS



The Food Network Travel 3 - 0915 || OUT USL || Rebranded Hilton's In the Kitchen app will be updated for AR in Apple's new iOS11 mobile operating system.

FOOD NETWORK

Apple to make its entry into market that's expected to be the next big thing

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LOS ANGELES Millions of people turned *Pokémon Go* into a hit last year, tapping the app that morphed animation into the physical world.

That was quite the curtain-raiser for augmented reality. Now, in what will be AR's biggest mass-market push to date, Apple has thousands of apps — some say as many as 10,000 — ready to unleash in just a few weeks, with the launch of the new iPhone and the update to the iOS mobile operating system.

In June, Apple introduced software to make AR apps, called ARKit, giving developers several months to work on concepts.

Apple's entrance into AR will "make it the major leader in AR almost overnight," said Tim Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies.

While we won't see the new apps until the release of iOS 11, which comes at the end of the month, many developers have already started offering sneak peeks of their apps on YouTube and Twitter.

Among the offerings:
» An IKEA app that lets you superimpose some 2,000 items from the home retailer into your living room.

» A "The Walking Dead" game that



The Ikea AR app lets you imagine how furniture will look in your home.

"We are going to see stuff we haven't even dreamed of yet."

brings zombie-like creatures from the AMC TV show to your neighborhood and lets you play shoot 'em up with them.

» A Food Network dessert-decorating game that lets you doll up imaginary cakes, cupcakes and pies.

On Twitter, hundreds of examples are viewable under the the #MadewithAR-Kit hashtag.

The concept of putting virtual objects into real-world settings is a pretty huge hook for consumers, Bajarin said. "We are going to see stuff we haven't even dreamed of yet," he said.

Virtual reality is the immersive, 360-degree technology that has been hyped as the next big thing, via headsets like Facebook's Oculus Rift and the HTC Vive, or Google's \$15 Cardboard viewer. A slew of 360 cameras have come out as well, but sales have not lived up to expectations.

Augmented reality is closely related, but it overlays the digital images onto physical spaces and doesn't need a set of goggles — it can work on a smartphone. Cellphone users have already been toying with simple versions, trying to catch the *Pokémon* characters and grooving with the dancing AR hot dog that communications app Snapchat released this summer.

Al Ming, a developer for the Food Network's mobile apps, thinks those that center in the home will be huge for consumers.

"It seems like a small thing, but it's really impactful for how it feels," he said. "It adds a sense of weight, going beyond the early entrants into the AR space. Here's the real world; they happen to be on the same surface; it feels

real, in a way that wasn't."

The initial apps look to be heavily weighted towards games and e-commerce tools, like Ikea's. Don MacAskill, the CEO of photo-sharing site SmugMug, also sees great possibilities for conferences and photography.

"Say you're at a conference; it's your first time there and don't know who anybody is," he said. "You could have AR float the names of the speakers over their heads."

For photography, as with the IKEA example, "you could figure out how that photo could fit into the space you inhabit," he said. "If you could hold your phone up and see how this beautiful photo would look in your space, that would help bring photography into more people's lives."

Beyond Apple, Google also last week introduced its answer to ARKit, ARCore, meant to bring AR apps to Google's Android system of telephones. But at launch, it will only be available on two newer phones, the Pixel and Samsung Galaxy S8. Google hasn't said when ARCore will launch with functioning apps.

To play along with Apple, you will need one of the new iPhones expected to be unveiled later this month or the most recent models, the iPhone 7 (2016) or 6S (2015). Previous models won't work.

Gene Munster, an investor and analyst for Loup Ventures, puts the number of the AR-capable universe at some 200 million iPhones at launch, growing to more than 250 million by the end of the year.

TECH

Lyft, Drive.ai partner on self-driving rides

Perfecting the tech could boost bottom line for ride-hailing

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SAN FRANCISCO Ride-hailing start-up Lyft may soon be picking up passengers in self-driving cars owned and powered by tech start-up Drive.ai, the two companies announced Thursday.

When the program starts around Drive.ai's Mountain View headquarters, about 10 cars outfitted with the company's sensors and software will become a part of Lyft's free self-driving service, although passengers who are assigned an autonomous Lyft can opt out.

"The purpose here is to see how passengers interact with autonomous vehicles, as well as to see how cities need to change to integrate them," Drive.ai CEO Carol Reiley told USA TODAY. "We've been testing for about a year, so we're excited to start having passengers on board (along with a safety driver)."

Lyft did not offer up an executive to discuss the news. No precise timing was offered for the start of the test program.

The Drive.ai partnership is yet another push by Uber's smaller rival to press forward on autonomous car technology, which could make ride-hailing an even more lucrative business once the need to pay a driver vanishes.

While Uber grapples with the onboarding of new CEO Dara Khosrowshahi as well as a sensor lawsuit from Google-owned Waymo, Lyft is making broad bets on self-driving car technology.

In June, it partnered with Boston-based nuTonomy for the purpose of bringing self-driving Lyfts to that town, and in July it opened a dedicated facility in Silicon Valley. And that's on top of existing Lyft partnerships with Waymo and General Motors.

GM has indicated it will consider deploying self-driving Chevy Bolts on Lyft's network. Last year, GM invested \$500 million in Lyft and paid a similar amount to acquire Cruise, another Bay Area company that develops bolt-on autonomous tech kits for vehicles.



DRIVE.AI

Drive.ai is a Mountain View, Calif.-based tech start-up that creates self-driving car sensors and software that can be retrofitted onto existing vehicles.



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Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi faces a bigger challenge now that Lyft is working with Drive.ai CEO Carol Reiley.

By contrast, Uber felt it could go it virtually alone with self-driving cars. The company's in-house program accelerated quickly after then-CEO Travis Kalanick decided ditching drivers would radically improve the company's business model. Uber hired a platoon of robotics experts and set up a headquarters in Pittsburgh, which also played host to Uber's first self-driving passenger cars.

But Uber's big dreams turned into a small nightmare after the purchase last summer of Otto, a self-driving truck start-up founded by Google veteran Anthony Levandowski, who is accused by Waymo of stealing proprietary sensor

technology and passing it along to Uber. A trial is pending.

Lyft has made far less noise or promises about self-driving cars, choosing instead to quietly forge alliances with start-ups and automakers alike while focusing on growing its hold on the U.S. ride-hailing market.

Several surveys suggest Lyft has grown its share of rides to about 25% from 10%, with its share accelerating since Uber hit a speed bump in February after a blog post accused the company of fostering a sexist and toxic work environment.

In partnering with Drive.ai, Lyft has an easy way to co-brand with a Silicon Valley company that already has a small fleet on the road.

Drive.ai recently announced a \$50 million Series B round, bringing its total to \$62 million, and has grown in the past year from a dozen to 80 staffers. Led by Reiley, 35, Drive.ai takes existing cars and adds radar, cameras, and

light detection and ranging sensors to their roofs and bumpers, with those inputs processed by software to give the car vision.

Reiley said her company is focused on a future in which some of the world's most repetitive driving chores — from taxis plying a city to trucks and buses traveling fixed routes — are handled by autonomous vehicles.

"We do have consumer discussions, but mostly our strategy is to focus on B to B (business to business) solutions," she said.

While automakers and tech companies alike have made huge strides on cars that can handle all but the worst of roads and weather, most experts say broad consumer acceptance of self-driving cars is a ways off.

More realistic, however, is gradually building public confidence in a network of ride-hailing cars that can "communicate" with each other as well as infrastructure markers within a geofenced area.

AUTOS

Give this roadster a soundtrack

Mercedes-AMG GT C proves to be both seductive and snarling

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SAN FRANCISCO We'll get to what the 2018 Mercedes-AMG GT C Roadster is packing in a moment. Here's what it's missing: a CD of Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle.

After all, given the *sturm und drang* conjured up by this Stuttgart Valkyrie, an automobile that is at once both seductive and snarling, it would seem to merit a thunderous classical soundtrack.

Instead, you're left with something almost as powerful: the music that tumbles out of its gaping tailpipes, a bellacose bark that probably would have caused even the sober Teutonic composer to crack a smile.

Spending a few days with this vehicle is revelatory in so many ways. Its combination of chassis poise and electronic minders makes you a bolder and better driver than you really are. Its sheer presence will make you linger in the garage. And its price as tested — a cough-inducing \$171,375 — might actually be a bargain.

The AMG GT C is a track-inspired older sibling to the AMG GT, a top-of-the-heap sports car Mercedes unveiled in 2014 as a way to steal some 911 buyers from Porsche. This year, Mercedes-AMG, the co-branded and sporting arm of Mercedes-Benz, upped the ante on the original GT and GT S models and introduced the C, which might as well stand for Crazy. The standard GT has already been hailed as one of the most attractive and capable new sports cars to bow in decades, but the C takes that recipe and adds serious spice.

That includes a striking rear end that's 2.2 inches wider, a 4-liter twin-turbo V-8 that at 550 horsepower offers 81 more horses than the GT, and an all-bets-are-off race mode pulled from the track-focused AMG GT R.

The GT C roadster's body causes kids to stop playing and retirees to quietly calculate. It is low and wide and looks like it just escaped from the set of a sci-fi movie.



MERCEDES-BENZ

The Mercedes-AMG GT C Roadster combines brute force from a twin-turbo V8 with ease of use.

WHAT STANDS OUT:

- » **Presence:** Commanding, just short of a Gullwing.
- » **Steering wheel:** The thick Alcantara wrap screams racing.
- » **Visibility:** Just not enough.

2018 MERCEDES-AMG GT C ROADSTER

- » **What:** The company's top-of-the-line two-seater.
- » **When:** Coming soon to showrooms.
- » **Where:** Made in Germany.
- » **What makes it go:** A 4-liter twin-turbo V-8 that produces 550 horsepower.
- » **How thirsty:** Not disclosed.
- » **How big:** 14.9 feet.
- » **How much:** Starts at \$157,000, destination and delivery is \$995; \$171,000 as tested, but a steal compared with a \$335,000 Ferrari 812 Superfast.
- » **Overall:** An AMG for the ages.

One could argue that the coupe variant is the more attractive AMG GT, but

those who need the wind and sun won't hear of it. Our *designo* Cardinal Red Metallic (\$1,000 extra) paint scheme was a bit too candy-apple for some tastes, but most street gawkers gave it the thumbs up over typically staid silver and gray Mercedes fare.

Inside, the vehicle screams German efficiency and refinement. Switchgear clicks with a satisfying sound, leather seats and surrounds are immaculate, and the thick all-Alcantara (cool-car talk for suede) steering wheel suggests that the AMG GT C would love a lap around the Nurburgring.

It would indeed be at home on that fabled German track. The AMG GT C features a sport suspension setting that summons the corrective forces of adaptive dampers, larger front brakes and, notably, rear-wheel steering, which makes diving into and out of corners comically easy, considering this car weighs 3,800 pounds. Select the aforementioned race mode and the 7-speed, dual clutch transmission gets a sharper gearing.

The AMG GT C Roadster's biggest appeal is its dual personality. Keep it in

its Comfort driving settings and quick trips to the supermarket are an afterthought. Dial up Sport or Race, and you can dice with the priciest of U.S. or European rivals.

If there are quibbles, they're minor. Rear visibility with the Roadster is pretty bad, top up or down, but maybe the idea is not to worry about the folks in your wake. Although the dials in the center console are easy to use, too many are in the way of your elbow, and some seem tucked too far out of sight. Lastly, a car this good might even be great with a manual transmission, but these days, that's like wishing for the Tooth Fairy to make an appearance.

If you're angling for a special car to drive or just covet, the AMG GT C should be on that list. This kind of machine makes children stare wide-eyed during the day and dream at night. No Uber ride will ever do that.

The best feature of all on this classic-in-the-making? It's a round button with a drawing of an exhaust pipe on it. Press it, and the AMG GT C goes from sounding like a tempest to a hurricane. Wagner would approve.



Congregation hosts free laundry nights

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Suds & salvation

DOUG MOORE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo. - The painting of Jesus above the bank of dryers was put there by the longtime owner of Classic Coin Laundry. It is positioned next to a small cross with a crown of thorns hanging from it. On owner John Sadl's business card is a well-known New Testament passage quoting Jesus: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

So when the Rev. Mike Angell approached Sadl about an outreach idea for his nearby Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, Sadl was a friendly ear.

Angell wanted to begin offering free laundry service one night a month — a basic that can sometimes be out-of-reach financially for a family struggling to get by. As a Christian, the idea struck Sadl as the right fit for the business he has run across from Herman Park since 1981.

"Following Jesus means following Jesus out into the neighborhood," Angell said. Otherwise, it is hard to know what kind of help people need, he said.

A laundromat provides a captive audience, customers flipping through magazines or staring at their phones waiting for washers and dryers to run their cycles.

"We have the gift of time. Why not engage people?" Angell said. "What if we turned doing laundry into something you looked forward to?"

Tapping into a national model, Laundry Love was introduced this summer in University City. One evening last month, the parking lot of the Classic Coin was filled to capacity. Trunks popped open, exposing heaping baskets and bulging bags of laundry. Children helped their moms carry the mounds into the laundromat, where they were met with church volunteers.

Customers were asked to sign in and include their ZIP code, number of loads of laundry and how they found out about the service. They were given quarters, detergent and fabric softener.

"We're not here to proselytize or evangelize," Angell said. "We have wanted to make a bigger footprint in the neighborhood and our folks get to know our neighborhood."

It was a noisy affair, with dozens of washers and dryers running simultaneously.

Kenna Sutton, 43, has a washer at home, but a broken dryer. With six boys and a husband, dirty laundry is a perpetual condition.

"This is a big help for me," Sutton said. Not only can she get a large amount of laun-

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PAUL JOKERST

dry done at one time, it's also a significant cost savings.

Patsy Norwood came out of a back office pushing a cart filled with bottled water. She wheeled it to the front of the laundromat, where church volunteers were helping keep children occupied with crayons, coloring books and pizza.

"This is really good. I see a lot of people I don't normally see," said Norwood, a longtime employee, as she held a cup full of change for the soda machine.

For Classic Coin, it's a bump in business on a typically slow night. Despite the windfall for the laundry, Angell said his congregation spent about five months hopping from laundromat to laundromat looking for the right fit. They wanted a place close to their church, at Delmar Boulevard and Jackson Avenue, one large enough to handle a swell of customers and one whose owner would be comfortable handing it over to a church group for a night a month. After meeting with Sadl, they knew they had found the right spot.

The idea of a congregation taking over a

laundromat has been around about a dozen years, beginning in Venice, California, St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. It started as a way to help the homeless, who seldom have access to clean clothes, but through the years expanded to help anyone who needs it. It has grown to at least 100 laundromats across the country, according to Laundry Love, a nonprofit that took the idea from an act of kindness to a national movement. Although Episcopalian congregations are the primary operators, synagogues and mosques have started similar programs.

The program run by Holy Communion is one of the newer ones. The congregation held its first free laundry night in July. Thirteen people signed up and the church spent \$57. Last month, through word of mouth and fliers posted at the library, community center, groceries and food pantries, the amount spent on providing the laundry service was five times higher, Angell said.

It's good to see the response so strong, he said. But the congregation will have to troubleshoot how to best handle a crush of people. With most customers showing up as the doors opened, some were left waiting to get access to dryers, keeping the laundromat open later than expected.

Paul Jokerst helped start a Laundry Love program in St. Charles County two years ago, thanks to a speech he heard Angell give in 2014 at the annual conference of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

"If you make the gesture that you are there to help without being a sales rep for the church, it goes farther in today's world," said Jokerst, who is serving as police chief of Paola, Kan., while finishing up his schooling to become an Episcopalian deacon.

"Churches are supposed to be a blessing to their neighborhood," Angell said. "As Episcopalians, we're almost apologizing beforehand. 'No, you don't have to do anything. This is an offer to do laundry. There is no catch.' There are folks who are deciding between going to do laundry or to have dinner."

He said the third Tuesday of the month was selected on purpose. It's a slow night for the laundromat. And as the month grows longer, families on limited incomes find themselves stretched thinner.

Sadl said watching the program unfold in his laundromat has been the perfect communion. As a Catholic, the mission of the Episcopalians fits just fine, he said. Jesus always showed a soft spot for the poor. His followers should, too, Sadl said.

"It's one thing to say you are going to do something," Sadl said. "But they are walking the walk."



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Marilyn Owens, left, talks with the Rev. Mike Angell, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, during the Laundry Love community outreach event sponsored by the church at the Classic Coin Laundry in University City, Mo.

UNDERSTANDING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS



GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

22 million Americans have them, but many don't grasp exactly how plans work

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USA TODAY NETWORK

More than 22 million Americans — 14% of those with private insurance — have enrolled in health care plans that include a special savings account known as an HSA that covers some of their medical expenses and is designed to save money.

But these health savings accounts are so new to most consumers, with 85% of them having been opened since 2011, that most people still don't quite understand them. They're often confused with another, different health benefit, the flexible spending account, or FSA.

"The employees who are being told about this new health plan don't even know what to ask," says Paul Fronstin, director of the health research and education program at the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), who has sat in on meetings where workers learn about HSAs.

Don't know where to start? Here's a primer:

HOW DO I PUT MONEY INTO MY HSA?

It's similar to the way you contribute to your 401(k). The money is automatically deducted from your paycheck before taxes are taken out (so you also get a tax break). You decide how much to contribute; the yearly maximum is \$3,350 for people with individual coverage and \$6,750 for those with family coverage. If you're 55 or older, you can save an additional \$1,000 per year.

Some employers also make contributions to HSAs; make sure you know when those occur so you know how much money will be in your account at any given time. The contribution could come in a lump sum at the beginning of the year or, more likely, on a monthly basis.

WHEN CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT OF MY HSA?

Whenever necessary, as long as you're paying for something defined as a medical expense by IRS Publication 502. This

list includes the expected, such as doctors' visits or emergency care, but also things that often aren't covered by insurance, such as eyeglasses, chiropractic care, service animal care and breast pumps for nursing mothers. You can either pay the provider directly with a debit card linked to your HSA, or you can pay out of pocket and get reimbursed from the HSA later. As long as it's being used for a medical expense, the payment to you is tax-free.

IS THIS THE ONLY HEALTH COVERAGE I GET?

No. Most HSAs are combined with high-

able, according to EBRI's HSA Database.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY IN MY HSA WHEN SOMEONE GETS SICK?

"You have to wait until it comes in," says Fronstin, who says that this is a quandary for many people. "The hardest thing is (when) people get slammed early in the year before they have money in the account."

Many consumers are still used to FSAs, which required enrollees to spend all of the money saved within the plan year or it would go back to their employ-

workers tend to make more money and tend to save more in the first place, Fronstin says.

I LIKED THE PREDICTABILITY OF MY COPAYS. WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL OF THIS?

HSAs are supposed to make consumers more aware of how much medical care costs and to encourage them to seek out less expensive care. "We're in an era where people are having more engagement with their health care dollars, weighing the highest-quality and most cost-effective options," says Cathryn Donaldson, director of communications for America's Health Insurance Plans, the national association for health care coverage companies.

"It's a great opportunity for consumers."

Not a simple one, though. "I'm an expert and I learn something new every day," says Fronstin, who has his own HSA.

Most health plans that include HSAs have online calculators to help estimate how much a specific doctor might charge for a procedure, or how much a prescription may cost, before you seek treatment.

And you may not even have to pay that full amount. Most insurance plans only pay the doctor part of his full charge; your bill is based only on what the insurance company pays the doctor.

SO DOES IT WORK?

EBRI says it might: The organization reported May 25 that more people who belonged to a CDHP had asked about whether care was covered by the plan before getting it or asked for a generic, rather than a name-brand drug, than those who did not.

And the Kaiser Family Foundation's 2016 report on employer health benefits found that premiums for people in CDHPs with a savings option were far lower than all other kinds of plans, with individuals paying about \$943 per year and families paying \$4,289. (The average for all plans is \$1,129 for individuals and \$5,306 for families.)

Tip: You can spend the HSA money on anyone in your immediate family — you, your spouse or your dependents — even if they are not covered by your insurance plan.

deductible insurance plans that have a minimum deductible of \$1,300 for individuals and \$2,600 for families. The average family deductible, however, is about \$3,000 and can be as high as \$6,000, says Stephen Neeleman, founder and vice chairman of Health Equity, one of the largest HSA managers in the U.S. This combo is known as a consumer-driven health plan (CDHP).

The plans also limit how much of your non-HSA money you have to spend. After you hit the deductible, you either pay only a percentage of the cost until you reach that out-of-pocket limit, or the procedure may be fully covered.

On average, HSA owners spent \$1,748 in 2015, the most recent figures avail-

ers. So the mind-set of having to get instantly reimbursed remains.

But, he says, because your HSA money stays in the account until you spend it, that's not necessary; you can let the money build before you use it. Save your receipts and use your HSA to reimburse yourself later when there's more money in the account.

HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE USUALLY HAVE IN AN HSA?

EBRI's HSA Database finds that the average balance at the end of 2015 was about \$1,844, and that the amount varied by age. People younger than 25 had about \$759 in their HSAs, while people older than 65 had about \$3,623. Older

AREA EVENTS

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Novi to host senior sock hop

Area older adults are once again joining forces for a Throwback Thursday '50s sock hop 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

The evening includes dancing, refreshments and fun. Music will be provided by The Motor City Syndicate DJs. Tickets are \$8 each. A dinner meal will be served along with dessert.

Guests are encouraged to come dressed as Elvis or polish up a pair of saddle shoes. Prizes will be awarded. Tickets will not be sold at the event and are available in-person at the senior center. Previous dances have been smash hits with tickets sold out well in advance.

For more information about other older adult social programs, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, at 248-347-0414 or jklein@cityof-novi.org or go to cityof-novi.org.

Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come every at 6 p.m. each Thursday, starting Sept. 21. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/.

Fall prevention programs

Preventing falls is one of the most important things you can do to maintain your independence. Older Adult Services and Ascension-St. John Providence Community Health are partnering to raise awareness about preventing falls with these fall prevention programs.

» Stand Up: Getting up from a fall

Scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, join Kim Chilton to learn fitness-based techniques for getting up safely. Novi Fire Department personnel will be assisting. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga sticky mat. Register online at cityof-novi.org. Price is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Registration ends Sept. 18.

» Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls

Scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 through Nov. 9, at the Novi Civic Center, join Denise Sinkovich for an eight-session, interactive lecture series to learn strategies to lower your risk for falls. Each session builds on the information and activities shared at previous sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call SJP Care-Link at 888-751-5465 to register. There is no charge, but class size is limited. Registration ends Sept. 19.

For more information, contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator, at 248-347-0414.

Artist lecture at VFAA

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to hear guest speaker and Holly artist William Brody discuss his more than 50 year career as a practicing painter at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26. Brody is known nationwide for his realistic scenes of small town America. His work is found in many private and public collections.

Check him out at <http://www.wbrody.com>.

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone interested in the area art scene and are 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford. Come for the general meeting or come for the lecture only.

For more information, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

Butterflies of SE Michigan

The Salem Area Historical Society will present Butterflies of Southeast Michigan at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Jarvis Stone School, 7991 N. Territorial Road, Salem.

The presentation will be led by Carol Clements, a naturalist at the Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland.

Admission is free for SAHS members \$2 for non-members.

Great Lakes Women's Business Conference

The Great Lakes Women's Business Council, an SBA-funded Women's Business Center, will present the 17th annual Great Lakes Women's Business Conference, Sept. 26-27, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The conference will focus on strategies for growing women owned businesses with corporate and government matchmaking and executive level workshops.

The conference is targeted to Women's Business Enterprise National Council certified women business owners; supplier diversity and purchasing representatives of corporations, public institutions and government entities; and women who are interested in growing their businesses.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.greatlakeswbc.org>.

Novi candidate forum

A candidate forum for Novi mayor and city council will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Flex Tech High School, 24245 Karim Boulevard. Moderator will be Dana Barry of WNIC-FM (100.3).

Internet safety night

First Baptist Church in Wixom and Covenant Eyes will host a free Internet safety event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the church, 620 N. Wixom Road.

In addition to learning the latest dangers online and tips on how to protect your children, attendees will also be given a free parent resource guide. Participants will be able to ask a panel of tech experts any questions they have regarding Internet safety.

Astronomy at the Beach

Come listen to keynote speaker Dan Durda talk about "Near-Earth Asteroids" at the 21st annual Astronomy at the Beach event Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30, at Island Lake State Recreation Area. The talk will take place from 6 pm. to midnight at the Kent Lake Beach (note: this is a new location).

Other activities include sky viewing with many telescopes and laser constellation tours (both weather permitting); comet making; a 3D tour of the solar system, plus astronomy club and vendor tables. No charge

for those with a Michigan State Parks Recreation Passport on their license plate (otherwise \$11 for state residents, \$9 daily pass for no-n-residents).

For more info, go to <https://www.glaac.org/astronomy-at-the-beach/>, <https://www.facebook.com/GLAAC/posts/10154457193806932>, email contact@glaac.org or call 810-229-7067 during business hours.

MOMS Sale

South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at First United Methodist Church, located on Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile. Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards. Admission is \$1.

Veterans benefit show

Come enjoy "Dean Martin," a.k.a. John Morrello, straight from a 1960s Vegas show, during two benefit shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The shows, sponsored by The Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162, go to support the mission of the Detachment. They will be at the VFW Post 4012, 438 N. Main St. Northville.

Tickets are \$20 per show, with a cash bar. RSVP to Mark Sutton at 248-390-5481, go to www.semperfi162.org or email mcldet162@gmail.com. The MCL will accept Visa, MC, cash or checks. All reservations must be prepaid.

Ride for Recovery and color run

Sponsors, participants and vendors are being sought for the second annual Boots on the Ground Color Run and the Ride for Sobriety, which both take place Saturday, Sept. 30. Both events are presented by the Sobriety Promotions Program, Inc., in partnership with the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, Oakland Community Health Network and Lyon Events Organization.

All proceeds directly benefit the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities prevention and educational programs developed to raise awareness of the dangers of abusing prescription drugs and the 52-1 District Court Veterans, Sobriety and Drug Treatment Court.

The Ride for Recovery will have registration at 9 a.m. and the ride at 10 a.m., starting at Grace Community Church, 3275 Martin Road, Commerce. Registration for the color run will start at 9 a.m., with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., a kids mile run at 11:30 a.m. and the 5K run at noon, all at James Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River, New Hudson. The motorcycle ride will also end at the park.

All are welcome to participate in one or both of the events. There will be a celebration after the color run with music, vendor booths, educational material, fun kids activities, food and more. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to register, call Tracy at 248-221-7101 or go online at www.achcmi.org

You can also register for the Color Run or the Motorcycle Ride through Eventbrite. Key words: "Boots on the Ground Color Run" or "Ride for Recovery."

Free Japanese music concert

The Maple Leaf Group, a traditional music group from Fukuoka, Japan, will perform a

free concert in Novi. The group is composed of Ms. Tachikawa, who is a koto instructor, and eight musicians.

The Maple Leaf Group feature the koto (Japanese harp), Shaku-hachi flutes, three-stringed Shamisen (Japanese banjo), and Shinobue flute.

The group will play traditional Japanese music, as well as American movie soundtracks, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Providence Park Hospital, Outpatient Center, Heart Institute Entrance, Conference Rooms A, B & C (47601 Grand River Ave., Novi). Sponsored by the Providence Park Hospital Japanese Program.

Milford SANP raffle

The Milford High School Class of 2018 Senior All Night Party Committee is selling tickets for two different fundraisers to help defray the cost of the annual celebration.

The first is a raffle, with the prize being a custom-built golf cart. Tickets are limited to only 375, which means great odds for winning. The cost is \$20 per ticket. The golf cart will be showcased at the MHS home football games. Drawing takes place Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are available to purchase through committee chairperson Rhonda Glazer or at the games (upon availability).

The second is an adult road rally, a scavenger hunt by car, scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and starting at the Milford High School parking lot. Tickets are \$25 per car and can be purchased from any committee member or at the varsity football games.

For more information, contact Glazer at 248-877-0477 or rhonda.glazer@comcast.net.

West Oakland regional job fair

The city of Wixom and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the West Oakland regional job fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, to assist area employers in finding qualified candidates to fill open positions in a wide variety of areas. The event will be at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Job recruiters will be on-site seeking engineers, sales associates, maintenance technicians, cashiers, servers, construction laborers, mechanics and candidates in other industries. The job fair is also focused on helping local job seekers to find good jobs near their homes and to allow job seekers to talk with employers and explore career options.

The Lakes Area Chamber is encouraging its member companies to exhibit at the event. Exhibit space is also being offered to non-members and includes a one-year chamber membership. The registration deadline to receive all pre-event advertising benefits is Sept. 22. For more information on exhibiting, contact the chamber at 248-624-2826.

The event is being sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, FiberClass Insulation LLC and Oakland County Michigan Works!

Artist display at Milford library

The Village Fine Arts Association has partnered with the Milford Public Library and has begun exhibiting their member artwork in the library Community Room. The exhibit is currently featuring the artwork of VFAA president Linda Onderko. She has 12 pieces of various

media on display, including collages, acrylics, and pastels.

The free exhibit is open during regular library hours unless the room is hosting another event and will hang through the first week of October. The colored pencil artwork of Dean Rogers will follow. The library is located at 330 Family Drive. Its hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Artist and crafters gallery

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery features rotating exhibits from artists and crafters and provides the opportunity for the community to explore and support local arts. Upcoming shows include:

Photographer Daniel Sidoli, through Sept. 29: Sidoli is a former Michigan resident who has since relocated to Las Vegas. His main focus for this show will be landscape photography, especially unique land and rock formations.

Palette and Brush Club, Oct. 3-30: This met-

ro Detroit-based group's beginnings date back to the mid-1930s. Their mission is to provide opportunities to their members to enhance their lives and artistic careers. A free public opening takes place 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.

The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with some exceptions. The exhibit is also open many evenings and weekends. Call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400 for details.

Lakeland 2007 reunion

The Lakeland High School Class of 2007 will hold its 10-year reunion 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Lucky Strike in Novi. The event will include door prizes, bowling, pool, food and drinks, with a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite at <https://goo.gl/SaiGeS>. More information is available on the class Facebook page, "Lakeland High School Class of 2007 Reunion."

Passages

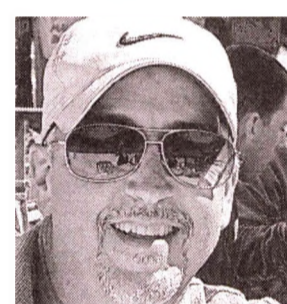
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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

Gorden



Timothy Scott age 57, passed away September 1, 2017. He was born on January 25, 1960 in Peoria Illinois, son of James and Judie Gorden. Tim grew up in Northville, MI, and graduated from Northville High School in Northville, MI, from which he maintained contact with many of his friends until his passing. Tim was known as a very funny guy, kind, and having deep faith in God. He is survived by the true love of his life, Peggy Watt-Wieland; His loving Son, James; his mother, Judie Gorden; his siblings: Michael (Denise) Gorden, and Susan (Robert) Darrow; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, James E. Gorden. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 11:00 AM at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375. In addition, Tim loved Sanibel Island, FL. He spent the last 10 months of his life on the Island living out his dream of retiring there from Ford Motor Company. A second celebration of Tim's life will be held on October 21 at 10:00 AM at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way Sanibel, Florida 33957. Timothy's ashes will be placed with those of his father in the Memorial Garden at Sanibel Community Church.

Hartley



Rebecca "Becky" of Milford, passed away in the loving care of her family on September 15, 2017. She was 63 years old. She is survived by her husband, Bill Hartley of 18 years; daughter, Kimberly (Duane) Wagnitz; grandchildren, Alexis, Miranda, and Owen Wagnitz; sister, Donna Goodman; also many extended family and dear friends, especially the Apollo kids, who knew her as Meme. Rebecca is preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Virginia Goodman; Also her sister, Sharon Goodman. Funeral Services for Rebecca will be held at 11 AM; Saturday, September 23, in the Freedom Center at 2473 West Shiawassee Avenue, Fenton, Michigan, 48430. For further information phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Pawlowski



Kenneth March 24, 1948 – September 9, 2017. Ken Pawlowski, 69, of Venice, FL, and Plymouth, MI, passed away on Saturday, September 9, after a valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was born on March 24, 1948, to Arthur and Esther Pawlowski. Ken graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wayne, MI, in 1966. He attended Western Michigan University where he received his Bachelors of Arts degree. Ken received his doctorate degree from Wayne State University in 1995. He is survived by his devoted wife Carole (Sadlowski) of 46 years, loving son, Aaron (Kristen) and granddaughters Madison and Mari, sister, Patricia and brother, Michael. Ken was predeceased by his parents and sister, JoAnne. He will be fondly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was employed by the Northville Public Schools for 34 years. He was principal of Silver Springs Elementary where he was respected by staff, students and parents alike. Ken was a member of the Plymouth and Venice Elks and the Venice Moose. His greatest joys, in addition to family, were anything Elvis, summers in Traverse City with his buddies, WMU homecomings and Lions football on Sunday afternoons. Following his retirement, he and Carole moved to Venice, FL, where Ken spent many hours enjoying the beach and pool in the Sunshine State. A private memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date. As he spent so many years working with children, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. He and Carole were also involved with the Parkinson's Foundation of Southwest Florida. To send a condolence or share a memory visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

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Jean August 13, 1928-September 14, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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BOOK REVIEW SEE WHAT I HAVE DONE

New novel about Lizzie Borden is a bloody good read

Multiple narrators make for creepy page-turning fun

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SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

More than 100 years before the O. J. Simpson murder trial, the case of Lizzie Borden fascinated the public, generating a famous folk rhyme and a stream of songs and stories and speculation that endures to this day. Christina Ricci gave a chilling portrayal of the accused murderess in the wacky Lifetime 2015 series *The Lizzie Borden Chronicles*.

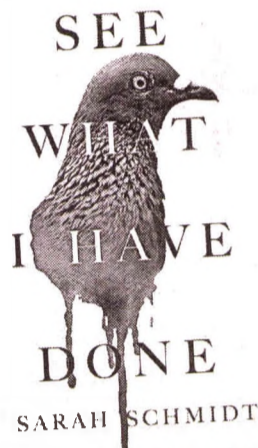
Now Australian author Sarah Schmidt continues the tradition with her debut novel *See What I Have Done* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 328 pp., ★★★★★ out of four), a taut, lyrical account of the destruction of the Borden family, both through ax murder and subtler means.

The book opens in Lizzie's point of view, shortly after the brutal murders of her father and stepmother, Andrew and Abby Borden, on the morning of Aug. 4, 1892, in Fall River, Mass. "He was still bleeding. I yelled, 'Someone's killed Father.' I breathed in kerosene air, licked the thickness from my teeth. The clock on the mantel ticked.

Lizzie sends the housekeeper, Bridget, to fetch the doctor, and sends a telegram to her sister, Emma, who has been staying with a friend in nearby Fairhaven: "A terrible accident. Come home."

The novel alternates among four first-person narrators — Lizzie, Emma, Bridget and Benjamin, a drifter hired by the sisters' scheming uncle John to cause mayhem in the family. Most of the action takes place across two days, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, and using these four points of view, Schmidt paints a picture of a house in crisis, stroke by violent stroke.

Andrew and Abby prove themselves eminently murderable, while Lizzie and Emma carry on an unhealthy co-dependent sibling relationship. Bridget sums it up best: "Whole bloody family was crazy."



Lizzie Borden, 32, was tried and acquitted of the Aug. 4, 1892 hatchet murders of her father and stepmother in their home in Fall River, Mass.

Lizzie does not take credit for the murders — Schmidt makes clear that pretty much every character has some motive — but ax murderer or not, she emerges as a mesmerizing villainess. She's spoiled and tyrannical, a 32-year-old woman who demands treats from the housekeeper (Bridget brings her thimbles of sugar), who tries to control her sister's life and throws tantrums when she doesn't get her way.



NICHOLAS PURCELL STUDIO
Author Sarah Schmidt

She sees Emma's furlough in Fairhaven as an abandonment ("Lizzie had slammed her bedroom door, had screamed, 'You're not leaving me here alone with them'"), and it suits Lizzie perfectly well that the murders force her sister to come back.

Her eerie voice makes for intense, dizzying reading, conveying the corrupt atmosphere of the house, the suffocating sense of wrongness every character seems to feel under the skin.

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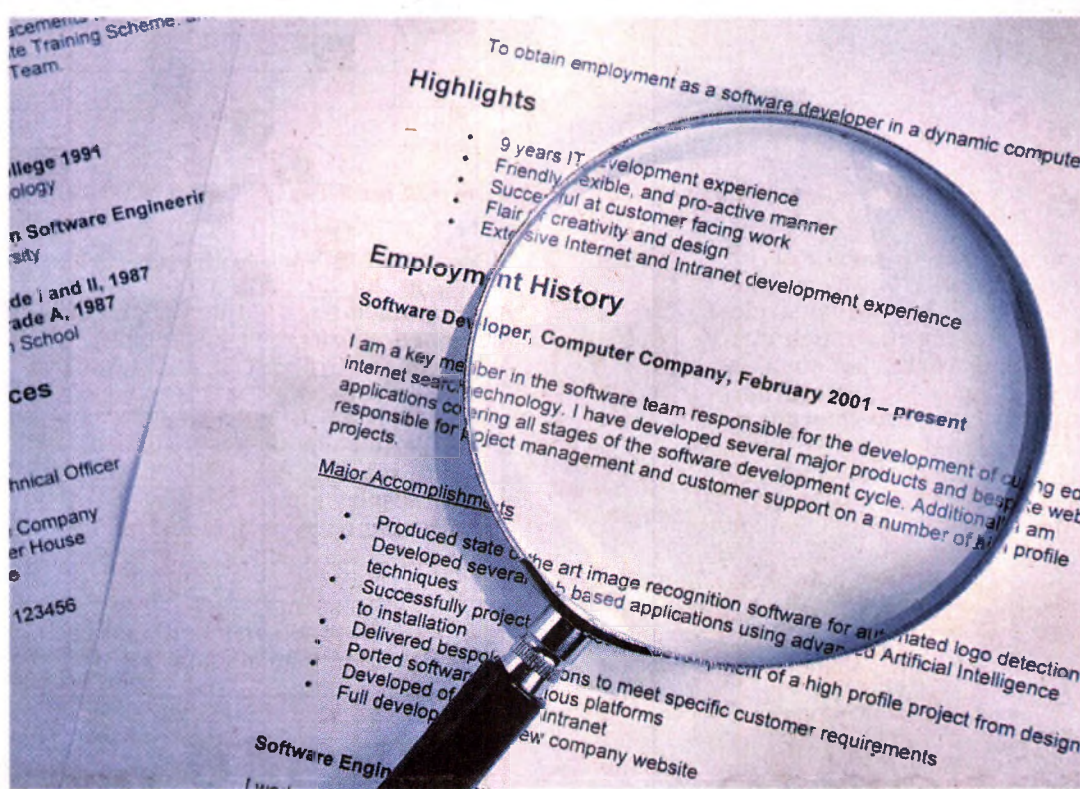
6 ways to handle gaps in employment

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Have you had to bounce around a bit? Worried your recent job history will appear a bit erratic to potential employers? Though job hopping is becoming less and less stigmatized, and more and more employers and recruiters are sensitive to the particular challenges of the marketplace and the current economy, there are still some situations where it's best to downplay all your job activity. Here are six ways to handle employment gaps on your resume:

1. Summarize

If you don't already have a summary paragraph at the top of your resume, now's the time to add one. Use it to define yourself and then to guide the recruiter through the bullet points and information she's about to take in. Use it to show how best to interpret your multiple recent job changes, and what narrative to take away from that. Giving a recruiter a greater narrative should stick with him or her. And, if you're worried that recruiters might think you'd be a flight risk, emphasize in your summary that you are looking for a long-term position, or to be somewhere for the long haul. Get out in front of



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the story, as they say in the media.

2. Find coherence

If you can find a narrative to connect all of your hopping, then you're golden. Perhaps these were all positions within the same field, or were taken in hopes of rocketing up the ladder or learning new skills. Or, if you've hopped from industry to industry, you could emphasize the work you do

and how you've been trying to hone in on the perfect niche for it. Make your job hopping an asset by having it tell a story.

3. Fudge the months

If you can get away with taking out the months in your dates, and just leaving the years, then you can give the illusion of having worked at a place longer than you did. Using years only helps you to

smooth over short-term gigs. You can also put the dates to the right of the job headings, rather than the left, to deemphasize them.

4. Focus

Concentrate on three or four of your recent jobs and flesh them out in more detail than you normally would. Then make a more summarized section on previous employment, including multiple

jobs within those dates, to minimize the feeling of having hopped around from job to job during that time.

5. Be honest

If you were laid off as the result of a merger or acquisition, or you were a contract worker, then some of your hopping was not your fault. It is totally OK to explain this on your resume. A quick parenthetical (formerly X Company) next to the company name will be a good start. Your summary paragraph will also help here.

6. Try a hybrid

If all else fails, the hybrid resume might be for you. This is a new way of thinking about the resume, emphasizing your skills first, and your bulleted, chronological history second. Choose four to five responsibilities or skills or job facets that you've excelled in, across all of your jobs, and sell yourself as a prime candidate. By the time the hiring manager gets to the second page with your list of actual job experience, she'll already be convinced you can do the job.

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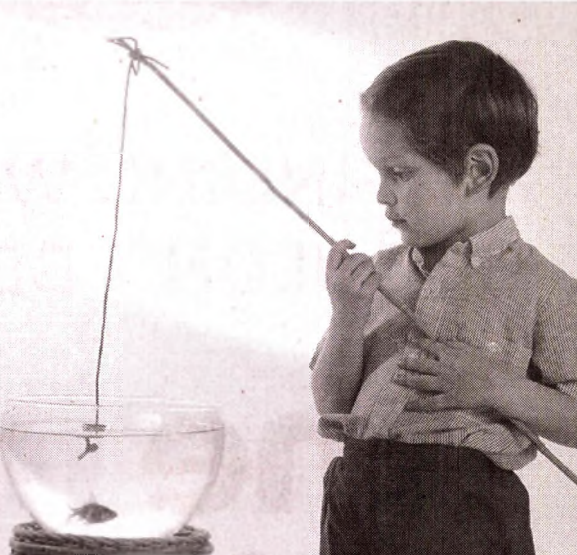
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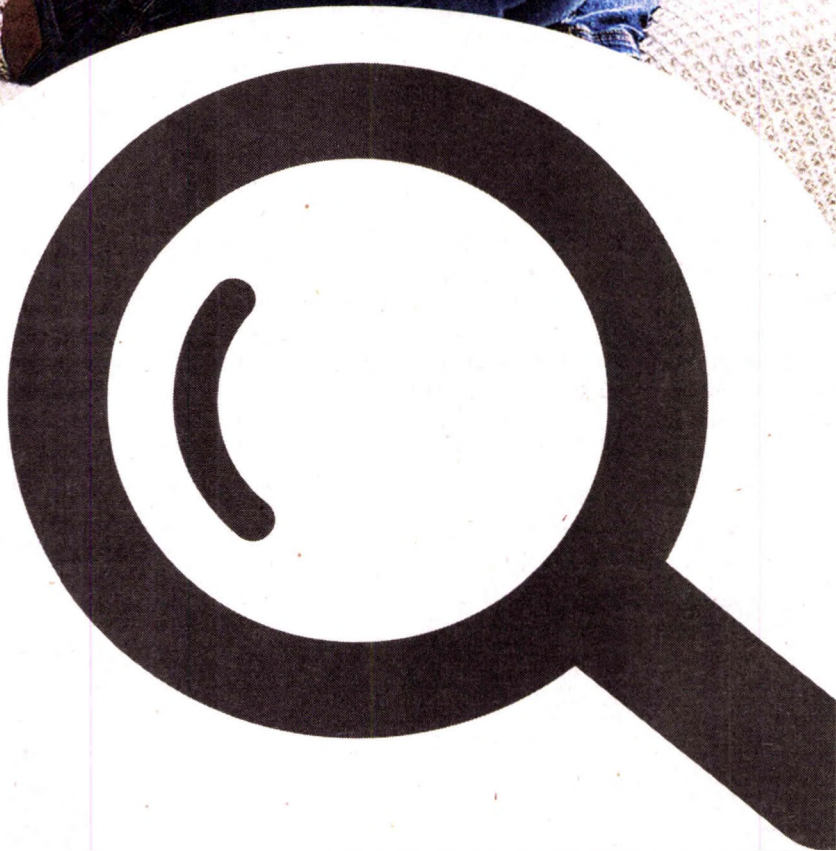
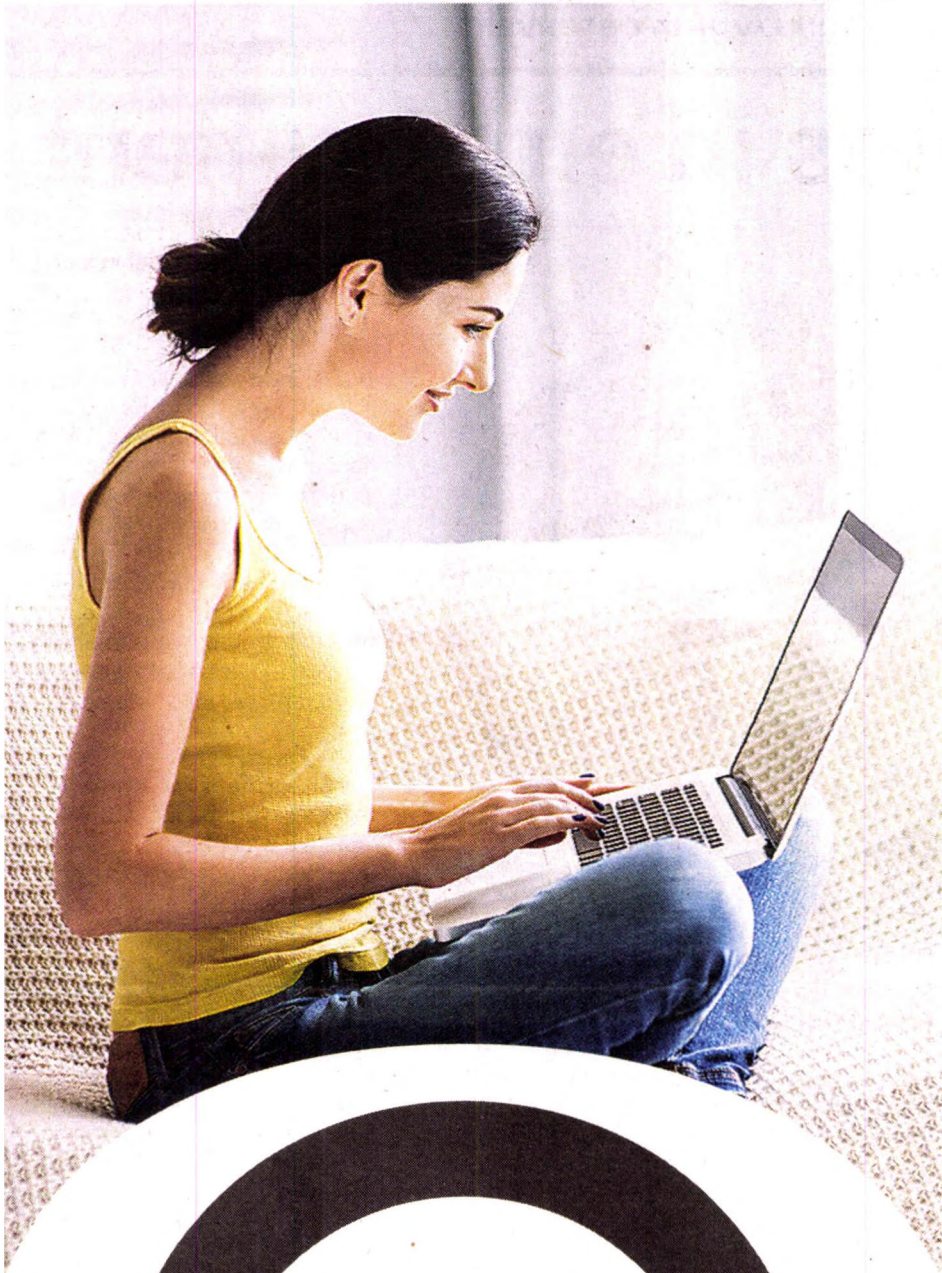
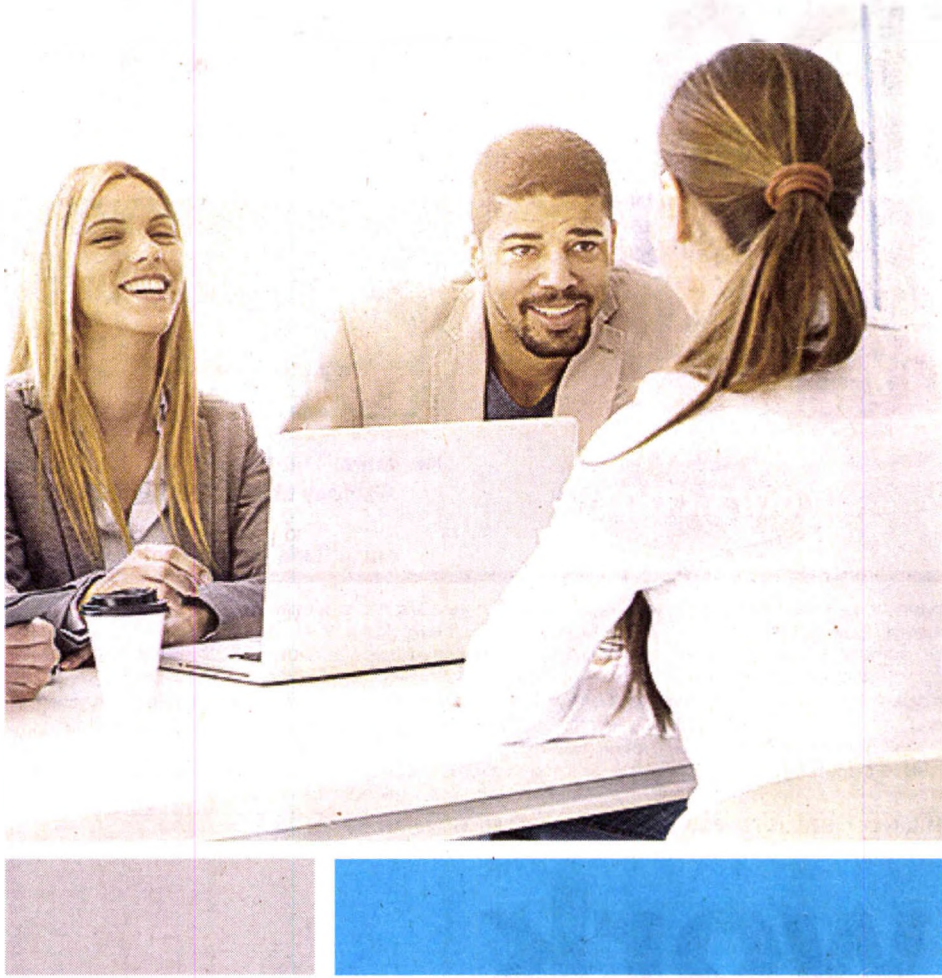
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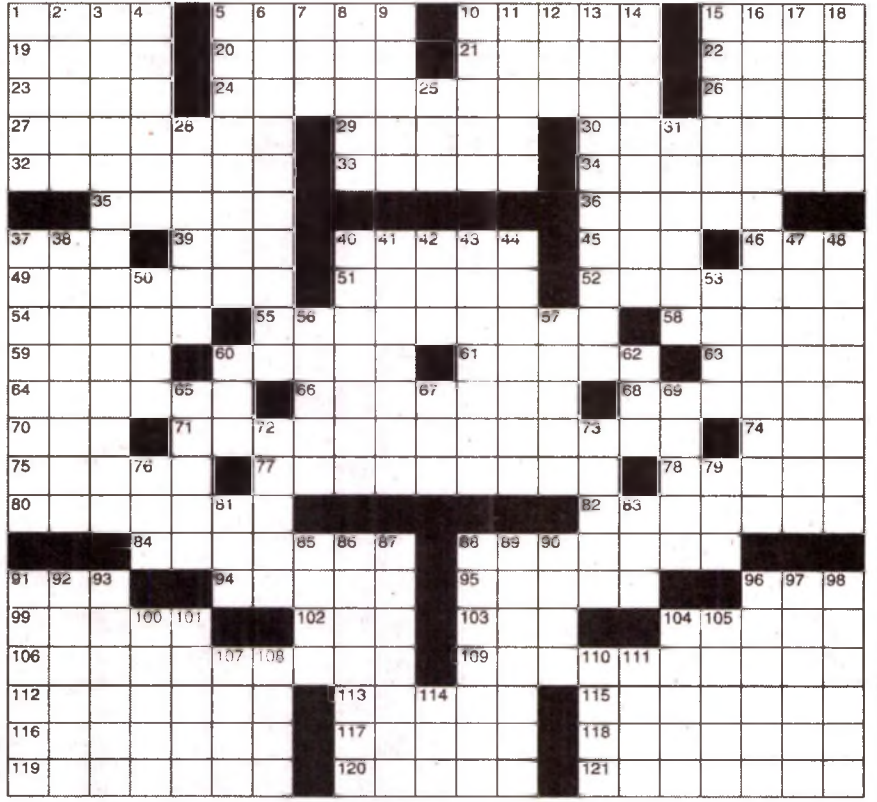
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 - 10 Really toil
 - 15 Mule or flat
 - 19 Stubble spot
 - 20 Thieving sort
 - 21 Evita of "Evita"
 - 22 Bigwig's benefit
 - 23 Units of absorbed dose
 - 24 Ending theme for Roy Rogers' show
 - 26 Mata — (famous spy)
 - 27 Ultimately occupy
 - 29 Fencing implements
 - 30 Added to the database
 - 32 Unsaturated solid alcohols
 - 33 "Cybill" actress
 - 34 Dozing audibly
 - 35 Sam of "Sirens"
 - 36 Rouse
 - 37 Kind of PC terminal
 - 39 Stephen of "Roadkill"
 - 40 Conscious
 - 45 Summertime drink
 - 46 Whale herd
 - 49 Most uncanny
 - 51 Expand
 - 52 Ancient region in Asia Minor
 - 54 Perfume
 - 55 Forest clearing, e.g.
 - 58 Under oath
 - 59 Smell — (be leery)
 - 60 Rub away
 - 61 Kitchen appliance
 - 63 Piled up debt
 - 64 Fix as a cobbler might
 - 66 Old-time actor/singer
 - 68 Tea brand
 - 70 French water
 - 71 Tim Tebow's 2007 award
 - 74 Turn sour
 - 75 Sunlit courts
 - 77 Noblewomen
 - 78 Provide (with)
 - 80 Really must
 - 82 Picks up and hauls in
 - 84 Herring's kin
 - 88 Solitary sort
 - 91 Navy inits.
 - 94 Actor Ed
 - 95 "... lion, out like —"
 - 96 Parked it
 - 99 Famous
 - 102 Parts of dolls.
 - 103 NBC show since '75
 - 104 Company maxim
 - 106 Churchill
 - 109 Impish kid
 - 112 Forming a single entity
 - 113 OPEC vessel
 - 115 Troublesome critter
 - 116 Part of IRS
 - 117 Pig's sound
 - 118 Person flying the coop
 - 119 Plaits of hair
 - 120 Present perfect, e.g.
 - 121 Fishers using nets
- DOWN**
- 1 Plot units
 - 2 Monastery song
 - 3 "X marks the spot" stash
 - 4 Guarantee
 - 5 "Iliad" hero
 - 6 Bilingual person, at times
 - 7 Alley — (hoops play)
 - 8 Bike with a small engine
 - 9 Big name in voice chat
 - 10 Lively outing
 - 11 Sublet, say
 - 12 Shapiro of NPR
 - 13 Beetle producer
 - 14 Port in Lower California
 - 15 Marble, e.g.
 - 16 Going in the direction of
 - 17 Hatch on the Senate floor
 - 18 Struggling to earn, with "out"
 - 25 "Life" director
 - 28 French fashion designer
 - 31 Rustic types
 - 37 The "C" of C-section
 - 38 Enact again
 - 40 "Super!"
 - 41 Place to order a Chianti, say
 - 42 They may be classified
 - 43 Buffets, e.g.
 - 44 Inflammes with love
 - 47 Supplied with
 - 48 Official charges
 - 50 Turned on by
 - 53 Missing, militarily
 - 56 Analyze in grammar school
 - 57 Birchbark craft
 - 60 Extra-wide, as footwear goes
 - 62 Gray color
 - 65 City in Tibet
 - 67 Ethyl or propyl ending
 - 69 — Rock (central Australian landmark)
 - 72 Nano and others
 - 73 Sacred
 - 76 Driver's lic. and such
 - 79 Maiden-named
 - 81 Nonsense syllable
 - 83 Back stroke? classed
 - 85 Cuzco native
 - 86 Buyer's bottom line
 - 87 Author Caldwell
 - 88 Thin slices of bacon
 - 89 The U.S., to Mexicans
 - 90 Phone up
 - 91 Not injured
 - 92 Oklahoman, informally
 - 93 Try very hard
 - 96 Gnu or okapi
 - 97 Expiating person
 - 98 Californic cakes
 - 100 Eleanor of kid-lit
 - 101 College
 - 104 French kin of "dank"
 - 105 TV financial adviser
 - 107 Not made up
 - 108 Deli loaves
 - 110 Fashion's Saint Laurent
 - 111 Stun, as with a police gun
 - 114 Silent film star Chaney



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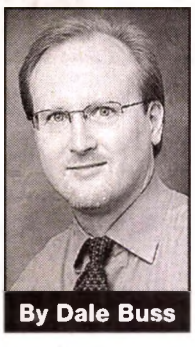
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Car Report

HURRICANE HARVEY BATTERED FORD AND HOUSTON; LED BY MARK LANEVE, FORD HAS BEEN PUSHING BACK



By Dale Buss

Many automakers have stepped up with aid programs to help Houstoners cope with the destruction they experienced from Hurricane Harvey and Floridians handle the ravages of Hurricane Irma.

But Ford might have come readier and heavier than many for Harvey.

About 80 percent of Ford's 115 dealers in metro Houston took on some sort of wind or water damage, and about a dozen suffered "really catastrophic damage including much of the dealership and their inventory being underwater," Mark LaNeve, Ford's Vice President of US Sales, Marketing and Service, told me.

"The first bad weekend I must have had 300 text messages personally from dealers," he added.

Ford had learned procedurally how to most effectively address such major catastrophes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012. There was a checklist of 55 to 60 items awaiting activation when Harvey rolled in.

But LaNeve brought an extra measure of experience to the challenge

of helping lead the company and its dealers to the other side of Harvey: He had extensive auto industry experience from previous stints, and when he was Allstate's CMO beginning in 2009, the company hatched its still-running "Mayhem" advertising campaign.

LaNeve talked with me about how Ford is trying to help overcome the very real mayhem caused by Harvey and Irma.

Q: How did Ford handle the weather crisis in Houston?

LaNeve: It start[ed] with getting some assessment of whether our employees are OK, our field-service team and parts depot. We believe there are about 115 dealers in the immediate affected area. Did they need any assistance? Are their people accounted for? Thank God, miracle of miracles, we didn't get any reports about losses like that.

Then following up on that is really damage assessment to try to get our dealers back in business, help them to rebuild. Through our credit arm and getting them onto the ground with insurance adjusters through their subsidiary, American Road, [we] could get checks cut and dealers could continue to make payroll and take care of their people.

Now as, part of the back end of that process, we're trying to rapidly refill



Mark LaNeve

inventory both new and used and meet what seems to be almost immediate demand for vehicles. But while this was going on, dealers on their own in Texas and through their state association had committed close to \$1 million for relief of affected dealers and their dealer base.

[Dallas Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones had a telethon last week to raise money for the general relief fund and to contribute to the Red Cross and United Way and other charities; they donated an additional \$200,000. We not only matched that \$1.2 million but also another \$300,000 in matching funds from Ford Motor Co. We believe that gets us to \$3 million easily.

And our charitable foundation had already put up \$500,000 in various

relief efforts to American Red Cross, Salvation Army [and others] and made donations to some of the various first-responder organizations, including Ford Transit vans. We sell so many vehicles into the first-responder units and have relationships with them across the country; we feel a special affinity with those folks.

Q: For Ford owners, you've also got a program called "Texas Is Family," which offers flooding victims a benefit that not too many people get to experience.

LaNeve: Yes, the final piece is that as tragic as it is, people need to get their lives started back together. So we wanted to make it easy for people to get replacement vehicles.

On the new vehicle side, we talked

to a lot of dealers who talked to customers, and customers were traumatized and were in a big hurry to get a new vehicle. The easiest thing to do is to offer our Ford employee price. From what I understand over the weekend [dealers] already wrote a lot of business, and that's an incremental incentive.

Q: How does the response align with the Ford brand?

LaNeve: Part of the DNA of your brand is the values and how you react. Are you consistent in your value system? Ford [has a very distinctive] DNA; it's family, heritage, progress. And we're very much—I've worked at other car companies and Ford feels different, and it's a family company. When we're with our dealers they feel part of our family.

Q: What is likely to be the impact of Harvey on auto sales, and therefore on Ford, across the country?

LaNeve: Our top priority is the security of our people and helping everyone to get people back on their feet. But our experience from Katrina is that business is soft as people get their feet back under them. Then you've got a snap-back effect and, over a four- to six-month period, sales are back to normal or even a bit positive

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