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Novi may scrap Lakeshore Park plans

Residents not happy with current proposal

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

What started out as a policy proposal for Novi's latest park upgrade has morphed into a full-blown discussion of the project itself – and quite likely a complete redo of the plans.

The subject of the controversy is a proposed 9,400-square-foot community building

at Lakeshore Park, located west of Old Novi Road and south of South Lake Drive. It's part of a \$5 million park renovation included in a capital improvement millage passed last August.

The policy was intended to clarify what will and will not be allowed at the new facility with regard to banquets, a topic of debate at last month's meeting.

Despite some wording changes to the policy, that question hadn't been answered to some residents' satisfaction. On Oct. 9, a dozen citizens from the area near Lakeshore Park took

to the podium at city hall to blast the council for a perceived lack of transparency and public input, with many voicing their discontent at the new building itself.

Gary Zach was one of several to read a formal definition of a banquet. He maintained that the presence of food at a banquet is "incidental" and the policy violates a 1999 Novi charter amendment prohibiting the city from owning banquet facilities.

John Thomopoulos suggested adding some examples: no private events, no weddings/show-

ers, no corporate events. "If you truly want to get a resolution that makes people feel good about it, it should be clear to everyone who looks at the resolution what the intent is," he said.

Clarity was something many felt was lacking, including Kelly Noonan, who compared the project to recent renovations at Pavilion Shore Park. For that project, the city put up a big sign at the park detailing the changes, something she and

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Hopefuls spar over 'doxxing' mailers

WHY ARE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN NOVI RUNNING AS SLATE OF PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS?

Haley Stevens
May 15
View on Instagram
So great to be with Novi City Council Members and future addition @kellyanne0923 tonight. The room was packed in support of my friend Kelly Breen's race for Novi City Council. Democrats are fired up for this November 2017 election. #NoStoppingUs
— at Bayside

Kelly Breen for Novi City Council added an event.
September 14 at 2:57 PM
Come out and help canvas with the Novi City Council Slate! Bin Qamruzzaman for Mayor, Gwen Markham, Andrew Mutch, and Kelly Breen for City Council. We'll meet in the parking lot and enjoy the fresh, fall air together. Please let one of the candidates know you'll be joining.

Gwen Markham
I know this site isn't officially for campaigning, but I'll weigh in to make sure everyone has the facts about Novi's election. Bob Gatt is being challenged by Bin Qamruzzaman, an excellent first time contender. 36 year old Marine vet, lifelong Novi resident. There are 3 City Council seats up this year. I hold one and am running again. Same for Andrew Mutch. If we can get Kelly Breen elected we will have a Progressive majority on Council. The help we see here is awesome!!!!

Candidates in the Novi City Council race are sparring over mailers being sent out.

City council candidates accused of bringing partisanship to race

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

With election day less than three weeks away, several candidates in the Novi City Council race are crying foul after a postcard, mailed to some city residents, circulated the personal phone numbers of two incumbent city council members up for re-election in the Nov. 7 race.

The race for city council includes incumbents Brian Burke, Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch and challengers Kelly Breen, Cindy Gronachan, Sam Olsen and Bryan Valentine, running for three seats total. In the mayoral race, current Mayor Bob Gatt faces challengers Jason Dorsch and Bin Qamruzzaman. Both races are non-partisan.

The mailer read, in part:

"Please call Novi City Council Member's (sic) Andrew Mutch & Gwen Markham and ask them why they are running as a partisan slate of Progressive Democrats with the goal to take over Novi City Council?" and listed phone numbers for both. (The other two "slate" members are Breen and Qamruzzaman.)

The mailer was paid for by Advance Oakland, Inc., a self-described "501(c)4 dedicated to

educating voters." Per charitycheck101.org, its "in care of" name in the latest IRS financial report is Novi Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt. Staudt is also treasurer of a PAC called TROTTER, which stands for "To Republicans Owning This Town In Every Race," according to open-secrets.org.

The phone numbers came from the campaign committee section of the Oakland County

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Ten Mile and Napier intersection now open

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

Happy news for drivers in Lyon Township and Novi — the 10 Mile and Napier intersection re-opened Friday with its new

roundabout after being under construction most of the summer.

Road Commission for Oakland County spokesperson Cindy Dingell originally said the road was "supposed to open on Saturday, Oct. 14."

But thanks to the weather cooperating — the new road striping had to dry — the newly constructed intersection re-opened in time for the Oct. 13 evening rush hour.

After getting a later-than-expected start due to delays in

getting required permits from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Dingell said the project is being wrapped up on schedule.

The approximately \$6.3 mil-

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lion project is funded with a mix of federal and local dollars. The local funding is shared by RCOC, Lyon Township and the city of Novi.

The scope of the project included paving the gravel Napier from Nine Mile to north of 10 Mile and the reconstruction of the Napier and 10 Mile intersection with a roundabout. Napier is the border between Lyon Township and Novi.

The project also includes a significant reduction of a hill on 10 Mile to improve sight distance and enhance safety.

"There will be a punch list of items left to complete, mostly behind the curb such as street lighting (DTE), HAWK (High intensity Activated crossWalk) crosswalks and behind the curb restoration," Dingell said.

The HAWK crosswalks are a traffic control device used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. They are only activated to stop traffic when needed.

Lyon Township already has three roundabouts, which the RCOC notes have been shown to reduce the number and severity of accidents.

For those who aren't yet comfortable with the roundabouts, the road commission has a section on its website that is dedicated to roundabouts and also explains the HAWK crosswalks: <http://www.rcoc-web.org/374/Roundabouts>.

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Traffic is flowing smoothly again through the 10 Mile and Napier intersection. FILE PHOTO

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clerk's website. Mutch's number is his home phone. Markham's number is her cellphone and she called the move "bullying."

"I think it's completely out of bounds, when people are willing to stand up and run for office, regardless of party or ideology ... to share their personal info for political purposes," she said. "They're afraid to talk about the issues because they know that the residents are not happy. If they had a winning message, they wouldn't have to call names and throw trashy mailers and dox me."

Doxxing is slang for publishing private information for purposes of harassment. Staudt said that the goal of the mailer was simply to educate the public by giving them the opportunity to contact their elected representatives. "If it's posted on a public website, it's public information," he said. "It's intended to ask a question: Are you running as a Democrat? How is that implied harassment?"

The mailer featured a photo of the four candidates at a fundraiser for Breen in May, captioned "The self-described Progressive Democrat slate," and several social media screenshots, including a comment from Markham on the Facebook page "Indivisible Michigan — District 11" stating, "If we can get Kelly Breen elected we will have a Progressive majority on Council."

Also included was a Facebook comment by U.S. House 11th District candidate Haley Stevens, who wrote after Breen's fundraiser: "Democrats are fired up for this November 2017 election. #NoStoppingUs."

All three council mem-

bers denied bringing partisanship to a non-partisan race.

"I think it's laughable — (Staudt) is making partisan attacks on us, hiding behind a 501(c)4 that's completely unaccountable and playing the victim, which is the complete opposite of what's going on," Mutch said. "He's trying to make this into a partisan election, which many Novi residents, both Democrat and Republican, don't appreciate. The truth of the matter is, I have a lot of folks who support me who vote Republican all the time. They support me because they agree with the positions and the votes that I take."

"I'm not ashamed to say I'm a registered Democrat, but this job doesn't require partisan politics," Markham said. "We (the slate) are working togeth-

er because we share the same values. I think the voters would like to see a council that wants to work together and the current council, part of it, doesn't want to work with us — with me, especially."

Staudt took to Twitter to share a link to a Daily Kos article posted by Markham in November 2013, days after her election to city council, in which she described running as a Democrat in a Republican-leaning area and wrote "We are turning Novi Blue. IF I CAN DO IT, SO CAN YOU." He said that complaints about publishing the phone numbers were "much ado about nothing."

Mutch and Markham said they both received a couple of calls about the mailer and reported that the callers said they'd be voting for them or for the whole slate.



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others appreciated. "With Pavilion Shore Park, we knew it was coming," she said. This project, she added, "feels a little bit sneaky," with no plans to "let it sink in, let us get on board."

City Manager Pete Auger said that Lakeshore Park communications have included putting out notifications, maintaining a web page, televising all meetings where upgrades have been discussed and holding an event last year in the park to solicit input "before any of the real drawings were started."

Noonan was quick to point out that she wasn't against updates to the current structure, which is around 2,000 square feet. But she worried about the "extreme hazard" that traffic to and from the new and improved park would bring to the two-lane, 25 mph road that goes past her house. And the building's size, she said, was "a little bit outrageous" for a residential area.

Deborah Ross agreed. "It's too big; it's gonna look like an eyesore," she said. "You come across the hill and it's a beautiful area right now. This does not fit with the integrity of the park."

Maureen Zach worried about the cost to build and maintain the facility. "In the future, the city will want to rent it out to functions - or raise taxes (to cover the costs)," she said.

Jeff Muck is Novi's director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. Additional uses beyond parks and rec programming would be approved by his department: for example, staging space for a Motor City Mountain Biking event, meeting space for



Novi City Council member Dave Staudt stands inside the recreation building at Novi's Lakeshore Park. FILE PHOTO

homeowners associations or Scout groups or event rental space for nonprofits and community groups, he said. "The occasional use

for a rental wedding would not turn the facility into a banquet hall," city attorney Tom Schultz said. "That is not the intent."

City council member Andrew Mutch wasn't keen on that wording: to him, phrases like "not intended to be used" and "on a regular basis" could

be perceived as wiggle room for the city. "I don't want to see the facility used as a general rental facility, the way city hall is," he said. "If that limits

it to a degree, I'm fine with that."

No matter: The policy proposal got scrapped, with several council members going on to question the park upgrade itself.

Mayor Bob Gatt said that over the past few months, he'd heard only negative comments. "Maybe we're just biting off too much," he said. "(Let's) put a halt to this and rethink everything: reconsider the 10,000-square-foot building, add some space for kids to play, update the bathrooms ... a 4,500-square-foot building, just the basics."

Council member Brian Burke was willing to take a look at a smaller footprint. Council member Gwen Markham was still interested in the facility as additional space for election polling centers, one of several uses originally to be allowed. "I'm not trying to put something up there that you hate ... (but) the park does belong to all of us," she said.

For his part, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said the "constant accusation, being told how dishonest we are" has been "disheartening."

"I hope some of you get the opportunity to sit up here, to get hammered on by people who don't know what your intentions are," he said, addressing citizens who showed up to speak. Council member Wayne Wrobel tended to agree. "I think people get overworked a lot of times," he said. "We were elected to represent 60,000 people, not a little cluster of 200."

The policy proposal was unanimously tabled and, while the council didn't formally kill the entire Lakeshore Park upgrade, the consensus was to send it back to the drawing board for what may turn out to be a full-scale redo.



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Heise drops his hat into 11th District ring

Brad Kadrich
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A month ago, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said he was "considering" a run at the suddenly open 11th District seat in the U.S. House being vacated by retiring Rep. Dave Trott.

Heise confirmed the speculation, announcing in a statement Oct. 11 that he was, indeed, joining the race.

"We all know Washington isn't working," Heise said in the statement. "It's become a swamp of greed and gridlock that hinders the American Dream. Politicians on both sides refuse to do their jobs and we get stagnation instead of solutions. I can't sit on the sidelines and watch this continue."

Heise won a write-in campaign for the Plymouth Township supervisor's job just 11 months ago after spending six years in the state House representing the 20th District. He joins a growing list of candidates that includes former state Rep. Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski of Troy and businesswoman Lena Epstein. Epstein, from

Birmingham, helped run Donald Trump's presidential campaign in Michigan last year.

Trott announced last month he would not run for re-election in 2018, saying he wanted to return to private life and spend more time with his family.

"It's one of those things I've thought about over the years," said Heise, who has served in municipal capacities for some 25 years. "Now that the seat is open, I'm doing my due diligence to see what the lay of the land looks like."

Heise is not the only local politician being talked about for the seat. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, was mentioned as an early possibility, prompting him to release a statement "a number of people" have encouraged him to run, but the U.S. House isn't on his radar.

Colbeck announced in July he would run for governor in 2018.

"I'm not looking for



Heise

another job," Colbeck said in the statement. "I am committed to fixing the problems in our state and ... I'm ready to do just that."

Heise said he understands Plymouth Township residents who chose him over former Supervisor Shannon Price last November might criticize the decision, but he feels he can better represent them in Congress.

"The district knows my track record of getting things done and they know I'd be an effective representative for them," Heise said. "It would be an additional opportunity for higher service that would definitely benefit them."

The 11th District includes parts of Oakland and western Wayne counties and was carried by Trump in 2016. Several Democrats have also filed, including former Obama administration official Haley Stevens, former Detroit Office of Immigrant Affairs director Fayrouz Saad and Birmingham businessman Dan Haberman.

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Orin and Tina Mazzoni of Northville with Lina and John Del Signore of Livonia at last year's Light Up a Life Celebration. The Mazzonis will be honored for more than two decades of support for Angela Hospice at this year's event. SUBMITTED

Event to support Angela Hospice's charitable work

The pearl is the perfect symbol for this year's Light Up a Life Celebration. Not only is it the traditional marker for a 30th anniversary, which the event is celebrating this year, but it's also appropriate as Angela Hospice will be recognizing Orin and Tina Mazzoni, the generous, kind-hearted family behind Orin Jewelers. The Mazzonis will be honored for more than two decades of benevolence toward the Angela Hospice mission and the community at this special event Friday, Oct. 27.

The Light Up a Life Celebration, dubbed the "Tux & Pearls Auction and Gala," will be held at Laurel Manor. In addition to appetizers, an open bar and gourmet plated dinner, guests will have the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction packages - from Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day tickets to getaways inside and out of Michigan, designer handbags, fine jewelry, and home decor - plus take part in raffles, including a bar raffle with an assortment of wine, beer and liquors.

The 10-piece band Mainstreet Soul will also perform, playing its energizing blend of Motown classics and modern dance hits.

"I know so many people, including my own family, have been touched by the work of Angela Hospice. It's a great opportunity to give back."

HELEN BALMFORTH
event coordinator

"Light Up a Life started 30 years ago as Angela Hospice's first big event. It's amazing to think how much Angela Hospice - and hospice nationally - has changed in that time," said Margot Parr, president and CEO of Angela Hospice. "We're so grateful that Angela Hospice has become known as a provider of exceptional end-of-life care in our community and humbled by all of the families that have called on us, and invited us into their lives and into their homes to care for their precious loved ones. Events like this make it possible for us to do more and reach out to more people in need."

Proceeds from the event will help fund An-

gela Hospice's charitable work, such as the Good Samaritan program, which provides hospice services to individuals who are uninsured or under-insured, including pediatric patients and those who have exceeded insurance caps. Angela Hospice's prenatal hospice and grief support programs, all non-reimbursed services that are open to the community, will also benefit from the gala's proceeds.

"I know so many people, including my own family, have been touched by the work of Angela Hospice," said Helen Balmforth, who is coordinating the event. "It's a great opportunity to give back. Whether you attend as a guest, support us as a sponsor, donate an auction package or buy a few raffle tickets - however you can help, just know that more of our neighbors are going to be helped by Angela Hospice because of you."

Tickets for the black-tie optional event are \$125 each. Raffle tickets start at just \$1 and can be purchased at the Angela Hospice Care Center or by calling 866-464-7810. Registration and sponsorship information are also available online at Ask-ForAngela.com.

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USING THE ARTS TO CREATE BONDS

Producer, director, actor Ernest Ochoco helps unite diverse people of Guam

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AGANA HEIGHTS, Guam - Ernest Ochoco, well-known on Guam for his numerous roles in local theatrical productions, embraced his calling as a performer at an early age.

As a toddler, Ochoco remembered singing songs from the band Kiss to his family, friends — even pediatrician.

He particularly liked the style of the band's guitarist, "The Starchild," because of the star painted on his face.

Ochoco's awe of that star could be seen as a precursor to a long path to stardom. Yet with more than 35 years in music, dance and theater, he stays humble. He doesn't work for himself; he works to bring a diverse community together.

"The arts is what keeps us human, what keeps us grounded as people," he says. For him, the unifying factor is that the arts are a universal language that can captivate anyone in the world.

Ochoco strives to maintain that unity in the island community through productions, where he serves as a producer, director or actor. He invites Guam residents to participate in productions he localizes, including "Miss Saigon," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Rent."

"On Guam we have different types of people: locals, military and fellow brothers and sisters in Micronesia. When we get together, it's magic," Ochoco says.

There is always a cause attached to the productions. Ochoco has worked with local health agencies and nonprofits to bring awareness to sensitive topics.

Guam's take on "Rent," which Ochoco directed, was instrumental in opening a dialogue about HIV in a predominantly Catholic community, where the virus was once a taboo topic. The play brought in HIV workshops and testing.

"Education is a huge part of preven-



Ernest Ochoco is a mainstay of Guam's theatrical community; his productions embrace causes such as HIV awareness or human trafficking. RICK CRUZ/USA TODAY NETWORK

tion," he says. "If you don't know what's out there, how can you protect yourself?"

Through productions, Ochoco has touched on topics such as the LGBT community, human trafficking and suicide. He says we shouldn't be afraid to bring these topics to light because fear blocks understanding. The arts have a way of piercing that fear and connecting with the audience at a deeper level, he added.

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Q&A WITH ERNEST OCHOCO

What does it mean to you to be an American?

I don't identify the word American just as a people who live in the United States. I identify the word American with an ideology. The ideology is somewhat similar to what I thought of when I was a child. The word American encompasses the truth that everyone is created equal and that we are all the same kind of people, no matter race, creed, sexuality or whatever country you happen to be living in. It means that everyone is worthy to be here.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

There's a lot of things that are really negative that are happening in the world. Nowhere in the world is there perfection. My philosophy is to look to the light, because when you look for it, you'll find it. I can sift through all of the negativity and look for the beauty in people's lives. These things that I see, all of the goodness that I see in humanity, that's what really gives me hope. It's when we can treat each other with respect, goodness and love.

What moment touched or motivated you to launch your efforts?

The arts is always a place where you feel like you either love it one day and hate it the next day or the next hour, even. My voice teachers always told me this is a commonality in all the arts. You will always love your art one day and you'll feel so triumphant and you think you got it all figured out. But the truth is, the next day, you can also hate it and just hate yourself. So many times I've tried to quit singing, theater and dance. Yet so many times I found my way back.

What do you hope to accomplish with your efforts?

I hope to accomplish community, unity, friendship and ultimately a way for each person to be able to connect with each other with the language that is art. I think that the arts are a uniting force. It's an amazing thing to continue to allow people to meet each other and learn from each other.

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South Lyon woman arrested for drunken driving

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While on patrol just before 2:30 a.m. Oct. 8, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy reported coming across a woman picking

up parts from her car, which had gone over the curb and struck a tree. The driver, a South Lyon woman, 38, was unable to offer any explanation as to how her car, a 2017 Cadillac XT5,

came to hit the tree in front of the Pure Sleep Store at Milford Road and Lyon Center Drive East. The woman told police she had been drinking. When asked how much,

the officer said she told him two drinks while holding up two fingers on each hand. She had a 0.17 percent blood-alcohol level — twice the level of legal intoxication in Michigan.

After agreeing to a blood test, the woman was taken to McLaren Hospital in Pontiac. At that point, the woman was complaining of pain in her hand and wrist. Due to the need for

medical attention, the woman was released at the hospital. The vehicle had been towed.

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South Lyon police arrest disorderly teen for drinking

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A Northville teen is facing juvenile court charges of underage alcohol consumption after South Lyon police responded to a complaint about a possible fight.

Officers were dispatched to a home in the 200 block of South Lyon Woods at the South Lyon Woods Mobile Home Park at midnight Oct. 9. The call was that people had been fighting throughout the night and someone had a bloody nose.

As they arrived, one officer reported hearing the back door of the trailer open and a young woman jump outside, then fall to the ground. When the

officer announced himself, he said the girl got up and started to run away. The officer said he yelled, "Police, stop," but she ran out of sight.

Back the mobile home, the officers knocked on the door and yelled "police" but got no response. The officer said he could hear people moving around inside as someone said they were locking the door.

One officer began to walk around the mobile home again when he was alerted that another officer was at the front speaking with a female who turned out to be the girl he saw running away.

The girl, 16, told the officer she wasn't running from him — she was

just looking for her shoes. When asked about what had been going on at the mobile home, the officer said she was uncooperative and refused to answer questions. She did tell the officers that she was 16 and had consumed a couple of shots of liquor after attending a homecoming in Southfield.

While talking to officers, the girl would only provide a first name. The officers described her as unsteady on her feet, with slurred speech, watery eyes and a strong smell of intoxicants. She refused a Breathalyzer test.

When told she was being arrested, the officer said the girl began trying to pull away and yelled at the officers not

to touch her. The second officer assisted in getting the girl handcuffed and into the patrol car.

A man, who wasn't identified, came to the patrol car to try to calm down the girl. At the officers' request, he then got a resident of the mobile home. That resident, a 21-year old man, who was known to police from prior contacts, indicated there had been no fight although it had gotten loud at his home.

During the ride to the police station, the officer reported the girl kept yelling and banging against the side of the car. She continued to be uncooperative and refused to provide information on her parents.

Officers eventually located a telephone number for her mother, who has a Northville address but lives in Washtenaw County. Due to the mother having younger children asleep at her home, officers agreed to transport the girl to her mother's home. The mother said she would be able to handle her daughter on her own.

The girl continued to be agitated when turned over to her mother. The officer said his presence seemed to be making the situation worse, so he left without getting the information needed for the juvenile court petition.

When he returned a few minutes later to get the mother's signature on

the petition form, he said the girl was inside the home and seemed to have calmed down. As he was leaving, the officer said he was approached by the mother, who told him the girl had left the house again. The mother did a second search of the house at the officer's request and confirmed the girl was gone.

The officer provided the mother with a phone number for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office so she could report her daughter as a runaway. Juvenile charges were to be filed in Oakland County for underage alcohol consumption and obstructing police.

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Man arrested for carrying loaded concealed gun

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A Grosse Pointe man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon after a traffic stop Oct. 10 in Lyon Township.

The traffic stop came after an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle towing a trailer without working lights heading west on Pontiac Trail, near Old Plank, just before 9:30 p.m.

The driver, 56, was found to have a loaded firearm concealed in his waistband. An unspecified quantity of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia were found in the glove box of the vehicle. Both the driver and the passenger, a 58-year old Galesburg man, were found to have valid medical marijuana cards.

After determining the driver did not have a concealed pistol license,

the man was arrested for having a concealed weapon. He was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail pending criminal charges.

The passenger was released at the scene. Detectives will be continuing with the investigation.

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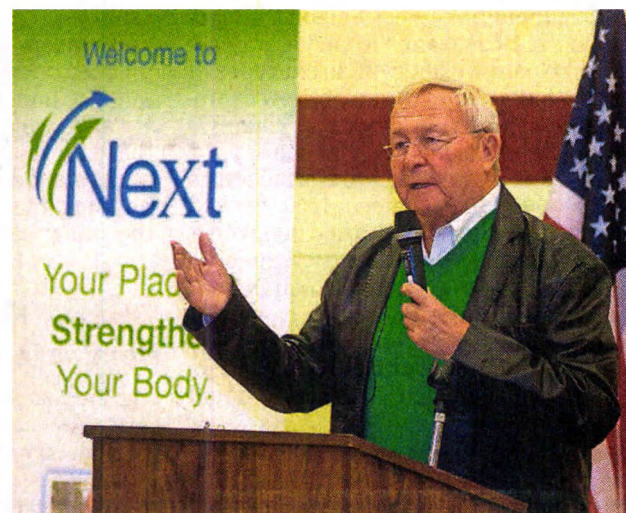
County seeks public input on disaster plan

Oakland County residents and businesses can help the county update its emergency preparedness plan by attending a voluntary public meeting, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced.

There will be an informational and planning session scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at Farmington Hills Fire Station No. 5, 31455 W. 11 Mile Road, open to members of the public who wish to inform the county about their emergency preparedness needs in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

"With the public's involvement, we will work together to identify ways to improve our emergency preparedness," Patterson said. "That is why we encourage residents and business owners to attend."

Oakland County updates its hazard mitiga-



Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced residents and businesses can help the county update its emergency preparedness plan. FILE PHOTO

tion plans every five years to keep residents, businesses and organizations well-prepared and vigilant in compliance with federal requirements.

"Emergency preparedness planning helps

to identify policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and mitigate future losses," said Thomas Hardesty, manager of Oakland County Homeland Security Division.

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**CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **November 08, 2017** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ERHARD BMW OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.719 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM NCC (NON-CENTER COMMERCIAL) AND OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) TO GE (GATEWAY EAST)**. The subject property is comprised of two parcels totaling 9.48 acres. It is located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road (Section 23).

Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-23-251-018 and 22-23-251-019

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, **November 08, 2017**.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Michigan State Sen. Pat Colbeck, running for governor, has been removed from four committees. ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Colbeck kicked off state Senate committees

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

He's arguably the most vocal conservative in the Michigan Senate, often rubbing colleagues the wrong way for loudly and frequently criticizing their decisions.

He's also running for governor and taking his right-wing ideas to districts — both Republican and Democrat — across the state.

And now, Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is even further isolated in the 38-member Senate. Last week, he was informed that the chamber's GOP leadership had removed him from the four committees on which he serves.

"This is swamp politics and this is exactly what people are ticked off about," Colbeck said.

He said that Senate Majority Leader Arian Meekhof, R-West Olive, was upset that he attended a recent Right to Life fundraiser in Holland, which is part of Meekhof's district, and didn't notify him that he was going to be in the district.

But Amber McCann, spokeswoman for Meekhof, said the decision to remove Colbeck from his committee assignments was based on multiple concerns the caucus had with Colbeck. She declined to detail specific problems, saying, "The majority leader isn't going to engage in a public debate about caucus dynamics."

Though Colbeck won't be serving on the four committees — Judiciary; Education; Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security; and the Michigan State Police Subcommittee — he said he'll ramp up his vocal criticism of policies he doesn't support.

"I'll hit with both barrels on policy issues," he said. "I didn't come here to serve the Senate majority leader."

And while Democrats said they're always looking for new members for their caucus or supporters of their legislative proposals, they're not going to count on any kinship with Colbeck.

"As whip for my cau-

cus, it's my job to use divides on the other sides to recruit new members, but we're good," said Sen. Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing. "If he wants to support our legislation, I'm always for that. I doubt it's going to happen."

"I understand why the majority leader made his decision and we wouldn't

want those same issues in our caucus, either."

While removing members from committee assignments is rare, it has happened. Former state Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, was removed from his committees after he was charged with shooting at his ex-wife's car.

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BEAUTIFUL WINE CELLARS ARE A COLLECTOR'S PARADISE

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

When wine connoisseur Bob Cummings was designing his new home in 1994, he used his then-current home in Farmington as a starting point for the size of the wine cellar for the house in Northville.

The wine cellar in his Farmington house could store 3,000 bottles of wine, so he knew the new one had to be bigger to contain his growing collection. He also realized he needed to not only factor in how fast his collection was growing, but where it would be 10 and/or 20 years in the future.

"We lived in Farmington until 1992 and, by that time, our inventory had increased two- or three-fold," Cummings said. "I told my wife we needed to provide ample space. Even if we don't have that much wine now, there is a good probability we will accumulate more as we go down the road. We had to prepare and design the new cellar with that in mind, so we decided to incorporate two wine cellars into the design, one in the basement and one upstairs."

Cummings and his wife Millie are now "downsizing" and have their Northville estate up for sale at \$3.375 million, which includes the 13,197-square-foot main house and 4.82-acre property. Of the many highlights of the luxurious home are the two wine cellars, believed to be two of the largest combined capacity climate-controlled wine cellars in a private residence in the U.S., with an estimated 9,350-bottle rack capacity, plus thousands in additional boxed-lot capacity.

"The smaller one in the dining room was for aesthetic purposes and also, if you were having a dinner party and wanted another bottle of wine, you wouldn't have to go downstairs to get it," Cummings said of the upstairs cellar, which has a 750-bottle capacity.

The main cellar, located in the lower level, has an 8,600-bottle rack capacity and space for thousands in case lots.

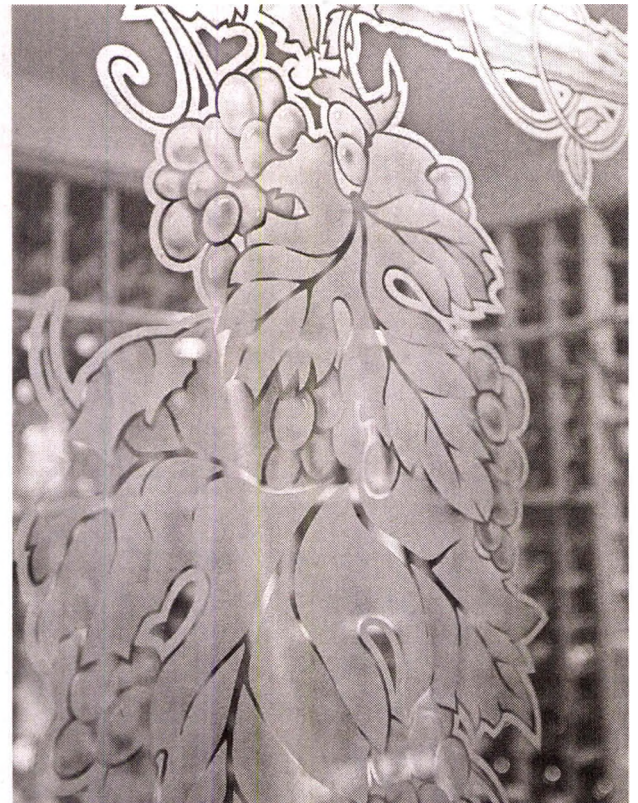
Meticulously designed

A wine cellar must be designed and constructed like a refrigerator, with a proper cooling system to help control environmental factors that may negatively affect the storing and aging of the wine. There are certain materials, from the wood to the tiles to the lighting, that are important when designing a wine cellar.

"There is a right way and a wrong when building a wine cellar," Cummings said. "Having built two prior, we knew what the right way was and you have to completely encapsulate the entire room, including the ceiling and the floor."

"We put thick Styrofoam padding in the walls and then drywall, built the racks and case openings and put in the tile on the floor, which we brought in from Italy and the back splash in the bar area with tiles we also brought in from Italy."

Cummings says redwood is the choice for most wine cellars for the racks, cabinets and paneling. Redwood wine racks don't need stains or finishes to become



At top left, Bob Cummings holds a bottle of 1981 Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. At top right, upstairs, a smaller 750-bottle wine cellar is viewable from the grand dining room through a wine-themed etched glass window. At center, the wet bar inside the lower level wine cellar. At left, glasses and bottles of wine are ready for consumption. At right, in the main level wine cellar, bottles rest in redwood wine racks visible from the dining room.

PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN

durable, because they have natural wood preservatives and are highly resistant to shock, decay, insects and mildew. Redwood also has the ability to remain sturdy in humid conditions, since the tree itself thrives in both humid and cool weather.

"You need to keep the cellar at about 70-percent humidity and redwood is the best for this," he said.

The details

Lighting is only in the main corridors and is primarily there for any wine tasting you want to have in the cellar.

"It's low-voltage and you don't want any direct lighting on the bot-

ties," said Cummings, who called the whole process "a learning experience."

"We didn't make any mistakes in our cellars, but you have to be very meticulous and let no air get in those cellars, because if air gets in, that creates moisture and that's the worst thing for the bottles, labels and corks," he said. "You have to go by the book."

Cummings has had four cellars at one time, the two in the Northville house, one in his home in Florida and one in his office for bulk storage. He has had more than 13,500 bottles of wine in his collection. But if you go back and count what they drank and gave

away at charities — which Cummings has done for years — he says his collection could have been around 20,000 bottles.

"I never bought a bottle or case of wine with the intent to sell it," he said. "I never sold a bottle of wine until 2006. I found out that my Bordeaux were worth 20-30 times the amount of my investment and decided that my friends could drink a little less quality wine because that's too much money to pass up."

And he worked hard for his money.

Married for 35 years, with four kids and 12 grandchildren, Cummings "grew up in humble beginnings in

Ecorse." He began his career as a purchasing agent at Ford Motor Co. before launching his own manufacturing rep business, Dearborn-based J&J Production Services, in 1975, the same year he began collecting wines.

"It was a big risk to go out on my own and I had to work a long, long time before it paid off," he said.

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Schoolcraft chef earns master's certification

Brad Kadrich
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Shawn Loving has cooked for professional athletes and U.S. Olympic teams. He's earned certifications as an executive chef and a culinary administrator.

But Loving, who chairs the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, called the American Culinary Federation's eight-day certified master chef exam, for which he sat earlier this month at Schoolcraft, the biggest cooking challenge he's ever faced.

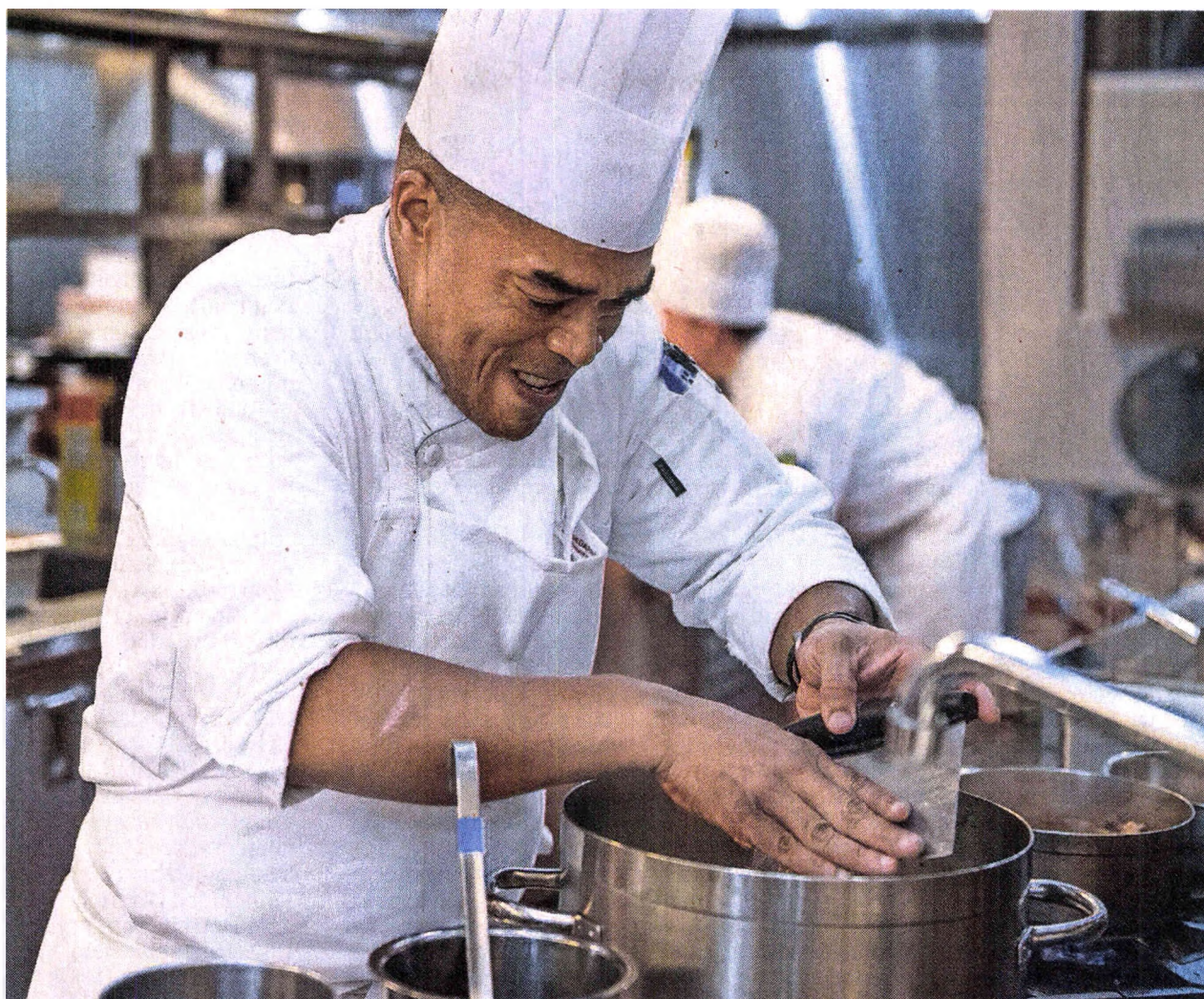
He was up to the task. Loving was one of three chefs who earned the designation of certified master chef. Loving and the others — Gerald Ford of Dearborn, executive sous chef at The Everglades Club in Palm Beach, Fla., and Joseph Leonardi, director of culinary operations at The Country Club in Chestnut Hill, Mass. — earned the designation with stellar performances in the last two tests Oct. 7.

The certifications were awarded in a brief ceremony the next day at Schoolcraft.

"It's the most difficult cooking challenge and focus I've ever had," Loving said. "I can't find words to describe (the experience), daily and nightly, to share that feeling."

Ten chefs sat for the exam, during which they were tested on menus featuring healthy cooking, buffet catering, classical cuisine, freestyle cooking, global cuisine, baking and pastry and other cuisines.

Each candidate was required to maintain an



Chef Shawn Loving earned his certified master's chef certification. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

average of 75 (out of a possible 100) for the first six days and then score better than 75 on each of the final two challenges to earn the CMC designation. Those final challenges counted for 50 percent of the candidates' overall scores.

Loving, Ford and Leonardi were the only ones to attain the certification, though two more candidates got close enough to earn a shot at a make-up test.

"These profound chefs were driven to display their commitment ... and their dedication to their

"When we challenge ourselves to perform under these trying circumstances, one experiences professional growth that transcends our culinary skills."

STAFFORD DECAMBRA
ACF board president

craft," said Stafford DeCambra, the ACF's board president. "When we challenge ourselves to perform under these trying circumstances, one experiences professional growth that transcends our culinary skills."

Loving was cooking in his home kitchen, but quickly discounted any significance to that fact. He said that might work for football teams or other athletic events, but the chefs in this exam could have been cooking anywhere.

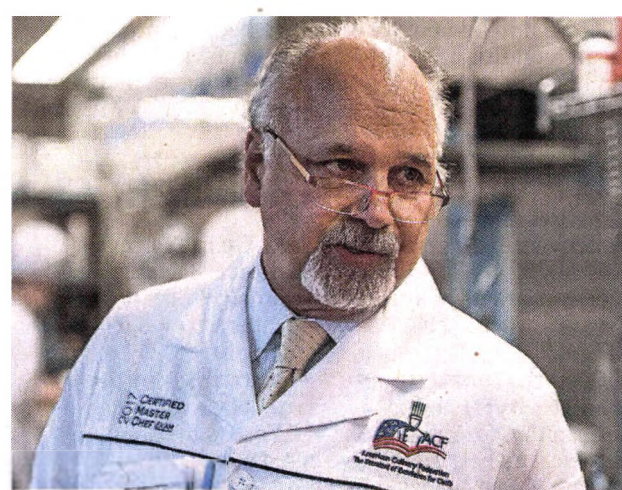
"You had six burners and the stove," Loving said. "When you're cooking for a jury (of people) who represent what you strive to do ... the feeling of having a 'home court' advantage isn't there. It doesn't help."

Chef Chris Misiak, Schoolcraft's culinary arts program coordinator, said hosting the exam was a good experience for the school and praised the hometown chef who made good.

"I really appreciate the American Culinary Federation coming to Schoolcraft," Misiak said. Loving said he was, of course, happy to earn the CMC designation and that rising up that ladder brings with it additional responsibility, particularly to young people coming up behind him.

"It means a chapter closed and a new one begins ... with new responsibilities," Loving said. "I have to continue to strive for more knowledge and give it back to the generations. That's the No. 1 driving focus."

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Retired Schoolcraft chef Kevin Gawronski, who served as an evaluator, said judges were looking for more than just the fundamentals. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ELECTION NOTICE
CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The election will be conducted in all polling places 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(s):

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Sample Ballots are available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Sample Ballots include the names of candidates and full text of ballot proposals.

Oakland County Treasurer's Statement as Required by Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1933 as Amended

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 13, 2017, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted increase	Years Increase Effective
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
	1.00	Unlimited
	1.92	Unlimited
	0.1	2008-2017
	20.91	2012 - 2021 Incl.
Northville Public Schools	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
County of Oakland	1.0	2014 to 2017
Schoolcraft Community College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County RESA	1.8782	Unlimited

Wayne County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 13, 2017, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	18.00 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)
	May 2015	.9978 mills	2020

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct	County	Location
Precinct 1	Wayne County	Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Precinct 2	Oakland County	Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls will open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. Polling places are ADA accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

Persons wishing to obtain an absent voter ballot may do so by submitting an application to the City Clerk's Office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9914.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, November 4, 2017 for the purpose of issuing and mailing absentee ballots by the 2pm deadline. By 4pm, November 6, 2017, qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office.

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- Trick or Treating (while supplies last)
- Performances by Northville HS Varsity Dance Company (1:30 and 2:30)
- Balloon Artist
- Airbrush Tattoo Artists
- Bounce House
- Spooky sales /special discounts, and tons of activities for the little ghosts and goblins!

The American Red Cross of Michigan will be present and accepting monetary donations to assist those affected by the hurricanes. Please consider donating to this important cause.

NORTHVILLE PARK PLACE

Located SW corner of 7 Mile/Haggerty in Northville, MI.

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Novi buses receive top safety rating

For the second straight year, buses in the Novi Community School District received the state's highest grade. It took four days for a state inspector to painstakingly examine all 37 Novi buses. But upon completion, the fleet registered a perfect rating in the 2017-18 inspection conducted by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Michigan State Police.

"The Michigan State Police does a thorough annual, comprehensive safety inspections of our fleet," said Jill Minnick, Novi's assistant superintendent of business and operations. "The inspection of our Novi Schools' fleet was conducted in mid-September and we had a 100 percent inspection rating. That means that every single one of our buses passed the safety inspection."

All public and private school district buses used for student transportation are subject to annual inspections between Sept. 1 and Aug. 31. The buses undergo a rigorous inspection process of the braking, exhaust, fuel and lighting and electrical systems, as well as the engine and drive train, emergency



Mechanics Matt Nowicki (left) and Tom Hulburt are responsible for keeping Novi's bus fleet safely on the road. BILL ROOSE | NCSD

exits and aisles, special-needs equipment and more.

Vehicles that have been inspected are identified with a sticker placed on the front windshield.

State inspectors use a three-tier grading system – pass, yellow or red. A yellow grade means a bus was found in an unsatisfactory condition, but safe enough to operate. These school buses by law must be repaired within 60 days of the original inspection date. A red grade means a bus was found to be in an unsafe condition. Michigan law requires the repair of all red-tagged

buses before placing them back into passenger service.

According to the most recent state police data, more than four out of five school buses in the Michigan passed their initial safety inspection in 2016-17, including all 37 vehicles owned by NCSD. The Novi district was among 18.5 percent of public, private, denominational, parochial, charter and public school academies that received a 100 percent pass rating a year ago.

"Our rating would not have been achieved if it were not for the efforts of our two spectacular bus mechanics – Mr. Matt

Nowicki and Mr. Tom Hulburt," Minnick said. "I want to express my appreciation for their impressive work throughout the year to maintain and care for our buses to be sure that our students are transported safely throughout the school year."

"I always want to acknowledge the dedication of our director of transportation, Cindy Valentine, and all of the drivers and aides, because it is their care for their buses throughout the year, every day, to make sure that they are in proper operating order and that they bring to the attend of the mechanics

any issues that may arise." The MSP is responsible for the annual inspection of every black and yellow school bus and pupil-transportation vehicle operated in the state. Michigan has more than 16,000 vehicles that transport approximately 800,000 children more than 10 million miles annually.

Aside from Novi's fleet, 10 other districts with 30 or more buses received perfect inspection scores on the 2016-17 report – Ann Arbor (122), South Lyon (60), Hartland and Bloomfield Hills (58), Howell (56), Dexter (42), North Branch (34), Gratiot-Isabella (33), Adrian (31) and Chelsea (30).

Other districts and schools in Oakland County that earned perfect scores for smaller fleets in 2016-17 included Birmingham Detroit Country Day (16), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (11), Hazel Park (8), Madison Heights (7), Clawson (6), Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (3), Birmingham Marian (1) and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (1).

Man charged in burglary at Rocky's of Northville

Matt Jachman
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A 27-year-old man faces two charges in a September burglary at Rocky's of Northville, a popular restaurant on Seven Mile in Northville Township.



Kevin A. Greene of Detroit was arrested Oct. 5 near his home in Detroit and arraigned the next day on one charge of breaking and entering and one charge of larceny in a building, Northville Township Police Lt. Mike Burrough said.

A \$20,000 bond was set and Greene was taken to the Wayne County Jail. He is scheduled for a Friday, Oct. 27, preliminary hearing in 35th District Court.

Police also executed a search warrant at Greene's home and found items that had been taken in the burglary, Burrough said.

Burrough said Rocky's employees discovered the burglary the morning of Sept. 19. A safe and a number of bottles of liquor were reported stolen; Burrough would not detail the contents of the safe.

There were no signs of forced entry into the restaurant, Burrough said.

Greene had worked at Rocky's as part of a crew that cleans up the restaurant, though he had not formally been on the janitorial contractor's payroll, Burrough said. It has been a least two months since he had worked at the site, Burrough said.

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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.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

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

Dine to Donate at Granite City: Dine and mention the Northville Historical Society and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to the NHS. All day Oct. 22.

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. Sold

out.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.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 wed-

ding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

Donations: Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millrace-northville.org.

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City of Northville Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

At its regular meeting on November 6, 2017, City Council will introduce for first reading proposed text amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The new language clarifies and simplifies the procedures an applicant needs to follow if they are requesting approval of a Planned Unit Development under Article 20 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for November 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, and Case No. 17-05-0556P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627)

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NOTICE OF ELECTION NOVI TOWNSHIP

To the Qualified Electors of NOVI TOWNSHIP, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a Northville Public Schools Millage Election will be held in the Township of Novi, County of Oakland on Tuesday, November 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling place location for said election is: 44020 Cottisford Road, Northville, MI 48167.

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the clerk's office. Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Novi Twp. clerk's office. The Clerk, or their designee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, November 4, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot.

For proposal language or any other information, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 231-6210.

Derwood Haines, Novi Township Clerk

Tests aren't the only way to measure district's success

Last Saturday, while Fanfare 2017 was going on, I needed to catch up on some emails, so I went into an office at Novi High School. As I sat in that office, I could hear the sounds of a marching band.

At Novi High School marching band's annual Fanfare, marching bands from around the state came to compete against each other, demonstrating remarkable skills and providing quite a show.

It is a culture that I know little about. I was never in a marching band. I played in my school's band from the fifth grade through the ninth grade. But the



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

practice thing proved to be a stumbling block and, when I went to high school, I did not pursue band.

Looking back on it, that was probably a mistake. Why?

What I have learned as I watch the Novi High School marching band is that it is a tremendously powerful and positive culture. It requires a ton of work — marching band camp, lots of practice, learning not only

music, but how and when and where to move. At times, the director — and, at times, the students — gets frustrated.

But through their efforts, students learn the value of hard work, discipline, how everyone must work together to accomplish a goal. Students learn the value of being part of something bigger than themselves.

What these students do is not measured on a test. What these students do does not get published in the paper. What these students do does not lead the news at night.

But what these students do is tremendously important.

It connects them to each other. It also connects them to Novi High School. They build relationships with each other and with teachers and staff who push them to excel.

These students have a purpose, a goal, something that they can invest their time and energy in.

Band is just one of many things in the Novi Community School District that has a tremendously positive impact on students. Robotics. DECA. HOSA. Quiz Bowl. Meadows Geography Club. Meadows Choir Club. Math Olympiad. Leader in Me. Lighthouse teams. Math Boot Camp.

Science fair. Art club. The list could go on and on. All these activities connect students to our school district.

These clubs and activities are not "graded" and the results are not published on the impact that these activities have on the lives of our students. Yet these activities are tremendously important.

When measuring the worth of a high school, it is important to remember that a test score is not the only, not the most important and, certainly, not the single best factor to consider when deciding if a school measures up.

Politicians pass laws

that purport to be able to measure the worth of a school — attendance, graduation rates, test scores. Those things are routinely measured and publicized.

I would suggest that there are many other ways to measure the worth of a high school. I would also suggest that being in a marching band may have a greater impact on future success than the performance on a state assessment.

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

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

One-on-one help with our tech expert

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursdays

Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Fall TOT Storytime

When: Varied, see website
Details: Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group

experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime; babies, siblings may not attend.

Fall Storytime

When: Varied, see website
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.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

When: 10:15 a.m. Thursday through Nov. 2
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3

and younger. Just drop in!

Drop-In Little Me Storytime

When: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with parents and caregivers, can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Older children are also welcome to attend. Just drop in.

Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

When: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Details: Make the most of your weekend and join us for stories, music and wiggles all about sea creatures. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. No registration,

just drop in.

Decorate a Pumpkin

When: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24
Details: Tweens ages 9-12 can decorate a mini pumpkin for Halloween. Register online or by phone. Limit 30.

Author Visit: Drew Philp

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24
Details: Local author Drew Philp discusses his memoir, "A \$500 House in Detroit: Rebuilding an Abandoned Home and an American City," recounting his experience help-

ing Detroit rebuild starting with a \$500 house. Book signing after the discussion. Books for sale by Book Beat.

Howell Nature Center 'Birds of Prey'

When: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25
Details: Discover the fascinating world of Michigan's birds of prey in this Howell Nature Center presentation featuring live hawks, owls, falcons and vultures. Held next door at the Community Center. All ages welcome. Please no

special groups. Register online or by phone. Sponsored by The Friends of Maybury State Park and the Northville District Library.

Drop-In Halloween Crafts for Kids

When: 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 28
Details: Kids of all ages get creative making a silly monster door hanger for Halloween on either date. Just drop in.

Special note

The library will be closed Friday, Oct. 27, for renovations.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING November 15, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Setbacks) for a residence at 43600 Six Mile Road (Parcel ID#77-040-99-0007-000).

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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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Dog droppings left on hood of vehicle

A Novi man left his home Oct. 10 to find dog feces on the hood of his vehicle, police report. The incident, on Novi's north end, occurred between 11 p.m. Oct. 9 and shortly before 8 p.m. Oct. 10., a Novi Police Department report said. The

vehicle — the make and model were not noted in the report — was parked at the time in the driveway of the complainant's home on Brownstone Drive.

The feces were wrapped in toilet paper, the report said. The complainant told police he had had problems with dogs relieving them-

selves on the patio at his house and that he had spoken to several neighboring dog owners about that.

The man also said that dog feces had been tossed in his driveway in an earlier incident.

— By Matt Jachman

Man charged in township home invasion

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

A 31-year-old Detroit man is facing 18 charges, including armed robbery and carjacking, during an April 30 Northville Township home invasion in which shots were fired.

Township police officers arrested Deamo L. Lately on Oct. 9 in Detroit and he was arraigned Oct. 11 in 35th District Court before Judge Ron Lowe, who set a bond of \$1 million.

Lately is charged with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of carjacking and one count each of home invasion, unlawful imprisonment, discharging a gun in or at a building and being a felon in possession of a gun, according to court records. He also faces nine counts of using a gun during a felony.

The court entered not guilty pleas for him on all 18 charges and Lately asked for a court-appointed attorney.

Police continue to investigate the case, Lt. Mike Burrough said.

The home invasion took place shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday, April 30, when two armed men forced their way into a home in the area of Five Mile and Bradner roads and confronted the residents there, who were held against their will,

police said. The men stole jewelry and a pistol, as well as the residents' vehicles, a Chevrolet Corvette and a Lexus RX 350 sport-utility vehicle.

Livonia police chased the Corvette after spotting it on eastbound Interstate 96, but ended the

chase when they lost sight of the car in Detroit. The Corvette was later recovered.

Lately is due back in district court for a hearing Friday, Oct. 20, and again for a preliminary examination Friday, Oct. 27.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Novi politics

Novi is a town in which people are polite, educated and think for themselves. I was shocked to find an oversized post card in my mailbox that commanded me to call two longstanding Novi City Council members, not to discuss issues, but to harass them on their home phones about not being "non-partisan."

The mailer came from David Staudt, Novi's Mayor Pro Tem, and Wayne Wrobel, both city council members. Bizarrely, both have far stronger political ties than do the people they are complaining about. Staudt is a committee member of the Michigan Republican Party and treasurer of the Oakland County Republican Party. Wrobel is the treasurer of the 11th District Republican Committee. Like many politicians, they appear to want to hold others to standards they themselves choose not to meet.

The postcard claims it was "not authorized by any candidate." Staudt and Wrobel are not up for re-election this year, so that technically may be true. However, the mailer clearly intended to give the misleading impression that it came from people with no personal interest on council. It was a harassment campaign aimed at the council members they were elected to work with. I argue this mailer violated the Novi City Council's own rules of ethical debate since it releases private information obtained through Staudt and Wrobel's council positions, and it attacks other members personally instead of debating ideas.

They created and hid

behind a sham organization for the mailer, registered at Staudt's home address and appears to involve four people, including a lawyer/lobbyist for real estate developers. Most disheartening, however, is that this sham organization has no income, no expenditures and no assets according to its online filings. Obviously, printing and mailing this hit piece came at a great expense.

Staudt and Wrobel tried to smear long standing council members Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch, and two other candidates by calling them 'progressive'. By dictionary definition, a progressive is a person interested in the betterment of society. No matter how you feel about social issues at the federal level, at the local level, being progressive is 100% about fighting to make Novi a good place for residents, instead of submitting to the demands of every real estate developer and lobbyist with a bulging checkbook.

If you aren't familiar with the issues faced by the Novi City Council, call to chat with Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch about issues and concerns. Or, attend a City Council meeting and see who fights against the real estate lobbyists' dark money in favor of residents.

Kathi Kuehnle
Novi

Novi mayor is divisive

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt likes to say "I am Novi." But does he really represent all of us, and does he even want to? A few months ago, for instance, the mayor got into another of his frequent and embarrassing online

spats with constituents, this time on the Facebook page of District 11 Congressman Dave Trott. The mayor, as usual, showed a total disdain for Novi's Democrats while serving in what is supposed to be a non-partisan city government. "Liberals," he wrote, "are all the same..." He then told a District 11 resident who disagreed with him to "Quit being a LOSER." Our mayor, ladies and gentlemen.

This would be inappropriate from a teenager. It's unacceptable from our mayor. But it gets weirder and more disturbing. When a District 11 resident asked Gatt how much the "flamewar" he was engaging in was costing Novi taxpayers, Gatt responded, bizarrely, "I wish I was a flamethrower... it would melt the snowflakes."

Good grief. Gatt was using derogatory online parlance for Democrats, which is offensive enough. He also, however, seemed to be suggesting that he would prefer that these "snowflakes" not exist. Sorry Mayor Gatt, no matter how much you wish it, you do not get to choose your constituents in Novi - more of whom identify as Democrats than Republicans, according to the results of the 2016 election. You were elected to be the mayor of Novi, not just of the 48% who vote Republican.

We are all dead tired of blind us vs. them politics. If we want to be able to come together as a community and act like neighbors, step one must be - to borrow a phrase from the President that Gatt idolizes - to "drain the swamp" and vote out the politicians who divide us like Bob Gatt.

Marcella Kehus
Novi

Novi mailer upsetting

It has recently come to my attention the deplorable campaign tactic against Gwen Markham, Andrew Mutch and Kelly Breen. I am saddened and disgusted that David Staudt and Wayne Wrobel feel that this is acceptable in our city. I applaud folks that feel strongly about helping the citizens of Novi by giving of their time to be a participant in the decisions to lead our city to be a premier place to live, do business, play and be educated.

I, personally, want people representing me and my family that have high moral standards as well as their willingness to make Novi a better place to live. These two men need to understand they are not showing strong moral character nor wise choices and are welcome to step down from representing my family and myself. I hope to see their resignation very soon. I look forward to having Gwen and Andrew continue on our city council as well as new representation with Kelly Breen.

Thank you to Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch for always being willing to rise above. Thank you to Kelly Breen for taking a chance. They get my vote as well as my family's. My family and I support kindness, high moral standards and wise, thoughtful decision makers on our city council.

Christine
Wilkins-Goodearl
Novi

Student supports bond plan

My name is Mary Curran and I am a senior at Northville High School and a member of the Facility Review Bond Study Committee. I was able to serve on this committee as one of two student representatives and would like to speak and inform your readers on the importance of passing this bond for the continuance of Northville's excellence and for the futures of our chil-

dren. The NPS bond includes crucial improvements to our school district that will further advance our STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program and our understanding of the importance of modern learning. Everyday, the world shifts to a more scientific and technology focused society, and in order to keep our school ahead of the changes, we must be able to provide a substantial STEM/STEAM educational foundation and thankfully, if the NPS bond passes on Nov. 7, we will be able to do just that. The bond would provide a new science lab, a redo to larger classrooms/the forum to provide multiple functional classroom settings and advancements to technology that will give our students the keys to success.

The entire bond focuses on transferring our school district to keep up with the demands of what it means to be a "modern learner" from the elementary level to our advanced high school students.

As a high school student, I personally can account to the demand that being a high school student now comes with, and having a bond like this in place will surely help prepare our NPS students for college and the work force. By being exposed to all fields and advanced teaching styles, Northville students will be able to go much farther in life compared to students who do not have the advantage to explore all different types of careers. This bond will only provide positive changes to our school system and help NPS continue it's trend of excellence, all while being at no tax increase to our community.

So in conclusion, please vote yes for this wonderful bond on Nov. 7. As a student and someone who has experienced our school system first hand, this bond will do wonders for every single child in our school sys-

tem and will greatly influence futures.

Mary Curran
Northville High School
senior

Support Northville Schools bond

As a Northville resident, father of two, and the President of the Ridge Wood Elementary School Dad's Club, I am encouraging my fellow community members to support the \$104,850,000 bond initiative that will be on the Nov. 7 ballot. This bond will not increase the current debt millage rate, and all of the money generated from the bond will remain in the Northville Public Schools district. Every school in the district will see improvements, such as increased security measures at buildings. Funds also will be used to build a much-needed, almost-completely-new middle school at the current Hillside Middle School site.


In addition to being an involved parent who cares about raising the next generation of leaders in Northville, I'm also a local Realtor specializing in Northville. As a real estate agent, I am confident that this bond will continue to move our community forward. There is a direct correlation between highly-rated schools and strong property values. In fact, most of the buyers I work with cite the excellent schools in our community as their top reason for moving to Northville.

This bond benefits every member of our community, from the young families with children who are in school, to the established residents who want to see a continual increase in property values.

Please take the time to vote on Nov. 7, and please Say Yes to NPS.

Lloyd O'Dell
Northville

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON November 7, 2017**

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Northville Public Schools Bonding Proposal.

**Northville Public Schools
General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal
for building and site purposes in the amount of
not to exceed \$104,850,000**

The full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-3500. A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Northville Township Clerk's department and can be viewed on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precincts 1 & 2	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 3 & 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 5	Northville Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 6	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester Dr.
Precincts 8 & 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Dr.
Precincts 10 & 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin Rd.

All polling locations are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and are accessible for voters with disabilities. Voting instructions are available in alternative formats at each precinct.

The Township Clerk's office, located at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The **deadline** to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Statement as Required by ACT 278 of Public Acts of 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increase are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Northville Public Schools	November, 2011	18 mills	2021 (Non homestead)
	May 2015	.9978 mill	2020
Northville Township	August 5, 2014	5.6926 mills	2020
Northville Township	August 4, 2009	0.90 mills	2029

Sue A. Hillebrand,
Charter Township of Northville

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Couple returns after spending year traveling the globe

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

It took Frank and Janet Kokenakes an entire year to plan being away from home on a trip around the globe for the exact same amount of time.

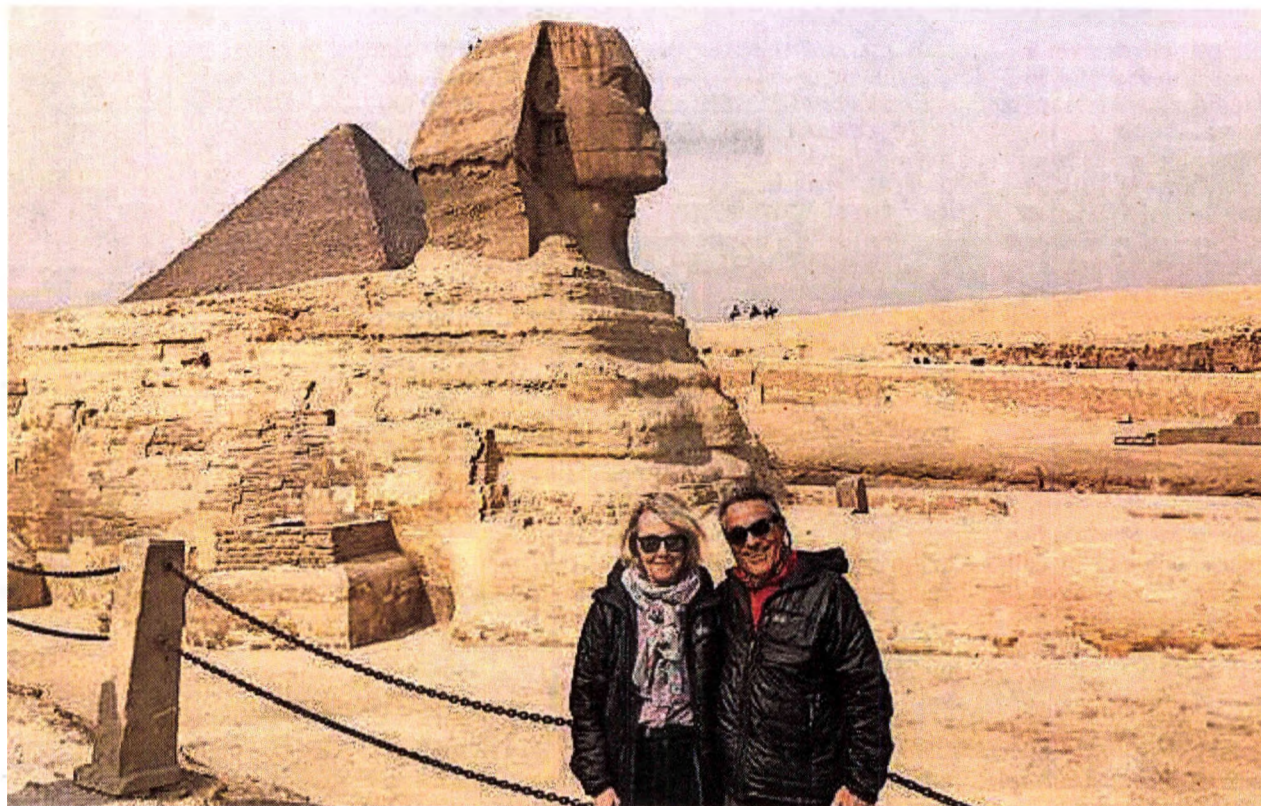
And if you ask the now-former Livonia residents whether it was worth it, the answer from both of them is a resounding "yes."

The time in their lives was right: Their children had moved out of the house and their parents weren't quite at the age where the two of them needed to be around as much yet.

"One thing led to another and I said to Frank, 'I can keep working for another 15 years, because that's also the reality of our age bracket. We're looking at our mothers who are pretty elderly. We're trying to plan for 30 more years,'" Janet said. "And I can keep going for a lot of years, but I just need to take a career break."

The couple, who now live in downtown Detroit, recently returned from an 11-month trek across five continents, visiting 32 countries. The couple always loved traveling and the time in their life came where they were looking for something different to do. That's when Janet Kokenakes went to her husband with the idea of jet-setting across the globe. They sold their Livonia home, get their passports ready and planned the trip of a lifetime.

It was an idea that, once they shared it with friends and family, got mixed reactions.



Around the world with Frank and Janet Kokenakes.

"Most people were taken aback," Frank said.

Plenty of folks gathered with them to wish them good luck, including their co-workers and friends in Livonia.

The trip

It began in South America, where the couple stayed for several weeks in both hotels and hostels, done to keep the budget afloat. Visiting such places as Ecuador, Chile and Brazil, the couple said, was incredible, though both looked forward to seeing Machu Picchu in Peru.

After seeing South America, they traveled to southern Europe before hitting northern Africa, which included Morocco and Egypt. There, the couple faced their only

sense of danger the entire trip: Having several men with machine guns approach a broken-down tour bus to protect it.

"They put pylons around the bus and they guarded us with machine guns. They, at one point, pulled up a semi-truck to block us," Janet said. "It took several hours for the bus to get fixed."

"Of all the places we traveled up to that point and probably after, that was the scariest," Frank said.

Traveling as Americans, they always got a warm welcome in the countries they visited, especially as their presence meant the tourism industry was starting to rebound.

They did notice more locals had an interest in

them after the 2016 presidential election. After that, the couple said they got more intrigue and questions asking about how they felt with Donald Trump being elected president.

"People were always friendly to us, but we were surprised how quickly it changed after the election," Kokenakes said. "They wanted to talk to us right away, they wanted to know our views

on the president ... long conversations with people from all walks of life."

They continued, hitting Europe, southeast Asia and wrapping up in Australia and New Zealand. They flew back to Detroit from the kiwi-filled country, their long-east plane ride of the past year.

Returning home did take some adjusting. The couple now lives in downtown Detroit, where they

will for the next year. They cut their adventure short by a few weeks to return and celebrate their son's wedding.

They kept a blog of their travels and updated it whenever they could, sharing photos of themselves at some of the world's most iconic locations, along with some of the more exquisite cuisine. Their site, frankandjanetaroundtheglobe.com continues to operate and the two hope to upload more photos from the trip soon.

Their advice to others looking for a similar adventure? Vary the locations and don't be afraid to stay in different places, such as hostels. Half the fun of the trip, they said, was meeting and interacting with a wide range of other travelers seeking the same sense of adventure they did.

"You have to research your countries. Go in the off-season, it's so much easier to go to places like in Europe in the off-season," she said. "You need to budget the high- and the low-cost countries. Some of these countries are expensive, but I think that's the greatest way to do it is to find that balance."

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-149.13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, ARTICLE 1, IN GENERAL, SECTION 3-5, PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE—UNLAWFUL PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION IN ORDER TO COMPORT WITH STATE LAW REGARDING PENALTIES, FINES, AND SANCTIONS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 9, 2017 and the provisions of this ordinance shall take effect: (1) 15 days after enactment and publication as provided by law, or (2) on any amended effective date of Public Act No. 89 of 2017, whichever is later. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

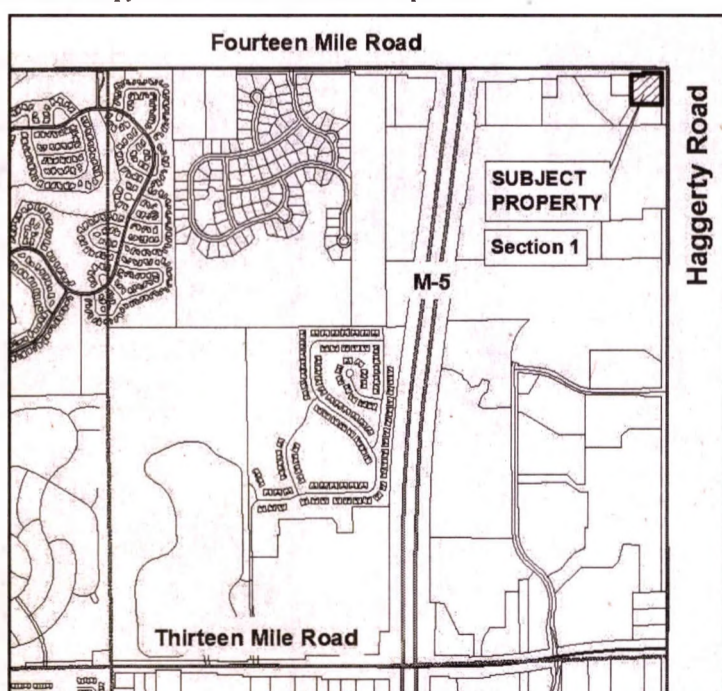
Courtney Hanson, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **November 08, 2017** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **SPEEDWAY JSP 17-63 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.720 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM OST (OFFICE SERVE TECHNOLOGY) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS)**. The subject property is approximately 2.03 acres and is located on the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Fourteen Mile Road (Section 1). The applicant is proposing a rebuild and expansion of the existing Speedway fuel station including a 4,608 square foot convenience store and 5,400 square foot fuel canopy over 8 double-sided fuel dispensers.



Subject Parcel ID: 22-01-200-016

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, **November 08, 2017**.

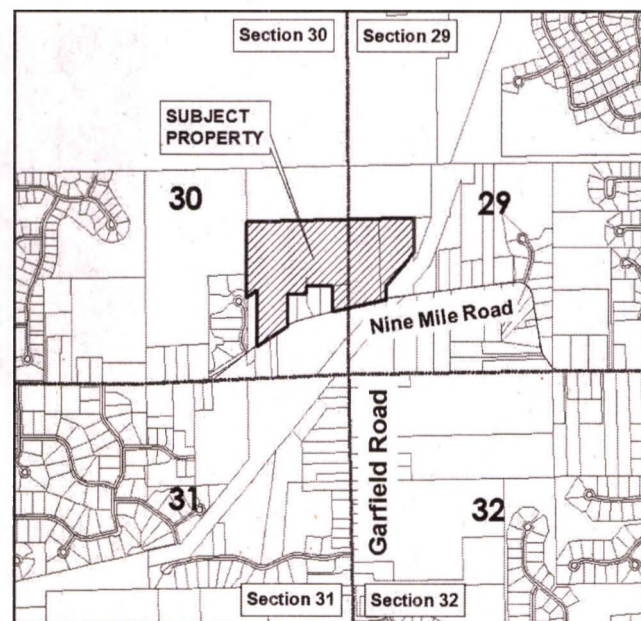
Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **November 08, 2017** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **VILLA D'ESTE JSP 17-52 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.718 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)**. The subject property is comprised of five parcels and is approximately 51-acres. It is located east of Napier Road and on the north side of Nine Mile Road (Section 29, 30). The applicant is proposing a 56-unit single-family housing development (for sale). This is a gated community. All land is proposed to be considered as common element to be maintained by association.



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

Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-30-401-023, 50-22-30-401-009, 50-22-29-326-002, 50-22-30-401-011 and 50-22-29-326-022

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, **November 08, 2017**.

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Manufacturers pitch students on trades

Brad Kadrich
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Barry and Kelly Burke believe the manufacturing industry, populated by workers at or near retirement age, needs an influx of young people.

On Oct. 6, they went straight to the source in an attempt to attract them.

The Burkes, owners of Burke Architectural Millwork in Livonia, were one of the many companies taking part in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Manufacturing Day events.

The Burkes do custom architectural millwork, making products such as bars, cabinetry, wall panels and booths. The company is currently working on a custom booth for the Mastercard headquarters in New York.

The work is job-specific, Kelly Burke pointed out, mostly for the commercial sector. Barry Burke has been in the industry for some 25 years.

"He has said there are no young people in the trade," Kelly Burke said. "We're concerned that so many master carpenters are either nearing retirement or already retired."

At Burke, hundreds of students from local middle schools were treated to a five-station educational tour, where they got a glimpse of the millwork industry in action. More than 500 students from Frost and Clarenceville middle schools — most of them from computer coding, robotics and industrial arts — toured several local businesses to learn the facts about the trades.

Gene Keyes, assistant professor in manufactur-



Burke Architectural Millwork apprentice Anthony Mauney, a Franklin High School alum, demonstrates an edge bander.

BRAD KADRICH

ing at Schoolcraft College, said the Manufacturing Day event — which has grown from some 130 kids two years ago — can provide students important information as they consider career paths.

"I got three or four calls a week looking for our students," Keyes said. "This (middle school students) is our future farm team. This shows kids that being in manufacturing isn't a bad thing, it's a good thing."

Alexander Kopec, a seventh-grader from Holmes Middle School, was impressed with what he saw at Burke.

"It's cool to learn how things are made," Alexander said. "My dad manufactures stuff for cars ... I thought I'd be interested in it, too."

At the new \$26 million CW Bearing plant in Northville, which opened

in 2015, plant manager Pete Pouget and other staffers introduced students to the world of ball bearings. Among its successes, CW Bearing is the second-largest bearing manufacturing in China, Pouget told students.

To put that in perspective to young people, Pouget pulled out one of the latest gadgets attracting kids: The fidget spinner, powered by ball bearings. Pouget also pointed out CW Bearing puts bearings in things like auto steering systems and windshield wipers, plus in industrial equipment such as saws, drills and even vacuum cleaners.

The demonstrations were all part of the company's push to attract younger students. Karen Wright, CW Bearing's

director of human resources, said the trades are every bit an option for young people as a four-year college choice.

"There's such a shortage of quality technicians and operators right now," Wright said. "The economy is good right now and the job market is good. There are a lot of great opportunities in manufacturing right now."

In a separate event that day, about 10,600 students across Michigan got a first-hand look at modern manufacturing facilities, thanks to the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center of Plymouth. It was an opportunity for The Center, as it is known, to join with other organizations and introduce innovative, dynamic manufacturers to school students.

"Our mission is based on serving our state's small and medium-sized manufacturers so they can succeed in an ever-changing business environment," said Mike Coast, The Center's president. "One of the major challenges facing manufacturing is developing the next generation of skilled trades that will be needed in this increasingly high-tech profession. Manufacturing Day activities enable us to shine the spotlight on an industry that accounts for the largest sector of the Michigan economy, with 21 percent of the total output in the state and 14 percent of the

workforce."

Among the activities: » Students from Frost Middle School and Clarenceville Middle School learned about engine enhancements at Roush Performance in Plymouth.

» In all, 560 students, teachers and chaperones toured six manufacturers in an effort coordinated with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and Schoolcraft College.

» The Jackson Area Manufacturers Association and a dozen manufacturing facilities opened their doors to 500 students.

» The Center also sponsored 1,300 students in southwest Michigan, where 30 manufacturers displayed interactive exhibits in two locations.

» In Lenawee County, 12 buses transported students to visit 23 employers with more than 400 students.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said manufacturing firms taking part in the events realize their future depends on attracting young people. West pointed out that the average age of a plumber is 58, meaning many in that industry are close to retirement age.

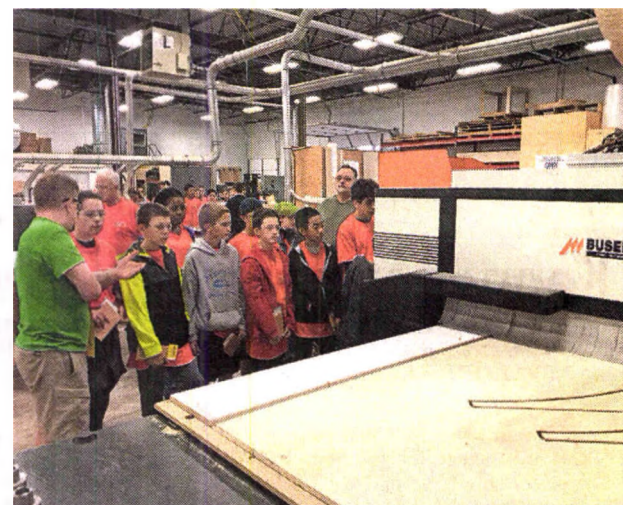
"These are manufacturers who are engaged in realizing the future starts here," West said. "They embrace welcoming middle school students."

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Middle school students got a hands-on look at bearings at CW Bearing in Northville.

MICHIGAN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER



Barry Burke demonstrates a CNC router at Burke Architectural Millwork in Livonia. BRAD KADRICH



Students at CW Bearing in Northville learned about the various products that depend on bearings.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED

Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearings on the Consideration of the Establishment of an Industrial Development District and Consideration of the Issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Act P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for Granite REIT America Inc. and SEHN NOVI, LLC have been POSTPONED to a future City Council meeting.

Courtney Hanson, CMC, CMMC
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Autoimmune disease patient promotes education

Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

Farmington resident Sheri Hicks was a new mom living in Tucson, Ariz., when her life course changed dramatically. That painful, cracked skin on her fingertips wasn't due to overworked hands, but scleroderma – a disease she could barely pronounce and never heard of.

Hicks, now 45, wasn't alone in her ignorance of the chronic autoimmune disease that can harden skin, damage organs and, for some, lead to death. At an incidence of 300,000 diagnosed U.S. cases, scleroderma can't compete with better-known diseases for awareness and funding.

That's why Hicks has set her sights on raising \$20,000 – surpassing the \$10,000 she raised in 2013 – for the University of Michigan Scleroderma Cure Research Fund at an Oct. 21 spaghetti dinner and silent auction at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit research led by Dr. Dinesh Khanna, an internationally known scleroderma scientist and director of the U-M scleroderma program.

When first diagnosed, Hicks sought out a support system. She connected with the Scleroderma Foundation and eventually heard Khanna speak about his research. U-M's scleroderma program provided the "umbrella all-inclusive program" she was looking for and prompted her move back home to Michigan with her husband Jamie and son R.J.

"I get the joy of telling them how much hope there is. You just have to outline what your new normal is."

SHERI HICKS
Farmington resident and scleroderma patient

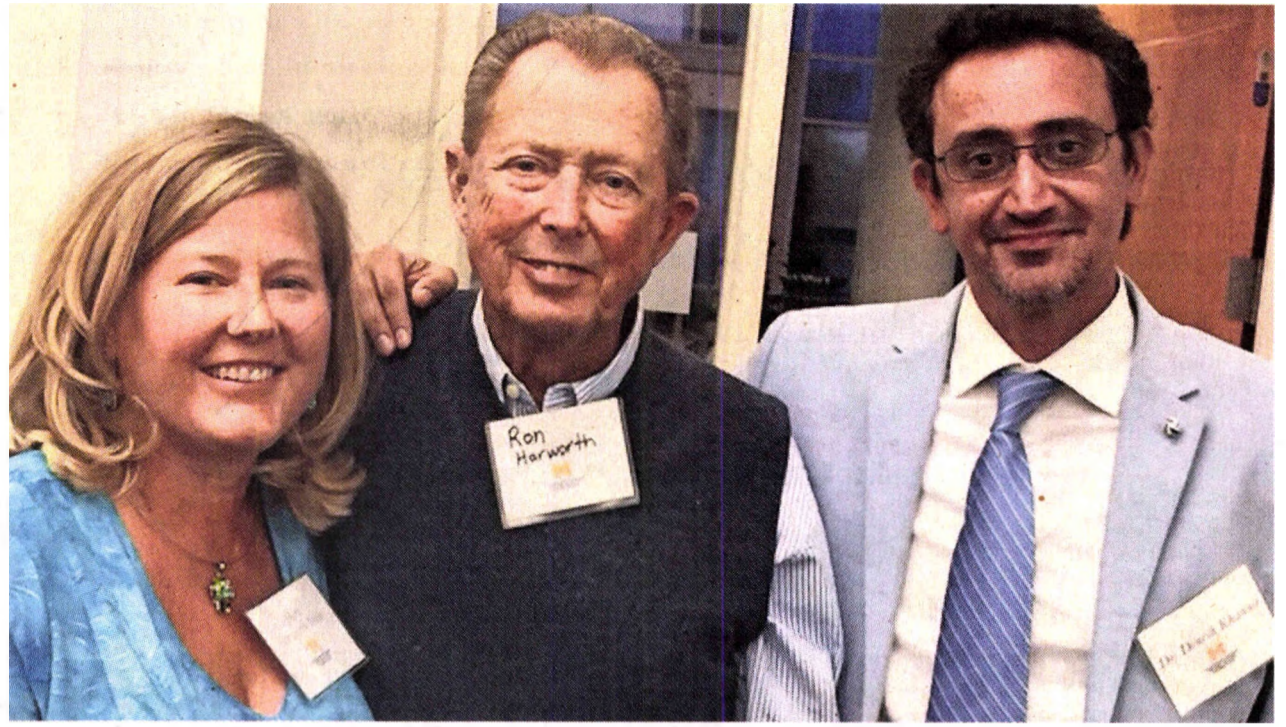
"We just hit it off," Hicks said of Khanna. "He has a funny personality and you can tell how passionate he is about scleroderma."

New research

While there's no cure for scleroderma, Khanna and his team have uncovered a compound that may work to prevent excess collagen production, which causes skin and organ hardening in scleroderma patients. This, among other research, can bring about better treatments for scleroderma symptoms and, hopefully someday, a cure, Hicks said.

Scleroderma has a wide range of severity and symptoms and is often misdiagnosed. Symptoms, which include Raynaud's phenomenon – cold sensations and color changes in hands and feet – along with skin changes like puffiness or numbness, painful joints and muscles and fatigue, can be localized to specific areas of the body or can be systemic, affecting multiple body systems.

Hicks, who said she feels blessed to have been diagnosed quickly, is among the approximately 100,000 patients in the United States who suffer from systemic scleroderma. She's had



Sheri Hicks with her father Ron Harworth, who also has scleroderma, and Dr. Dinesh Khanna, director of the University of Michigan scleroderma program.

digestive issues, dental problems and general fatigue, in addition to painful skin issues.

Hereditary connection?

Hicks has also watched her father suffer from scleroderma. His diagnosis came six years after hers and led to renal failure and lung problems.

Is scleroderma hereditary? Researchers say no, but Hicks thinks otherwise. "They can't prove it yet, but I feel it is," she said.

The possibility that scleroderma is in Hicks's genes motivates her fundraising even more, she said, because she doesn't want to see her 11-year-old son suffer as she has. So far, he's healthy, but Hicks worries about his future.

"Let's get this generation a cure," she said. Meanwhile, Hicks is

enjoying being a peer mentor for U-M scleroderma patients. "It's been a huge blessing," she said. "I get the joy of telling them how much hope there is. You just have to outline what your new normal is."

Unfortunately, Hicks's new normal involves struggling with day-to-day tasks like tying shoes (she wears slip-ons for that reason), undergoing inpatient treatments to open blood vessels and, hopefully, keep her fingertips intact, multiple colonoscopies and esophagus dilations, a full schedule of medical appointments, plenty of expensive medical bills, taking about 15 pills on average per day and coping with what she calls "scleroderma brain" from all the medications.

Nevertheless, Hicks is thankful for the course her life has taken.

"I feel like scleroderma was an unasked blessing," she said. "My goals professionally were to be an educator and principal. Had I still been there, I would have missed a lot in my son's life. I would have missed volunteering at church and being a caretaker for family members. I was living such a fast-paced life. I've slowed down my life and I've learned to put up boundaries. I try to live my new normal and enjoy every moment."

An analogy of spoons, originated by Christine Miserandino, author and lupus patient advocate (www.butyoudontlook-sick.com), helps Hicks explain her new normal. Hicks might have 10 spoons, or choices, that expend energy, per day. If her son needs help with homework and she has only one spoon left, she may have to forgo

helping in order to get dinner on the table or finish a project. She uses that spoon terminology in interacting with loved ones, so they know it's nothing personal if she has to bow out of a social event.

The Oct. 21 dinner and auction, emceed by WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) meteorologist Chris Edwards, starts at 5:30 p.m. and will include a presentation by Khanna about the latest scleroderma research. The silent auction includes Detroit Red Wings tickets, a golf package for four at A-Ga-Ming Golf Course in northern Michigan, fine wines and more.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Purchase tickets at www.stompscleroderma.com/events. Donate to the cause at www.med.umich.edu/scleroderma (click on Michigan Online Giving).

Kennel owner charged with neglect

Jay Grossman
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A Farmington Hills kennel operator, long at odds with local officials over complaints about her business, was arraigned Oct. 9 in Livonia on four counts of animal neglect.

Mary Gabriel, owner of the Chien d'Or Kennel on Rollcrest Road in Farmington Hills, appeared before 16th District Judge Sean Kavanaugh on four counts of animal neglect and four counts of keeping unlicensed dogs. Gabriel, 74, entered a not-guilty plea to the eight misdemeanors and was issued a \$1,000 personal bond pending a pretrial hearing Oct. 23.

Oakland County Animal Control has already refused to renew the kennel's operating license, following an inspection in June in which a vet tech determined nine dogs on the property needed medical attention. The county at the time gave Gabriel a Nov. 8 deadline to shut down the business, giving her an opportunity to sell 16 dogs she had on the property.

Now, she's down to 10 dogs. Her attorney, Colleen Murphy, said her client is complying with the county order to have the business shut down in November and that "it's only a matter of time" before the remaining dogs are placed in new homes. Murphy also said her client is in the process of moving from Farmington Hills to Rose Township.

After the arraignment, both Gabriel and Murphy declined to comment about the case. Gabriel's website indicates she's been breed-



Mary Gabriel is charged with four counts of animal neglect and four counts of keeping unlicensed dogs.

ing and showing golden retrievers for the past 15 years.

Livonia authorities also declined to discuss the case, other than to acknowledge Gabriel had taken four dogs from her kennel and brought them to a private residence in Livonia for safekeeping. When police did a welfare check on the animals, they found them to be in poor condition, leading to the misdemeanor charges.

The Livonia homeowner who agreed to keep the four dogs is facing similar charges. Authorities say the resident failed to appear in court Monday and now has a warrant out for her arrest.

Linda Racey, a Farmington Hills resident who lives three lots away from Gabriel on Rollcrest Road, attended Monday's court proceedings. Afterward, Racey said she's been trying for years to get the kennel closed.

"You can hear those dogs barking day and night," Racey said. "I'm passionate about dogs ... someone needs to be a

voice for these beautiful animals."

Karen Irwin also attended the arraignment. The Plymouth Township resident started working for Gabriel in 2013 after she had purchased two dogs from her.

"The first night I came home from working there, I found a flea on my face," she said outside the courtroom.

Irwin said she soon started taking photographs of Gabriel's house and the outdoor kennels to document the poor conditions, leading her to eventually file a complaint with Oakland County Animal Control. She lasted about two months on the job.

In a police report filed in July, a Farmington Hills police officer inspecting the property described the upstairs of Gabriel's house as being in deplorable condition, with bugs all over the kitchen and the animals soaked in feces and urine. He counted 48 dogs on the property.

Farmington Hills officials say they've been grappling with the kennel for years and are relieved to hear that it's closing. Oakland County Animal Control officials also said Gabriel has been on the county radar for years because of numerous complaints.

Racey and Irwin said they plan to follow the court case to make sure the dogs end up in a safe place.

"Golden retrievers are the easiest dogs on the planet to adopt out," Racey said. "There's a ton of rescue groups that would take them in a heartbeat."

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RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT

Herrington stands atop state's wins list

Harrison's Herrington reaches 431 career victories to set MHSAA record

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John Herrington stands alone.

Farmington Harrison dominated Berkley, 39-0, Friday to give Herrington his 431st career triumph. The milestone victory makes him the state's winningest head coach, surpassing former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa, who retired with 430 wins following the 2013 season.

The feat was a bit anti-dramatic after tying the mark last week with a huge upset victory over state-ranked Oak Park.

Herrington, nonetheless, wore his customary ear-to-ear grin as he was formally honored after the game as the state's most decorated head coach.

Gathered in the midst of his team, senior captain Ovie Oghoufo presented Herrington with the game ball with the No. 431 written on it. School officials also had a banner and balloons in his honor to celebrate the event.

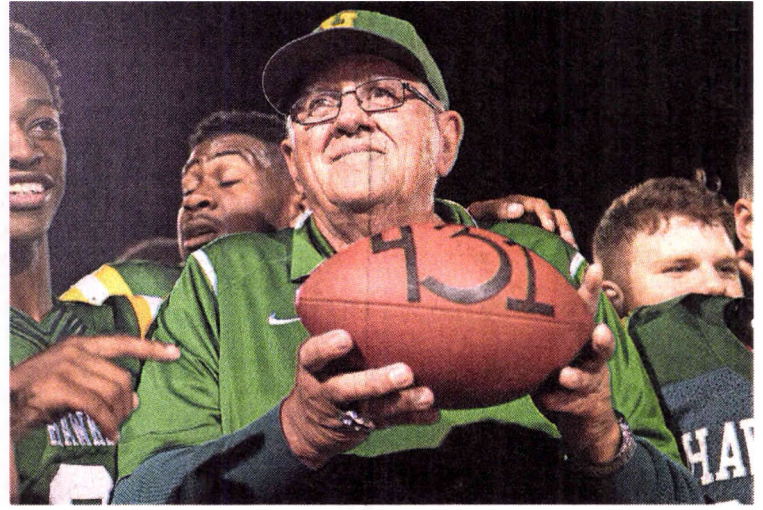
"It's great. I never looked at it like it was me against Al (Fracassa)," said Herrington, whose team hiked its overall record to 6-2. "It's just longevity and being able to stay con-

sistent and win year in and year out. And we've been able to do that."

'It's just a great day'

Oghoufo, the all-state standout headed to the University of Notre Dame, has played three varsity seasons for Herrington. He was elated to be part of the team that broke the record.

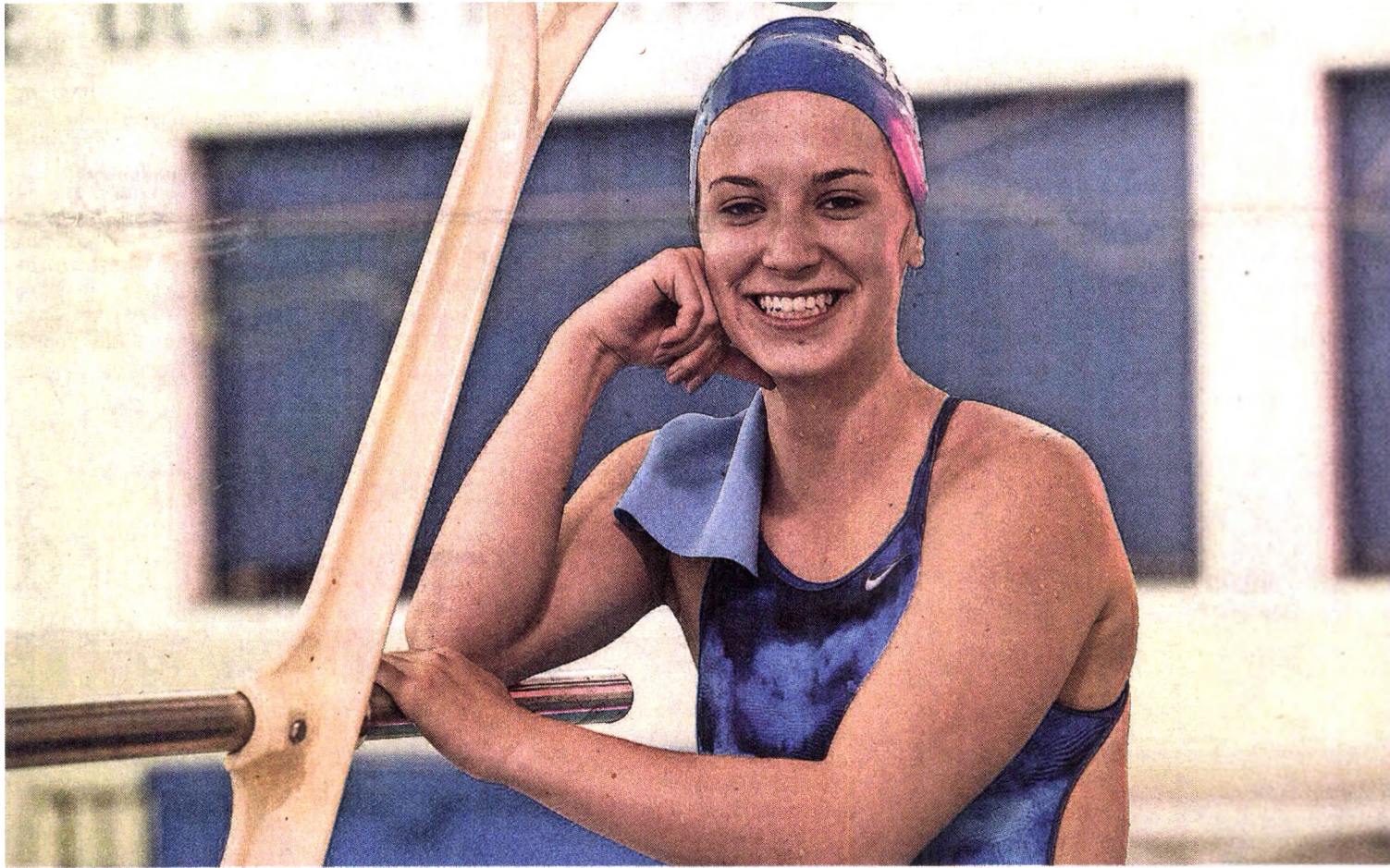
"I know he doesn't really think about (the record) much, but we think about it a lot," Oghoufo said. "We love him and it's just a great day. It was definitely something that was



Coach John Herrington, with the game ball presented by his players with "431" written on it representing his career victories. DAN DEAN

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ARC OF A DIVER



Salem's Camille Burt relishes the challenge of improving her performance each and every time she launches off the diving board. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem's Burt points to mental toughness as springboard to diving success

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Consider floating high above a potentially dangerous diving board, twisting and turning and finally making a smooth landing — into the aqua safety net below.

For Salem senior diver Camille Burt, looking to return to the state meet in November after finishing 10th in 2016 (with 388.70 points), others can ponder on those images if they

want.

But in order to have success, and safety, as a high school diver, one must pretty much tune out everything except banking on good old muscle memory.

"Fear is a big part of diving, so you have to have mental toughness," Burt said. "You just can't let fear take control, you have to be in control of your own body."

"I still have fear, but it's just getting over it and working

your way through that."

Also consider that Burt doesn't mind the so-called "danger zone" because she loves diving and the adrenaline that goes with completing a set of dives (there are 11 different dives required for conference and state meets; prep dual meets have six dives on the agenda).

"There's different directions, there's front, back, inward and reverse," Burt said. "So inward, you're jumping backwards and going forwards towards the board. In reverse, you're jumping forwards and going

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BOYS TENNIS

Novi wins sixth straight regional

Northville, Canton also advance

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Novi's margin for error was razor-thin heading into Friday's MHSAA Division 1 4 boys tennis regional tournament at home.

That's because the Wildcats were coming off a 23-22 triumph over rival Northville for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship just a week earlier at Plymouth.

But after winning a pair of singles titles and taking three of four doubles flights, Novi captured its sixth regional title in a row with 29 points and will be joined at the state finals this weekend at the Greater Midland Community Tennis by the Mustangs, who took second with 24.

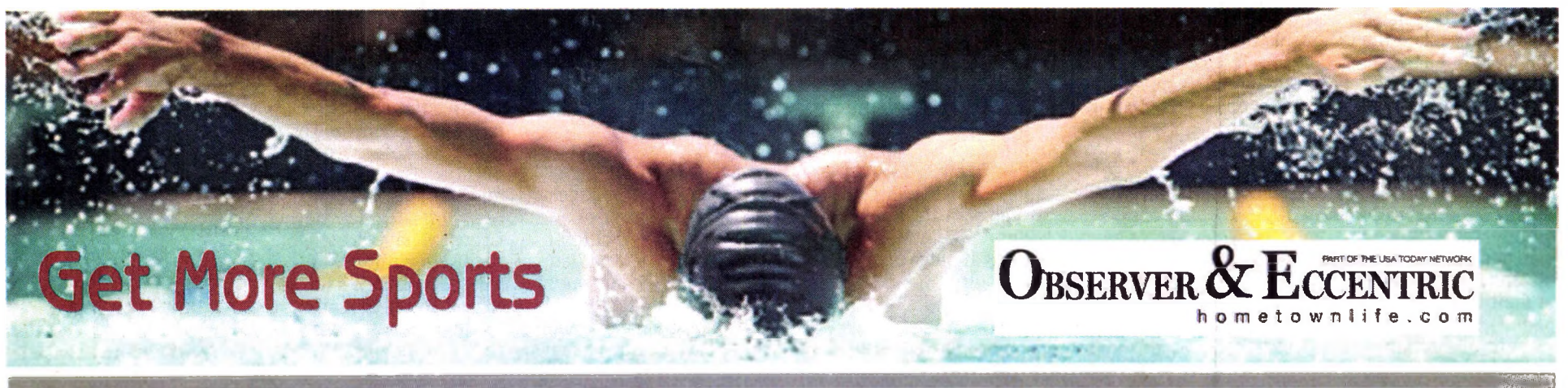
"Walled Lake Central beating Northville at No. 1 and 2 singles separated the gap there," first-year Novi coach Dan Lowes said. "And Catholic Central beat Northville at No. 4 doubles as well and that created a little more separation."

In singles, Novi's Alex Wen (No. 1) improved to 24-3 on the year with a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over Central's Denali Kitayama. The Wildcats' Sid Amarnath (No. 2) also won in straight sets over Central's Andrei Paduraru, 6-0, 6-1, as

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Going full-tilt during practice is Salem senior diver Camille Burt, who is working to return to the state meet. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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PREP FOOTBALL

THESE GIRLS GOT GAME

Female kickers get unique chance to oppose each other in Week 9 match-up

Tim Smith
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Alex Sherlock and Lynn Lerner are close friends and former soccer teammates with the Michigan Jaguars travel team.

But all of that will go by the wayside for a couple of hours Oct. 20. They both kick on a varsity football team — Sherlock at Garden City and Lerner at North Farmington.

The Week 9 match-up (North at Garden City) will be the first, and likely only, time the 17-year-old seniors will oppose each other and they can't wait.

"We really didn't think we would (square off), but it's pretty cool," Sherlock said.

"I'm really close friends with her, so it will be cool to play against her," Lerner said. "We're both really excited about it and I think it's going to be cool to have two girls playing each other in football."

"Since the schedule came out last year, we've really been looking forward to this."

Nothing like it

Although the longtime pals have a serious soccer background, they love the excitement of a football game night.

"It's a rush every time you go out on the field," Sherlock said. "I love soccer, but I don't get the same type of feeling."

"There's not as many fans and it's not as excit-



Putting a strong leg into a kickoff for North Farmington is Lynn Lerner. TOM BEAUDOIN

GETTING THEIR KICKS

Here's a closer glimpse at the two friends — and football placekickers — who will face each other when North Farmington visits Garden City at 7 p.m. Friday.

» **Lynn Lerner, North Farmington:** Lerner, 17, is a senior kicker for the Raiders, now finishing her third season on the varsity. She also plays soccer and basketball at North and is a member of the National Honor Society, an Oakland Activities Association scholar-athlete and 2016 Raider Ralph Award winner (for school's top scholastic multi-sport varsity athlete). She kicked two game-winning field goals as a freshman on the junior varsity team, including a 32-yarder against Birmingham Seaholm.

» **Alex Sherlock, Garden City:** The 17-year-old Sherlock is a senior kicker for the Cougars and is in her fourth season with the varsity team. Her career long field goal is 29 yards, as a junior on the varsity. She carries a 3.9 grade-point average and wants to pursue a college degree in pre-med — as well as play collegiate soccer. Sherlock is a member of the National Honor Society and Link Crew, a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen.

ing for a soccer game. Nobody really gets to do this, not that many people. So it is one-of-a-kind feeling."

Concurring was Lerner, who actually hopes to try out for Duke's football team next year.

"It's awesome. I love being part of this team," Lerner said. "Obviously, it's hard being the only girl, but everyone's really great about it. They are all very accepting and I'm definitely happy that I came out for the team."

"It's changed my life in so many ways. It's made me a lot more outgoing and I love being part of this team."

Sherlock is coming back from a knee injury, which happened playing soccer last spring, but she insisted during practice Oct. 12 that she was ready to go. She hopes to fare better than in her earlier attempt to return to the Cougars, during the homecoming game against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"I slipped and just wiped out and barely



Alex Sherlock boots a field goal for Garden City during a 2016 varsity game. STEVE ROY | GC FOOTBALL

made the extra point," Sherlock said. "So that was interesting. That was my first kick back."

Gaining acceptance

Some might think of female football players as a novelty, but the idea is catching on. More than 100 girls were signed up for high school teams in 2016, according to the MHSAA. And coaches such as Garden City's Jim Baker and North's Bob Chiesa said females must be able to walk the walk in order to have a roster spot.

"I think there's more

of an acceptance," Baker said. "We've had girls come out and play D-line for us, O-line. On JV, we had a couple girls come out. We've had girls in the program."

"But Alex, she's contributed. She started kicking extra points and field goals as a freshman on the varsity team. So every year, she's been great for us in that aspect. But I have seen a lot of teams. I think we did play a team that had a girl on it."

Baker said Sherlock is "one of the guys" to her Garden City teammates.



Lerner



Sherlock

"I've coached Alex since she was 7 years old in (the Garden City Soccer Club) with my daughter," Baker said. "I treat them like girls, like women. But I coach them

like guys and the guys kind of feed off that."

Lerner also said there have been no issues fitting in.

"I've been hit before," Lerner said. "Nothing too bad, but I've definitely been knocked over. When it happens, my teammates will get up in their faces and stick up for me."

"The guys have all been really great. I'm lucky to be with such a good group of guys."

No special treatment

According to Chiesa, who nearly joined Bak-

er's Garden City staff this year as defensive coordinator before being hired at North, there is no preferential treatment given to Lerner.

"This is my fourth female kicker now and I don't take it easy on them," Chiesa said.

"They are a player first. I don't care about gender. She has to do everything the guys have to do."

"She does every bit the conditioning and we've even put her in tackling drills this year because I have to ensure, No. 1, what's best for the team and, No. 2, personal

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PREP FOOTBALL



Franklin ball carrier Isaac Moore (right) looks like he's headed for trouble, but he spun around, avoided the Grand Blanc defense and made a long run to the end zone. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Patriots roll past Grand Blanc to clinch postseason berth

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It took a few times inside the red zone Friday before Livonia Franklin cracked the end zone, but once that happened, there was no turning back in a convincing 35-0 victory over visiting Grand Blanc.

A power running game and relentless defense combined to completely thwart the Bobcats and, in the process, advance the Patriots (6-2) to their third consecutive playoff berth.

Veteran Franklin head

coach Chris Kelbert watched like a proud dad after the contest when his players stormed over to the bleachers to celebrate with their fans. He liked how the Patriots competed on both sides of the ball in putting a hurt on an excellent opponent.

"I take pride in the fact our kids worked really, really hard today," Kelbert said. "It's been a good week. We've been just working and working trying to get better and better. The outcome is the win and we played extremely hard."

According to senior defensive back Keion Harris — who had two interceptions, including one deep in the Franklin zone when the game was scoreless — the extra reps during practices were well worth it.

"We had a relentless drive, for sure. We were hitting it hard at practice," Harris said. "Doing extra running, all type of stuff. Everybody didn't like it, but obviously it paid off."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Five takeaways from DeLaSalle's win over Detroit CC

Tom Lang
Detroit Free Press

Warren DeLaSalle earned its sixth win of the season and a spot in the state playoffs by defeating Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 20-6, at Wayne State's Tom Adams Field.

Here are five takeaways from the Catholic League match-up:

QUICK SIX

DeLaSalle senior Jacob Badalamenti returned the game's opening kickoff 99 yards to give the Pilots the lead. His run began up the middle, then went down the right sideline untouched and came one week after he scored on a 96-yard kick return against Erie (Pa.) Cathedral Prep.

"That's a heck of a boost," DeLaSalle coach Mike Giannone said. "We lost the (coin) toss, then we got it going on offense first. Jake, he did it to them last year and he did it to them again. He's just got a way of finding a hole. He hits it at 100 mph and he doesn't deviate at all and he's just a heck of an athlete."

GOING IN REVERSE

CC earned five tackles for loss, but DeLaSalle had six, including four sacks that totaled 46 yards. The last one gave DeLaSalle the ball inside CC's 10-yard line late in the game to seal



Catholic Central's Kevin Korte (left) makes a TD grab in front of DeLaSalle's Nolan Schultz. DENNIS BARNES

the win. CC junior quarterback Marco Genrich was 6-of-17 passing for 39 yards. Kevin Korte had three catches for 26 yards and the Shamrocks' lone TD. Senior Cameron Ryan was the team's leading rusher with 74 yards on 17 carries.

Needless to say, yards were hard to come by for the Shamrocks.

"Our defense, they are a reckless group and I think our defensive coaches, Brandon Bush and Mike Short and Reuben Simpson and Andrew Crowley, have done a great job with those guys," Giannone said. "They've got them playing together so I was really proud of their

WINNING DRIVE

Late in the third quarter, DeLaSalle started a drive on its own 45-yard line with a 10-6 lead. A well-sustained drive that went 11 plays and 55 yards in 8:24 ended with a touchdown and put the game out of reach. The Shamrocks got the ball back with only 8:23 left against a Pilots defense that held CC to minus-10 yards of offense in the final quarter.

"We knew we had to come out here and it was going to be a tough game," quarterback Luke Pfromm said. "Playing Catholic Central, every yard is hard to come by.

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TENNIS

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he ran his team-best record to 26-2.

Northville's Ryan Gallagher and Samir Rajani were the top seeds at Nos. 3 and 4 singles and did not disappoint.

Gallagher defeated Novi's Tim Tanaka, 6-4, 6-3, while Rajani downed Mateo Ponton, 6-0, 6-2.

In doubles, Novi's No. 1 duo of Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen, the top seed, won on an injury walkover over Matthew Freeman and Giuliano Daniels to improve to 25-3.

Novi's No. 2 team of Vekatesh Nagalla and Chris Kwederis, now 23-5, needed three sets to beat Northville's Nishant Chava and Trevor Kelterborn in the finals, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

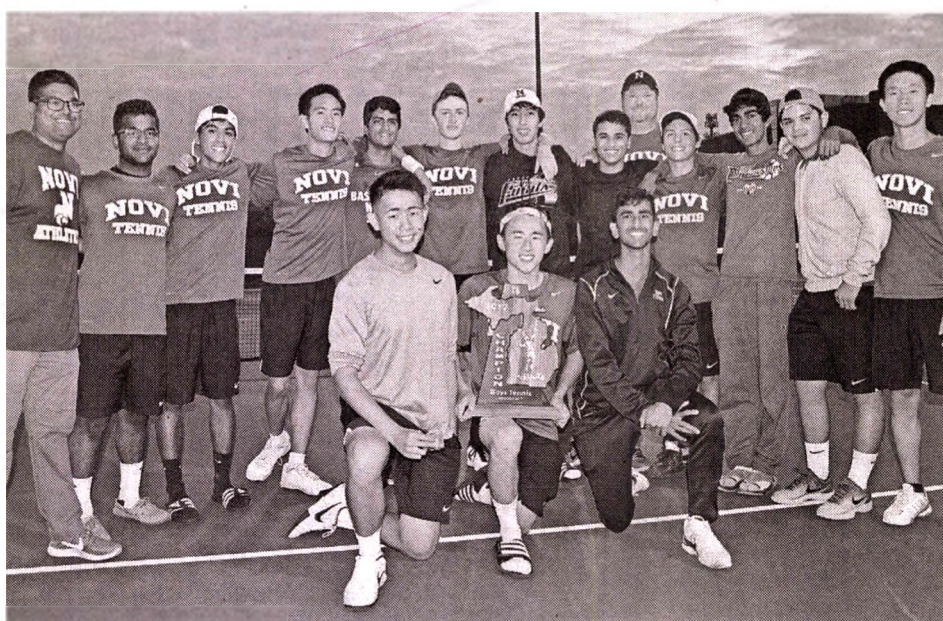
Northville's Pranav Dippalapudi and Michael Ying (No. 3) bested Novi's Ryan Krawec and Dilan Patel for the title, 7-5, 6-3.

At No. 4 doubles, Novi's Andrew Lu and Robert Xu, the top seed, improved to 22-7 by defeating Catholic Central's James Kinville and Brandon Falk for the title, 6-3, 6-3.

Rounding out the nine-school regional field were Novi Detroit Catholic Central, third place (15); Walled Lake Northern, fourth (10); Walled Lake Central, fifth (7); Howell, sixth (5); White Lake Lakeland, seventh (4); Brighton, eighth (2); and Hartland, ninth (10).

Midland next

Ann Arbor Huron, ranked No. 6 in the latest statewide coaches poll, is



The Novi boys tennis team earned its sixth straight regional title.



The Canton Chiefs celebrate finishing second at the regional, qualifying for the D1 state finals. CANTON ATHLETICS

the defending Division 1 state champion. Last year's runner-up, Bloomfield Hills, is ranked No. 1.

Novi, fourth at last year's state finals after winning crowns in 2014 and 2015, is ranked No. 2, with Birmingham Brother Rice, Northville and Ann Arbor Pioneer rounding out the top five.

On Oct. 3, Novi fell to Bloomfield Hills in a dual match, 6-2. And Sept. 30,

Huron took the Novi Invitational with the host Wildcats, Rice and Troy all tied for second.

DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 3: Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (23 points) and Canton (13 points) finished 1-2 in the team competition and advanced to the D1 finals slated for this weekend in Midland. The Chiefs qualified for finals for the first time.

The regionals began

Oct. 12 at Salem but were delayed by rain and moved to Oct. 13; the final two matches were held indoors Oct. 13 at the Livonia YMCA.

Brother Rice took first place in all but 3 singles (won 6-4, 6-4 by Canton's Kurt Seifert over Rice's Jonny Browne. At 1 singles, Jarreau Campbell defeated Salem individual qualifier Eric Liu by a 6-2, 6-0 score.

Josh Anschuetz defeated Canton's Jacob Paton at 2 singles and Zach Osterle defeated Canton's Sri Narayanan at 4 singles.

Qualifying for Canton were Naeem Saleem, Paton, Seifert, Narayanan in singles play and the doubles teams of Nick Huang/Vishal Nayak, Charvik Vaishnav/Vishwaas Nayak, Larry Lu/Akshay Jalluri and Sid Ganti/Alex Azjdel.

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PATRIOTS

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Physical defense

Senior linebacker Jacob Mass said "the best feeling a defense can have is having zeroes on the scoreboard at the end of the game. Out-physicaled them, 100 percent.

Keion had an awesome game, two interceptions, can't ask for better from him."

On Harris's first pick, he jumped up along the sideline inside the Patriots' 10-yard line to grab the Colton Alexander pass.

"I just seen the ball and I knew I could react," Harris said. "It's always good when you're a corner and you tested, you're just able to go up and get the ball."

For as great a game as the Franklin defense played, the Patriots still needed to score some points to win and it took a while to finally break through.

After a couple of deep drives stalled (one on failed fourth-down try and one on a blocked field goal), Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert got behind lineman Marcus Martin, cut to his right and scored on a 3-yard run with 2:55 left in the first half to finally put the Pats on the board.

"Every single time in the huddle, I said, 'We got this drive, we have to thread the needle on this,'" said Kelbert, who rushed for nearly 100 yards himself. "And we did it. The third drive, we did it. I couldn't be more proud of my linemen."

Senior Brad Gibson followed with the first of his five extra points to make it 7-0.

"Offensively, we're getting better each week," Chris Kelbert said. "We're very young on the offensive side of the ball. Stuff like that (fourth downs) does tend to wear on us emotionally, but it was good to get that in."

The rout is on

Jacob Kelbert added a 21-yard TD run in the third quarter to put Franklin ahead 14-0 and the Patriots blew open the game with three more touchdowns in the fourth.

Sparking the outburst in the final quarter was senior running back Isaac Moore (24

rushes, 158 yards; two receptions, 63 yards), thrilling the home crowd with a 52-yard scoring run at the 3:27 mark. Moore burst through the line, spun around and hit the gas up the middle of the field, easily outrunning any Grand Blanc defenders.

"It was all my blocking," Moore said. "When I saw the hole, I just ran for it, kept going."

Closing out the big fourth quarter with TD runs were senior quarterback Keegan Flaherty and junior running back Julius Simmons, scoring from 2 and 37 yards, respectively.

Following are several takeaways:

NIFTY COMBO

The Patriots had several trips into the red zone during the first half, the first time thanks to a 53-yard catch-and-run down the left sideline by senior Isaac Moore. He corralled a short screen pass by Jacob Kelbert and took it from there, finally getting pulled down at the Grand Blanc 7-yard line. The Pats were unable to cash in, however.

IF AT FIRST ...

Even though Franklin had excellent field position in the first half, it had trouble closing the deal. One fourth-down try came up short and another promising drive fizzled before senior kicker Gibson's 41-yard field goal try was blocked. The Patriots finally scored on their third do-or-die attempt, but Kelbert needed to make an extra move at the line to take it in from the 3-yard line.

D-LIGHTFUL

Grand Blanc's offense ran into a brick wall early, particularly because of Franklin's relentless defense. Whenever the quarterback could throw the ball, the Pats' defensive backfield had Bobcats receivers covered all night. Junior Cal Fournier and senior John DiPonio were pests, breaking up several passing plays.

SOMETHING TO BUILD ON

Moore said clinching a playoff spot ensured that the senior Patriots are solidifying a winning culture. "It feels great knowing we're going to leave something for the younger people to look up to and try to make them do the same thing next year," he said.

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Franklin's Jacob Mass (right) brings down Grand Blanc ball carrier Kettrell Ware Jr. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

GIRLS

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safety for her. She's a heck of an athlete. I wish she was coming back for another year."

Sherlock and Lerner — who also handle kick-off duties in addition to field goals and extra points — give as good as they get and aren't afraid of either delivering a hit or taking one.

"Last year, she was kicking off and she had a really nice tackle against Grosse Ile," Baker said. "This kid, if she didn't get him, it was a score. It was a touchdown-saving tackle, right in front of our bench. It was awesome."

"I knew (Lerner) was good at field goals, but when I saw her do kick-offs, I had no reservations putting her there," Chiesa said. "She's just a

quality person and quality athlete. She does everything for the good of the team."

It also helps that both athletes can really put a strong leg into the football.

"(Sherlock) has great technique, the best technique I've ever seen for a kicker," Baker said.

"When she kicks, as a coach, we usually have those toe-bashers. Once in a while, we get that soccer kid who can do it.

"She hits it soccer-style and, when she connects with that football, it makes that 'boom,' that sound, and you can hear it. You just know, 'Wow, that's a kicker right there.'"

Baker said Nick Janice (Garden City's starting middle linebacker helping fill the void at kicker this year because of Sherlock's injury) also "is a soccer guy, so he is starting to do that, too.

But when she connects on the ball, it's a whole different story."

Quick studies

What makes Lerner's efforts even more noteworthy is the fact she never kicked a football until high school.

"I knew the kicker for the football team is a soccer player, so I thought, 'Why can't it be a girl?'" Lerner said. "So, freshman year I decided to sign up for it at eighth-grade orientation and that's how it all started. And, here I am."

She attended football kicking camps and even worked out with professional kicker Pete Stoyanovich, a Crestwood alum who went on to National Football League success.

Meanwhile, Baker — having coached Sherlock for years in youth soccer — had an idea she might someday be a field goal

kicker at Garden City (where he has been a football coach for 24 years).

"I really don't know why, but my coach, Jim Baker, he told me when I was little that I would be the kicker and it just kind of came out that way," Sherlock said with a smile. "I play soccer, so that really helped. Kicking is a normal thing in soccer, so it just kind of came natural."

And once the Week 9 meeting is over, one of the two kicking friends will have bragging rights for a while.

Win or lose, that will merely become a memorable footnote to their friendship as the teens go through graduation and enter college life.

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DELASALLE

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We just kept pushing and pushing on that last drive there. Knew we had to get the first downs, keep the clock rolling and we did that and came out

with the win."

PLAYOFF-BOUND

The Pilots improved to 6-2 overall, earning a berth into the state playoffs. After winning the Division 2 state title in 2014 and returning to the playoffs in 2015, the Pilots missed the postsea-

son last year.

"It's not as easy as everyone thinks it is," Giannone said. "We did it 16 times before, but this is really sweet to get back to the playoffs."

REMATCH NEXT

The two teams will square off at 7 p.m. Sat-

urday, Oct. 21, in the Prep Bowl at Detroit's Ford Field. Now at 5-3, Catholic Central needs a win to guarantee its chance at the postseason.

Hometownlife.com sports editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

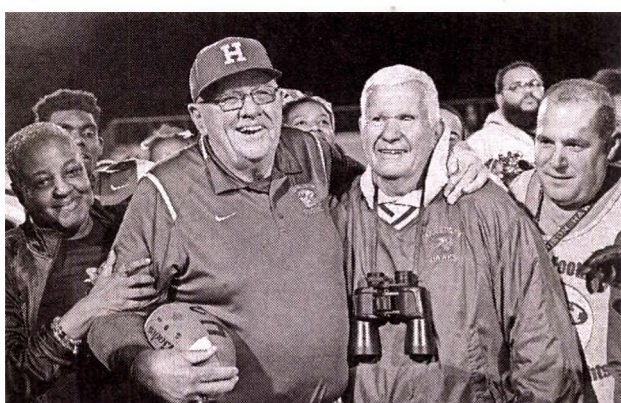
HERRINGTON

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in the back of our heads all year and one of the accomplishments we wanted to get for him this season.

"It feels so great to get it for him on our homecoming night," he added. "I'm extremely happy for him. He means a lot to me and I've learned so much from him, on and off the football field. He's just a great guy and, definitely, what I've learned I'll carry on for the rest of my life."

Bob Sutter, Herrington's longtime defensive coordinator who retired in 2006 after 36 years with the program, is still



Coach John Herrington (left) with longtime assistant coach Bob Sutter. DAN DEAN

a Hawk at heart. He said Herrington's rise to the top of the MHSAA record books is well-deserved.

"It's wonderful being a part of this program and working with John over the years," said Sutter,

who was on the field and next to Herrington during the post-game celebration. "It's fantastic and I'm very happy for him. I'm glad that we as ex-coaches helped contribute to this situation.

"He's a great guy to work for and he's always been gracious and generous all these years and let us kind of do our own thing. This is really a great night for him. We had never talked about records or anything like that over the years, but I'm sure this means quite a bit to him because he's been such a competitor all of his life.

"He's been so tuned in to Hawk football and that means a tremendous amount to him," he added. "He's been here so long and his family was so involved with it. And his wife Fran was such a big part of it. So it's just the accumulation of all those years and the relationships he's had with all of his players."

Significant for other reasons

The victory was significant for a number of other reasons.

Harrison tied for the OAA White Division championship with Birmingham Groves and Oak Park, all at 6-1, giving the Hawks their fifth league title over the past eight years. Harrison, after missing the state playoffs last year, now heads to the postseason for the seventh time in the past eight years.

"This win was huge tonight. It was the perfect storm after we beat Oak Park," Herrington said. "Because if we hadn't beaten (Oak Park), we would have been playing (Berkley) to tie the

record and we still wouldn't have made the playoffs. That was a big game last week, no doubt about it."

Junior running back Roderick Heard led the Harrison offense with three touchdowns, on runs of 14 and 17 yards, plus he returned an interception 26 yards. Quarterback Noah Hendricks scored on a sizzling 73-yard run, Joe Stephens had a 15-yard TD run and junior Ben Williams scored from 19 yards out. Kicker David Hiser booted a 22-yard field goal.

Harrison is scheduled to play Clarkston to close out the season this week in an OAA crossover game.

PREP FOOTBALL

Novi takes Baseline Jug away from rival Mustangs

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The eight-year itch is over.

Using an exclusive ground attack and a suffocating defense, Novi put together its most complete football performance of the season Friday night with a convincing 21-6 win over rival Northville.

The Wildcats (3-5), who were eliminated from the playoff picture two weeks ago, looked like a postseason team as they piled up 369 total yards without attempting a pass while holding the Mustangs (3-5) to 180 yards total offense.

But more importantly, Novi gained back the coveted Baseline Jug for the first time since 2008.

"First of all, our O-line put on a show tonight," said Novi senior quarter Sean Gilliam, who rushed for a game-best 196 yards on 21 carries. "They were opening the biggest holes we've had all season. They played a great game tonight and (Kyle) Klosterman ran hard, powerful ... they couldn't tackle him. And the O-line opened up some great lanes for me, too. It was a good team win."

Klosterman, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior, contributed 151 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored all three of Novi's touchdowns on runs of 8, 59 and 23 yards.

"We kind of had a game plan where we were just going to pound the ball, so we stuck with that game plan," Gilliam said. "We didn't pass one time, but we came just came in thinking run, run, run, run."

The Wildcats, who led 7-6 at halftime, put the



Novi's Drew O'Connor splits Northville tacklers Eddie Lim (left) and Daniel McLaughlin.

MARTHA MICHALAK

game away with a pair of third-quarter Klosterman TDs as they went with the exclusive ground attack after top senior wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. went down the previous week with a shoulder injury.

"Tonight's a first," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We simplified. We went back to what we did. We were down Traveon, obviously, so we had change some things. We took a receiver off and put in a tight end and we're going to pound the ball, pound the ball. If it's third-and-long, we're going to pound the ball. We got ourselves into manageable downs all night and we were able to pick up some third-and-longs running the ball. That was good. That breaks your will when you're picking up third-and-eights on the ground."

Northville's elite kicker Jake Moody, who has 58-, 57- and 55-yard field goals to his credit this season, attempted only

one extra point all night, which was blocked by Chad Howell in the first quarter after Nicholas Prystash caught a 27-yard TD pass from Christian Williams.

But Northville's early 6-0 lead was short-lived as Novi scored three unanswered TDs.

"It's was great to get the Jug back," said Howell, who played both ways on the offensive and defensive lines. "We've been waiting for so long for this. We worked so hard, we practiced so hard. And tonight the defense really showed. We knew we had to play big and we came out and played just like we had to ... executed perfectly."

Novi winds up the regular season Friday, Oct. 20, at Westland John Glenn (1-7).

Here are four other takeaways:

WILDCATS' BRICK WALL

Northville was limited to 32 yards rushing on 11 attempts, while quarterbacks Jon Michalak, a

senior, and Williams, a sophomore, were a combined 12-of-32 passing for 142 yards.

"We did not protect the passer at all," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We weren't able to establish any kind of running game. They definitely won the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

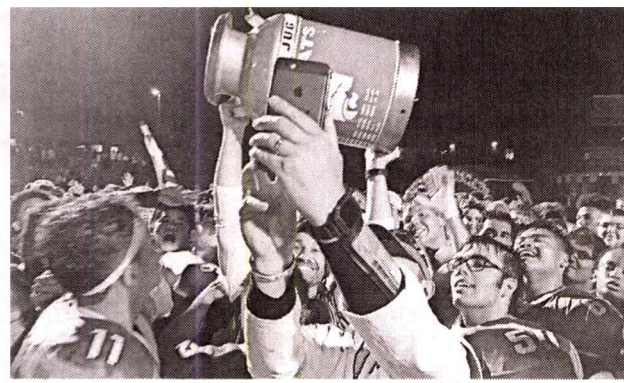
Tyler VanKirk led way with 6.5 tackles, while Matthew Wright and Klosterman added four solo tackles each. Deshaun Clayton added a sack.

Meanwhile, Northville transfer Antonio Washington had two interceptions, while Nikolas Williams added one.

"It's kind of tricky because they flip between the two quarterbacks," Howell said. "We just know we've got to contain both them because they're good athletes and they can both throw the ball."

PROUD COACH

Burnside got his first



The Novi football team hoists the Baseline Jug for the first time since 2008 following a 21-6 win over rival Northville.

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victory over the Mustangs and he couldn't have been happier afterward.

"Lights out tonight," he said. "This is the first game all season where I felt like we played good in all three phases. We eliminated our mistakes. We had a couple key penalties but, for the most part, defense didn't make any mistakes. Offense didn't make any mistakes and special teams ... what a huge kick by Blake King at the end of the night to pin them on their goal line right there and run that clock out."

JUG HISTORY

It was the 49th meeting, including a pair of playoff games, between the two schools. Northville now leads series, 25-24.

"It's my first year at Novi, but the excitement feels great," said Gilliam, a transfer from West Bloomfield.

The last time Novi tasted victory against Northville was in 2008, by a 14-12 score.

"Man, I'm so proud of these kids," Burnside said. "They could have given in. We go to 2-5 and

we're not making the playoffs and we could be thinking we're done. Man, I'm proud of them."

MUSTANGS REGROUP

Prystash, a 5-6, 153-pound junior slot receiver, finished with a game-best eight catches for 115 yards to go along with kick returns of 56 and 23 yards.

On the defensive side, Jordan Grewe had four solo tackles and four assists, while Max Cooper added two tackles for loss.

The Mustangs close out their season Friday, Oct. 20, at Salem (4-4).

"Obviously, we expect our players to go out and give great effort and finish the season strong," Ladach said. "I'd like to see us establish a good ground game and allow that to set up our passing game. Defensively, slowing down (Andrew Davis) is going to be a challenge. That kid is really good and their quarterback (Ryan Young) is, too. It's not like, yeah, we're going to stop their tailback, because then Young kills you. They're a pretty good team."

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Friday, Oct. 13

Farmington Hills Harrison 39, Berkley 0
Livonia Franklin 35, Grand Blanc 0
Novi 21, Northville 6
Warren DeLaSalle 20, Detroit Catholic Central 6

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 44, TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 36: The Warriors made their trip to Traverse City worthwhile, winning a shootout to raise their record to 5-3.

BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY DAY 14, LANSING CATHOLIC 8: Isiah Johnson ran for a 4-yard touchdown in the second quarter, then the Yellowjackets added a Johnson-to-Kolin Demens TD pass in the third on their way to the road victory. Country Day improved to 3-5.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES 35, BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 33: Falcons quarterback Colton Tinsley went 8-for-12 passing for 162 yards and two touchdowns to lead Groves past city rival Seaholm. Running back Chaise Ford led the Groves ground attack with 15 carries for 146 yards and three TDs. Running back Damonte McCurdy made the most of his six touches, rushing three times for 66 yards and adding three receptions for 86 yards, including a 44-yard TD, while Clayton Fox contributed a 47-yard touchdown catch. McCurdy led the Falcons' defense with 12 tackles. Seaholm was led by a pair of dual-threat performers. Quarterback Joel Mitchell had 88 yards passing, with one touchdown. and ran



Catholic Central quarterback Marco Genrich (left) hands off to running back Cameron Ryan. DENNIS BARNES

for 80 yards, while Nick Lang contributed 110 yards rushing and receiving. Running back Ben Barton gained 129 yards on the ground. He and Chase Mentag scored one touchdown apiece, while kicker Olivia Graham booted three extra points, plus field goals of 22 and 25 yards. Groves rose to 7-1, 6-1 in OAA play, to finish as tri-champ of the White Division along with Farmington Harrison and Oak Park. The Maples dropped to 1-7, 1-6.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK-KINGSWOOD 41, GROSSTE POINTE WOODS UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 0: The host Cranes did all their scoring in the first half. Murari Nelluri scored on touchdown runs of 32 and 68 yards, while quarterback Trevor McConnell threw TD passes of 7 yards to Kobi Russell and 15 yards to Torrell Williams. Tariq Muhammad added a 1-yard touchdown plunge and Jack Fairman returned an interception 37 yards for another score. The Cranes improved to 7-1.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 26, OXFORD 14: The

Black Hawks' passing attack was too much for Oxford to handle, as Bloomfield Hills quarterback John Paddock completed 20-of-32 passes for 305 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for one score. Ty Slazinski grabbed 12 of Paddock's passes for 172 yards and a TD, while Darren Mack added four catches for 100 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Dugan Fife contributed 10 tackles, a pass deflection and two interceptions, Brett Williams had 12 tackles, while Jack Sape contributed nine tackles and a pass deflection. The Hawks are now 6-2.

CANTON 35, BRIGHTON 10: The host Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state in Division 1, improved to 7-1, led by a 296-yard rushing attack. Canton took a 21-3 halftime lead, then added a pair of fourth-quarter scores to seal the victory.

DEARBORN EDEL FORD 35, REDFORD UNION 28: The host Panthers (3-5) played from behind for most of the contest and came up just short. Trailing 14-0 in the first quarter after Ford returned a punt for a

touchdown, Isaac Grant ran 39 yards for a score and Chandler Shettleroe added the first of his four PATs to trim the margin to seven. Thornton Cain's 48-yard TD run tied the game, before another Thunderbirds touchdown gave them a 21-14 halftime edge. Both teams scored twice in the third quarter. For RU, Cain scored on a 5-yard carry to reduce the lead to 28-21, while James Gresham scored the game's final TD on an 8-yard reception from Panthers quarterback Carl Ware. Safety Kenny Perry led RU's defense with 11 tackles, while Grant added eight.

DEARBORN FORDSON 38, REDFORD THURSTON 19: The visiting Eagles dropped to 5-3.

GARDEN CITY 44, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 24: Host Clarenceville took a 10-0 first-quarter lead, but the Cougars stormed back with 30 points in the second quarter. The Cougars added a third-quarter touchdown to take a 37-10 advantage into the final quarter. Garden City rose to 2-6, while the Trojans dropped to 1-7.

FARMINGTON 47, NORTH FARMINGTON 3: Kendall Williams led the Falcons to victory, running 14 times for 274 yards and four touchdowns. Oscar Glenn added 120 yards on 10 carries and scored one TD. For North Farmington, Dylan Gordon ran 12 times for 89 yards. Farmington improves to 2-6, while the Raiders dropped to 1-7.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 49, WAYNE 6: Jay Grisson scored on a 12-yard interception return to highlight the Chargers' victory over the visiting Zebras. Churchill outgained Wayne, 266-73, including 237 rushing yards. The Chargers are 7-1 and have clinched the K1AA Gold Division

title.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 31, SALEM 10: The host Spartans built a 17-3 lead through three quarters, then added two scores in the final quarter to improve to 5-3. For Salem, quarterback Ryan Young completed 12-of-21 passes for 215 yards and a touchdown. Andrew Davis ran 14 times for 65 yards, while Travell Hale caught four passes for 97 yards. Tyler Overaitis led the Rocks' defense with eight tackles, while Dez Dewberry had two sacks among his six tackles.

PLYMOUTH 35, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 7: Carson Miller ran for three touchdowns to help the Wildcats score a road victory. Miller opened the scoring with a 13-yard, first-quarter TD, but the Rockets responded just 31 seconds later, tying the game on a 42-yard Chad Stevens to Corey Williams touchdown pass. Miller's 7-yard scoring run in the second quarter sent Plymouth into halftime with a 14-7 lead. The Wildcats broke the game open with a pair of third-quarter scores - a 5-yard carry by Miller and a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Nick Downs. Logan Walkley added a 21-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter. Cade Ahlijian booted all five extra points for Plymouth, while Chase Kersten recorded Glenn's lone extra point. Plymouth outgained Glenn, 394-187, led by a 340-yard rushing attack. Miller gained 178 yards in 39 carries, Mike Mathias ran for 101 yards on just four attempts and Walkley ran seven times for 57 yards. Downs was 3-of-6 passing for 54 yards, gaining 47 on one completion to Miller. For Glenn, Stevens completed 10-of-24 passes for 124 yards. Williams caught four of those completions for 67 yards. Matt Nutt

led the Rockets in rushing with 60 yards on 10 carries. Ashten LeBeau was credited with six tackles (six solo stops, plus six assists) for Plymouth, including one tackle for loss. Calvin Vos and Ivan Davis recorded five tackles apiece, with Davis gaining 1.5 sacks. Plymouth improved to 3-5, while the Rockets fell to 1-7.

ROCHESTER HILLS LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 57, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 12: The Crusaders remained undefeated, improving to 8-0, while Lutheran Westland dropped to 3-4.

SOUTH LYON EAST 42, MILFORD 23: Paced by a powerful ground game, the Cougars outgained Milford, 472-244, improving to 3-5. Milford fell to 1-7. Jake Waranaukas led East's attack, running 25 times for 246 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Chris Kaminski didn't throw often, but he was effective when he did drop back, completing 7-of-8 passes for 119 yards and three TDs. Alex Donaldson, Donovan Wright and Sean Clary each had a touchdown reception for the Cougars. Terry Day and Donovan Wright were East's defensive standouts.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 49, SOUTH LYON 28: The visiting Lions rolled to a 14-0 lead on Ryan Gill touchdown runs of 8 and 2 yards, respectively, plus a pair of Brenden Lach extra points. But the Warriors scored the next seven TDs, to improve to 7-1, 6-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference. South Lyon fell to 1-7, 1-6. Gill carried 19 times for 76 yards. Defensively, Ben Buchler had three solo tackles plus one assist, while Mitch Komorous was in on seven tackles, with two solo stops, and recovered a fumble.

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.

Girls cross country NORTHVILLE 17, NOVI 47:

Senior Ana Barrott's first-place clocking of 18:24 lifted the Mustangs (6-0) to their sixth consecutive division title with a KLAA Gold dual meet win Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park. Barrott's 5,000-meter time moved her up to second on the school leader board only behind sister Lexa (18:20), now a sophomore at Indiana University. Freshman Yasmine Mansi moved up to No. 3 with a runner-up time of 18:33. Northville's other three scorers included Olivia Harp, third (19:16); freshman Emily Gordon, fourth (19:38); and Keria Courtney, sixth (20:12). Novi's top finisher was Katherine Ray, in fifth place (19:59.43).

SALEM WINS DOUBLE DUAL:

On Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park in Northville, the Rocks defeated Canton (16-47) and Plymouth (20-41) to close out the KLAA Black Division championship with a 6-0 record. Hallie Younglas of Salem was medalist, with a time off 19:39. Other Salem finishers in the top 20 included Reagan Justice (second, 19:41), Olivia Millen (fourth, 19:48), Gabrielle Mancini (eighth, 20:13), Bridget Nelson (ninth, 20:22), Lizzy Lu (10th, 20:32), Jessica Hughes (11th, 20:34), Madison Grant (13th, 20:43), Sophie Jeffers (14th, 20:54), Marnie Waggoner (15th, 20:55) and Claudia Shuler (17th, 21:02). Finishing third for Plymouth was Londyn Swenson (19:47), followed by Arwa Hararwala (fifth, 19:53), Lily Tiplady (16th, 21:01), Lola Merrill (18th, 21:18), Laura Bonds (19th, 21:28.01) and Paige Cristea (20th, 21:28.99). For Canton, Anna Nagelhout's time of 19:56 was good for seventh overall. Also finishing in the top 20 for the Chiefs was Carmen Bruchnak (12th, 20:40).

FRANKLIN 23, CHURCHILL 37:

The Patriots were led by medalist

Erin Seibert (19:50) Oct. 10 at Nankin Mills in Westland. Other finishers for Franklin included Allyson Stabler (fourth, 20:49), Emily Esker (fifth, 21:06), Ruby Walker (sixth, 21:19), Ashley deGuise (seventh, 21:33), Brittney Winn (eighth, 21:34) and Caroline Hardy (21:36). Churchill's top finisher was Sierra Greener (second, 19:56) followed by other Chargers Abbie Haupt (third, 20:16), Grace Vaeth (ninth, 21:59), Emily Halkey (11th, 22:47), Sarah Sumbulla (12th, 25:09), Sharan Mangat (13th, 26:03) and Puneet Mangat (14th, 26:32).

PORTAGE INVITATIONAL:

Rockford (116 points) upended runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (143) and No. 1-ranked Northville (144) to earn the team title Oct. 7 at Portage West Middle School. Traverse City Central's Sielle Kearney was the individual 5,000-meter winner in 17:29, while the top five finishers for Northville included Yasmine Mansi, sixth (18:36); Ana Barrott, 10th (18:44); Emily Gordon, 41st (19:57); Olivia Masse, 46th (19:57); and Keira Courtney, 49th (20:09).

Boys cross country FRANKLIN 21, CHURCHILL 39:

On Oct. 10 at Nankin Mills in Westland, the Patriots bested the Chargers despite Eric Pensari of Churchill earning medalist honors with a time of 17:09. Franklin secured places two through five, with Logan Evanchuk (17:13), Grant Rudd (17:20), Jackson Nordbeck (17:27) and Andrew Ulaszek (17:30). Rounding out the top 10 were Churchill's William Hengy (sixth, 17:31) and Carson Ellis (ninth, 17:38) and Franklin's Russell Rusnell (seventh, 17:37), Mike Mackiewicz (eighth, 17:38) and Joe Nichol (10th, 17:56).

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE DUAL:

The Wildcats defeated Salem (21-37) and Canton (18-45) on Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Leading the way for Plymouth were medalist Ethan Byrnes (16:04) and Carter Solomon (second, 16:06). In third was Salem's Ryan

Exell (16:32), while Canton's Shane Andrews finished fourth (16:35). Other standouts included: Plymouth's Patrick Byrnes (sixth, 16:36), Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:47), Tyler Mussen (eighth, 16:53), Jarrett Warner (ninth, 16:54), Adam Stepek (13th, 17:18); Salem's Luke Haran (fifth, 16:36), Andrew Beyer (10th, 16:59), Christo Jeffers (11th, 17:14), Nolan Teodori (12th, 17:17), Shane McKimmy (15th, 17:22), Bryce Paine (18th, 17:42), Talha Syed (19th, 17:43); Canton's Daniel Jimenez (14th, 17:20), Garrett Nagelhout (16th, 17:32), 17th, Andrew Lake (17:37) and Braden Heimbaugh (20th, 17:50).

NORTHVILLE 28, NOVI 29:

The Mustangs celebrated senior day Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park with a KLAA Gold Division dual meet win. Novi's Gabe Mudel was the individual 5K winner in 15:49.68, but Northville came away with the victory thanks to the placing of Nicholas Couyoumjian, second (16:14.66); Nathan Hayes, third (16:38.58); Raymond Jiang, fifth (17:06.42); Alex Jund, eighth (17:20.51); and Adrien Jund, ninth (17:23.43). Other Novi scorers included Trey Mullins, fourth (16:47.06); Matt Whyte, fifth (16:53.1); Prateek Bhola, seventh (17:09.41); and Matt Gustitus, 12th (17:31.93).

Volleyball NOVI 3, PLYMOUTH 0:

On Oct. 10, Abryanna Cannon recorded 15 kills as Novi (37-3,11-0) swept host Plymouth in a KLAA crossover, 25-11, 25-12, 25-12. Other contributors for the KLAA Gold Division leaders and two-time defending Class A champions included Shannon Jennings (14 assists, eight kills) and Rachel Jennings (10 digs, two aces). Plymouth came up short despite good outings by Gabi Kuchka (four kills, nine digs), Lauren Wheeler (11 assists, seven digs) and Maddie Kirchkoff (nine digs).

NORTHVILLE 3, JOHN GLENN 0:

Junior libero Hannah Grant finished with 21 digs and four

aces as the Mustangs (31-6-1) cruised to a 25-13, 25-11, 25-14 KLAA crossover victory Oct. 10 at Westland John Glenn. Izzy Guleff and Christina Valentini paced Northville's hitting attack with five kills each, while setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fiset collected 21 and 11 assists, respectively.

BRIGHTON 3, SALEM 0:

The Rocks were bested by the Bulldogs on senior night. Playing well in a losing cause were Makenzie Carpenter (six kills) and Nikia Quan (four kills, one ace). Salem seniors recognized included Samantha Klozik, Alexia DeSantis, Danielle Pfannes and Calee Nesler.

Girls swimming NORTHVILLE DOUBLE-DUAL:

On Oct. 10, Katelyn McCullough and Sophia Tuinman both figured in four first-place finishes as the host Mustangs (7-1) defeated Harrison-Farmington (116-69) and Canton (133-53) in a double-dual meet. McCullough swept the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 54.41 and 1:57.45, while Tuinman took wins in the 200 individual medley (2:10.80) and 100 backstroke (57.91). The foursome of Tuinman, Emma Phillips, Lauren Heaven and McCullough captured the 200 medley relay (1:51.66), while McCullough, Heaven, Lulu Mans and Tuinman added a win in the 400 freestyle relay (3:36.40). Other Northville winners included Paige Jensen, 1-meter diving (134.80 points); Heaven, 100 butterfly (1:00.3); and Phillips, 100 breaststroke (1:11.26). The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Meghna Ancha, Mia Testani, Jennifer Ostrowski and Mans also won in 1:44.22. Harrison-Farmington, which defeated Canton 126-59, got a pair of wins from Ashley Turak in the 50- and 500 freestyles with times of 24.16 and 5:22.15, respectively.

GIRLS GOLF



Members of South Lyon's regional championship team include (from left) Julia Vess, Kendall Skore, Elizabeth Harding, Sophie Yergin and Molly Mackey.

South Lyon takes aim at D2 state crown

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Could this be the year? South Lyon, which posted a four-player total of 329, earned its seventh consecutive MHSAA Division 2 girls golf regional title Oct. 13 at Ypsilanti's Pine View G.C. as senior Elizabeth Harding took individual runner-up honors with 77.

Other scorers for the Lions, who will be headed to the Division 2 finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek were senior Kendall Skore, fourth (82); junior Molly Mackey, fifth (84); and junior Julia Vess, sixth (86).

Senior Sophie Yergin also earned a top 10 finish in eighth with 89.

"This is a great group of girls," South Lyon coach Dan Skatzka said. "I think we will be in a close battle with five or six other teams for the state championship. I really believe we have as good a chance as we have ever had."

South Lyon is coming off back-to-back third-place state finals finishes. The Lions also finished second in 2014 and fourth in 2013.

"As for those five girls who will be competing

next weekend, we are averaging 17 strokes lower than they did last year," Skatzka said. "Four of our five are back from last year's third-place finish. As always, it will come down to which team gets hot for the two days of the finals."

South Lyon East (361) and Grosse Pointe North (371) also made the state finals, placing second and third, respectively, at the regional.

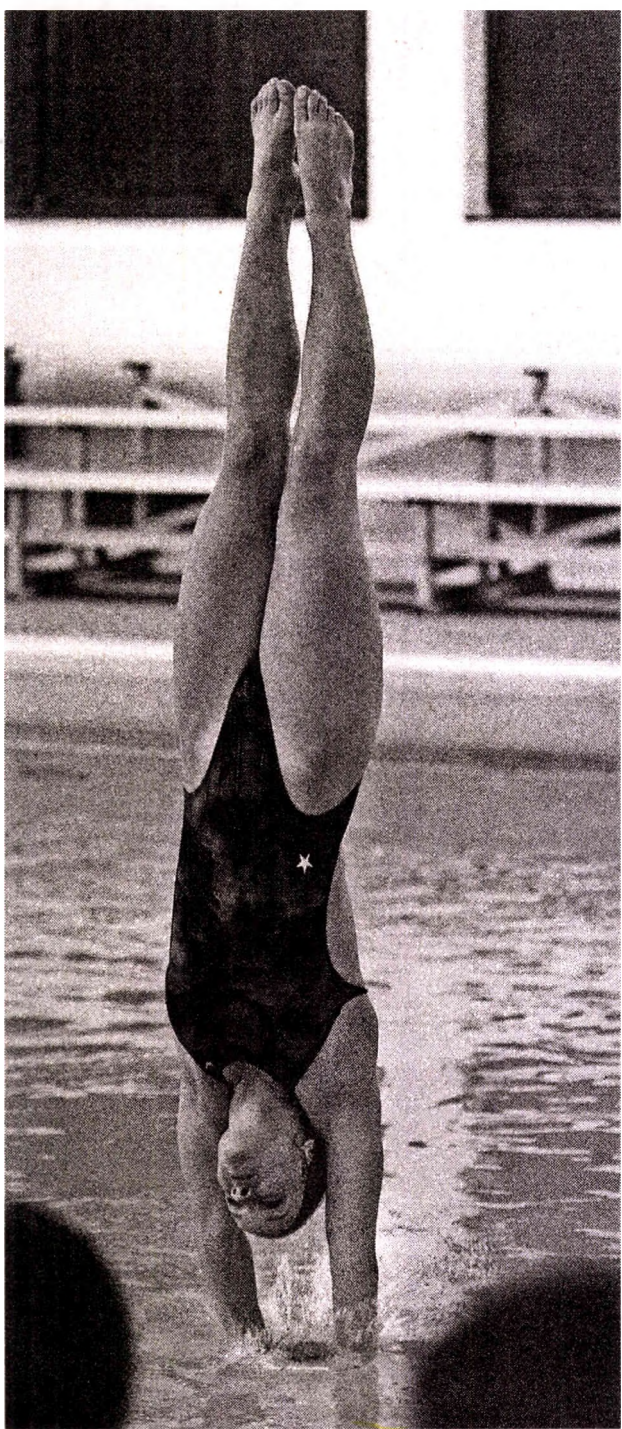
Senior Kiersten VanNorden paced East individually in seventh with 88, followed by junior Alyssa Strong, ninth (90); senior Natalie Aulicino, 10th (91); and senior Emily O'Brien, 11th (92).

Sophomore Kaitie Mallory placed 12th with 93.

Grosse Pointe North's Meghan Gallagher took medalist honors with 76, while additional individual state qualifiers included New Boston Huron's Emma Polski (81), Gibraltar Carlson's Chelsea Kovich (94) and Trenton's Caroline Hourey (98).

The five-member all-region team included Gallagher, Harding, Skore, Polski and Mackey.

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It's splashdown! Another successful landing for Salem senior diver Camille Burt. R111 BRFSR FR | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BURT

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backwards to the board ... there's always twisting, you can twist in any direction, really.

"I love diving, I think it's a really fun sport. I like all the aspects of it, the fear, the training."

Burt loves it so much that she wants to continue with the sport in college. Her goal is to land a scholarship with an NCAA Division I program, perhaps West Virginia or Akron.

All-around effort

According to Burt, her gymnastics background is a key reason for her diving success.

"I did gymnastics for about 11 years," Burt said. "It really helps you when you're in the air, being aware of your surroundings when you're floating in the air and it helps to know how to flip instead of just coming in blind."

"It gives you a lot of balance as well. Vault and floor, you do a lot of flipping in that."

The fourth-year diver gave up gymnastics while a freshman at Salem. Another member of the Rocks diving team, Jordyn Williams, continues to excel in gymnastics for her high school.

Years of practice in the natatorium, obviously, are essential for the serious diver to re-peatedly (and safely) go

from diving board to water.

"There's different drills that you can do or different dives to lead up to the bigger ones that help a lot," Burt said. "Before every dive, I visualize myself doing it and then I model walking down the board and doing the dive in the air."

Practice makes perfect

Like many sports, over-thinking can lead to the body tensing up and not completing the task at hand. So Burt simplifies things as much as possible, trusting she has her approach, launch, hurdle, kickoff and landing down to the point that it is in her DNA.

To get to that point requires hours and hours of training, some of it with Salem dive coach Otto Geisman and some on her own in the gym.

"It's all about work ethic," Burt said. "You can't just get there because you want to get there. You have to really try and train and push yourself."

She said Geisman helps her on technical aspects, such as "making sure my feet are pointed, that my arms are where they're supposed to be."

Salem girls swim coach Brandon Larkins isn't surprised by the level of proficiency Burt has reached in the last couple of years.

Earlier this autumn, she broke the Belleville pool record with a 246 score. She already has

the five dual meet wins required to qualify for Division 1 regional, which will be Nov. 9 at Ann Arbor Huron. States are Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University.

"She's really pushed herself more and more. This year is a little bit harder on her," Larkins said about his co-captain. "She's going to college next year. I'm not sure which college she's going to, but either way, she's going to be great."

"It does put a little more pressure on her, but I think she can handle it."

Mind over matter

Canton girls swim coach Ed Weber's team also boasts an excellent diver in senior Annika Wang.

"We're looking for her to be ready for regionals and perform well at regionals," Weber said. "You have to place top 12 in the region. We have a very difficult region."

Weber added that divers put themselves in a precarious spot, merely by venturing out onto the board. To have the kind of success enjoyed by Burt and Wang, they must be able to conquer that fear.

Not everyone sitting in the stands or standing on the deck is able to, however.

"With diving, there's a danger of making contact with that board," Weber said. "That's what goes through different people's minds, through

any training and competition.

"That's what parents flinch about when they're up in the stands and they're watching these girls do their dives."

Larkins said diving is a physical activity first and foremost, but "it's a lot more mental, because they don't want to hurt themselves by smacking the water or hitting the board ... they have such little time, with only one board right now, to do and perfect their dives."

Emily Weiner, the new girls swim coach at Plymouth, emphasized how much constant training and swimming at the club level between high school seasons can add to a diver's arsenal.

"I think the really important thing, especially going to conference and those big meets, is having those 11 dives, it's a really hard thing to do," Weiner said. "Those girls who dive over the summer, they only do six."

Burt already knows all the intricacies of those 11 dives and soon will have the chance to display her talents under the big-meet spotlight.

"I'm looking forward to trying to make all-state again this year," she said with a smile. "Just making my way up to the top five."

There's no doubt she'll be ready.

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Garden variety

ROBIN MILLER SPECIAL FOR THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Best types of apples vary depending on intended uses

In this age of exotic fruits from açai to durian, you might not think of apples as “the noblest of fruits,” as Henry David Thoreau described them in “Wild Apples” in 1862. • But every fall, that’s the fruit we turn to for comfort and sustenance. That’s the fruit that is easily accessible and affordable at grocery stores and farmers markets. • And technically, you never have to snack on or cook with the same variety your entire life. If you want to try every available apple variety in the United States, you’ll have to quit your day job. • There are more than 2,500 varieties in the U.S. alone, and more emerge each season. Grocery stores usually sell popular commercially available apples. At the autumn farmers markets and specialty grocers, you’ll often find regional and heirloom varieties. While most apples are excellent for snacking, some have taste and textural qualities that work better in recipes. For example, some varieties hold their shape when baked, while some break down. See APPLES, Page B7



Cookbook author Robin Miller made this skillet apple pie. TOM TINGLE/ THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

► This Captain America Winter Soldier boys costume includes a jumpsuit and stretch fabric mask. Shield is sold separately. \$23.99 at the costume land.com.



Creative costumes

Dress up in something fun this Halloween

USA TODAY NETWORK

Pop culture never stops supplying us with timely costume ideas, from movies to TV shows to commercials. Embrace the spirit of the holiday in these fun looks for the whole family.

◀ Sweet and simple, your little mail carrier is sure to deliver smiles in this U.S. Postal Service costume. \$32.99 at buycostumes.com



▼ Kids can become the Resistance's top pilot Poe Dameron in this detailed Star Wars costume. \$34.96-\$38.46 at disneystore.com.



► This furry Fozzie Bear Muppet costume is super cute and will keep your little one warm while gathering candy. \$19.99 at mrcostumes.com.



▼ This officially licensed Leg Avenue Top Gun flight suit includes both Goose and Maverick name badges. \$68.24 at Sears.



▲ Grand Heritage Dawn of Justice Wonder Woman costume, \$249.99 at halloweencostumes.com.



▲ This Paw Patrol Everest Classic child costume includes a dress with attached skirt, headpiece and backpack. \$21.99 at jcpenny.com.

APPLES

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To help you sort out which ones yield the best results — whether you're making sweet apple pie or savory chutney — consider a few things. Take note, these tips refer to commercially available apples. When selecting local and heirloom varieties at farmers market, ask the grower about texture and flavor profiles.

Choosing the best apple for the job

»Snacking: There's no wrong answer here. All apples are delicious, and it's really up to you what variety you stash in your lunchbox. When apple cravings strike, most people reach for varieties that are sweet, juicy and crisp, such as Fuji, Red Delicious, Gala, McIntosh, Honeycrisp, and Jonagold. However, I think we can all agree that a mid-afternoon slump can often be quashed by a tart Granny Smith.

»Baking: Apples that are firm enough to hold their shape (and not turn to mush) are preferable. Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Gala, Rome, Honeycrisp and Pink Lady all fit the bill. (See our guide to popular apple varieties.)

»Blending flavors: If you're making a pie, tart, crumble or crisp, consider using a mix of apple varieties to create more complex flavors and textures. Even though some apples are better suited for baking, you're not limited to one variety. For example, try combining sweet Golden Delicious and tart Granny Smith in your next pie adventure.

To select the perfect apple, pick it up and inspect it. Apples should be firm and feel heavy for their size. I know what you're thinking, "How will I know if it's heavy for its size?" It's pretty simple; pick up the apple and if you think, "Wow, this is a solid piece of fruit," you're good to go.

The skin should be smooth and free of nicks, wrinkles and soft spots. Subtle markings, like scuffs or specks, are natural and don't indicate a bad apple.

Check the color, too. For red apples, the green background should be almost completely covered by red or orange hues. Full-colored apples have absorbed lots of sunlight, which leads to great flavors.

SKILLET APPLE PIE

Servings: 8.

Best varieties: A combination of Granny Smith, Gala, Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, Empire and McIntosh.

For the pie:

4-5 apples, peeled, cored and cut into 16 wedges each (you need about 6-6½ cups of sliced apples)

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 2 refrigerated 9-inch piecrusts

For the topping:

- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To make the pie: Place the apples in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together the granulated sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon. Add the mixture to the apples and toss to combine. Set aside. Melt the butter in a 9- or 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add the brown sugar and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the sugar is dissolved. Remove the pan from the heat and place one of the piecrusts in the skillet, directly over the brown sugar mixture. Top the crust with the apple mixture. Place the second crust on top. To make the topping: In a small bowl, whisk together the sugar and cinnamon. Brush the top crust with the egg and then sprinkle with the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Cut 4 slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape during baking. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, until the crust is golden brown. Let the pie rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

CARAMEL APPLE QUESADILLAS

Servings: 4.

Best varieties: Gala, McIntosh, Jonagold, Empire and Macoun.

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened and divided
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (about ¼-inch thick)
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 4 fajita-size soft flour tortillas
- 4 teaspoons caramel sauce, plus more for drizzling over top

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the apples and cook until just beginning to soften, about 2 minutes. Add the sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg and cook until soft and caramelized, about 5 more minutes, stirring frequently. Remove pan from the heat. To assemble quesadillas: Spread 1 teaspoon of the caramel sauce over each tortilla. Top one side of the tortillas with the cooked apples. Fold over the tortillas to cover the filling. Preheat a griddle to medium heat. Spread the remaining tablespoon of butter on both sides of each quesadilla. Place the quesadillas on the hot griddle and cook for 1 to 2 minutes per side, until golden brown. Transfer the quesadillas to a serving plate and drizzle extra caramel sauce over top.

APPLE-SAUSAGE DRESSING WITH SOURDOUGH

Servings: 4-6.

Best varieties: Granny Smith, Gravenstein, Jonathon, Winesap, Gala and Braeburn.

Cooking spray

- 1 pound mild Italian sausage
- 1 cup diced celery
- ½ white onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 cups cubed sourdough bread with crusts
- 1 apple, cored and diced (and peeled if desired)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1½ cups chicken broth
- 1 large egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a baking dish with cooking spray. Brown the sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, breaking up the meat as it cooks. Using a slotted spoon, transfer sausage to a large bowl (leave drippings in the skillet). To the same skillet over medium heat, add the celery, onion and garlic. Cook for 2 minutes, until soft. Add the sage, oregano, salt and pepper and stir to coat. Cook for 1 minute, until the herbs are fragrant. Add the celery mixture to the sausage, with the bread, apple and parsley. Toss to combine. Whisk together the broth and egg and add to the bread mixture. Stir to combine. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish and bake, uncovered, for 30 to 40 minutes, until cooked through and browned.

All recipes from Robin Miller

Popular apple varieties

Braeburn: Sweet-tart flavor and firm texture that remains firm when baked. Not overly juicy, this is an all-purpose apple that works well in pies, tarts and fillings.

Cortland: Juicy and slightly tart, with bright red skin and snowy white flesh. Great baking apple (for pies, cobblers and crisps). An excellent addition to salads and cheese plates because the flesh doesn't brown and discolor as quickly as other varieties.

Empire: A cross between McIntosh and Red Delicious, these apples are firm-textured and sweet-tart, making them great all-purpose apples (sauces, pies, baking, salads, snacking and drying).

Fuji: Firm, crisp and juicy, Fuji apples are excellent for snacking, but they're also great for baking (they hold their shape).

Gala: Crisp, sweet apple with a mild flavor. Galas have yellow-orange skin with red striping and they're great for salads, snacking, applesauce and pressing into cider.

Golden Delicious: Sweet and mellow, this is one of the best all-purpose cooking apples, as it maintains its shape during baking. Since it's mellow, you might want to pair it with more robust varieties for flavor complexity.

Granny Smith: Crisp and sour, Granny Smiths are all-purpose cooking apples.

Gravenstein: Available in red and yellow varieties, these apples have a sweet-tart flavor and firm texture. Excellent for snacking, baking, applesauce and pressing into cider.

Honeycrisp: Crisp and juicy, with a honey-sweet and tart flavor. Great for snacking, baking and applesauce.

Ida Red: Tangy flavor and a flesh that is sometimes tinted a rosy pink (which makes a beautiful applesauce, especially when you cook the apples with the skins on). The firm texture also makes them suitable for baking.

Jonagold: Blend of Jonathan and Golden Delicious, Jonagolds are tangy-sweet and excellent for snacking and cooking.

Jonathan: Quite tart, Jonathans are also slightly spicy (if an apple can be spicy). Great in salads, for applesauce and in baking (since they also hold their shape).

Macoun: Sweet and aromatic, these are excellent for snacking, salads and sauces. Their bright red skin and juicy white flesh makes them a pretty addition to a cheese platter.

McIntosh: Juicy and crisp, these apples are great for snacking. And since they break down when cooked, McIntosh apples are ideal for applesauce and other sauces.

Mutsu (Crispin): Juicy and crisp with a sweet, refreshing flavor. Ideal for snacking, salads, sauces and baked goods.

Winesap: Firm and aromatic, with a sweet/spicy bite. Great for sauces and baking.

TRAVEL

Museums get dressed up for fall

Fashion, jewelry and wine among Europe's draws

SARAH MAIELLANO
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

This fall, Europe's museums focus on ancient cultures, artists and creatures. Prepare to be dazzled by precious jewel and wowed by a *Game of Thrones*-esque warrior tribe.

YVES SAINT LAURENT MUSEUM IN PARIS

Through January 2019

A temporary museum will open in legendary designer Yves Saint Laurent's Paris studio and office for a little more than a year, starting this fall. The space has been restored to provide visitors with an authentic look at his workspace. Fifty garments, accessories, sketches, photos, and videos are part of the exhibit.

museeyslparis.com/en/

TREASURES OF THE MUGHALS AND THE MAHARAJAS AT PALAZZO DUCALE IN VENICE

Through Jan. 3

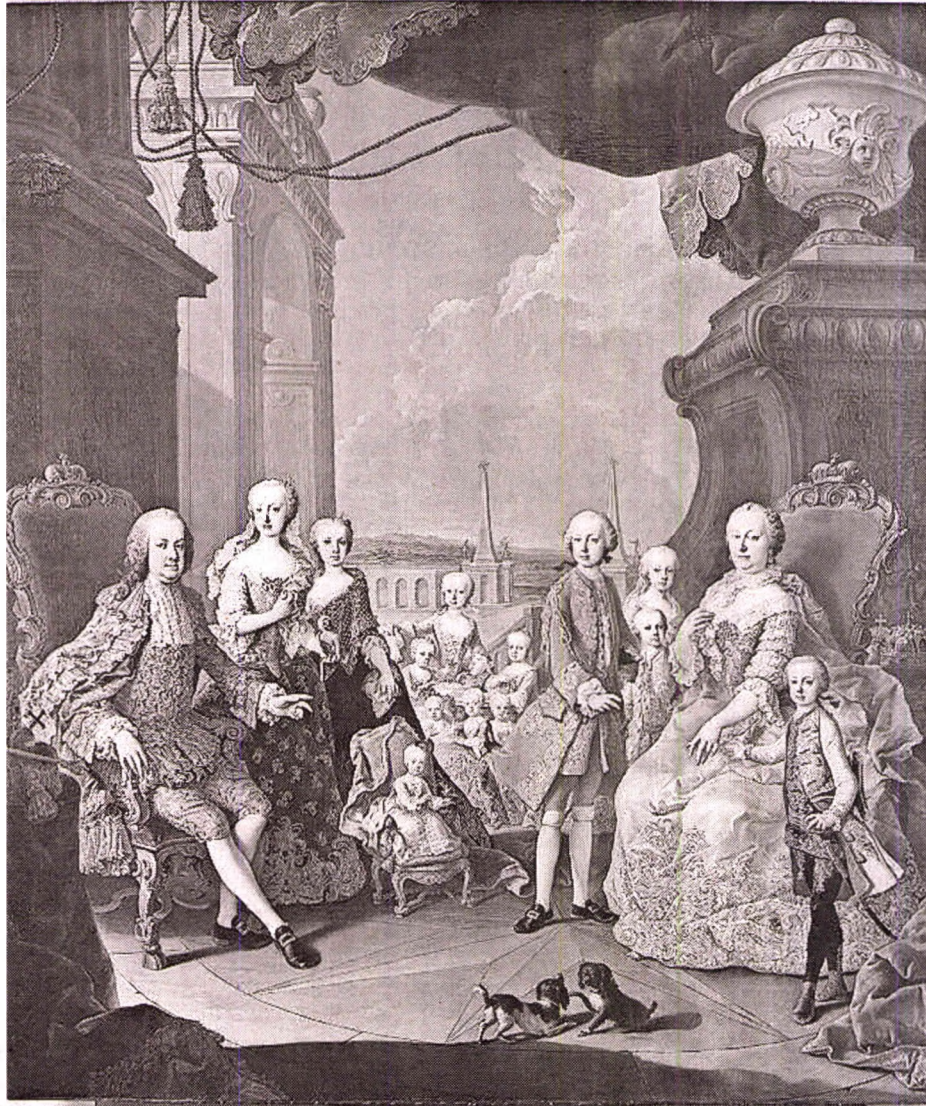
This fall, Venice will sparkle more than it already does when more than 270 gems and jewels come to Palazzo Ducale. The museum has Italy's first exhibition of jewelry from the Al Thani Collection that was made in and inspired by the Indian subcontinent. The collection includes items from the descendants of Genghis Khan and the Maharajas.

<http://palazzoducale.visitmuve.it/>

SCYTHIANS: WARRIORS OF ANCIENT SIBERIA AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM IN LONDON

Through Jan. 14

Between 900 and 200 B.C., nomadic warrior tribes roamed an area from southern Russia to China and the northern Black Sea. Siberian permafrost



The Palazzo Pitti will show a collection of the Spanish King Charles III's relatives who lived in Italy. CRISTIANO BANTI FIRENZE, GALLERIE DEGLI UFFIZI, GALLERIA PALATINA

preserved artifacts from the Scythians and, for the first time in 40 years, the British Museum will tell their story through 200 objects.

britishmuseum.org

GEORGIA, CRADLE OF VITICULTURE AT CITE DU VIN IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Through Nov. 5

Some 8,000 years ago, the first wine in history was being made in what

would become the country of Georgia. Bordeaux's wine-focused museum has partnered with the Georgian National Museum in Tbilisi to educate visitors about the origins of wine and its role in agriculture, royalty, religious beliefs, and everyday life.

lacityduvin.com/

JOHAN MAELWAE AT THE RIJKSMUSEUM IN AMSTERDAM

Through Jan. 7

Born in 1370, Johan Maelwael is credited as the first Northern Netherlandish painter and became one of the most successful artists in Europe in the Middle Ages. At the center of the exhibit is *La Grande Pietà ronde*, on loan from the Louvre for the first time since 1962. It also features 50 medieval works, including paintings, manuscripts, precious metalwork and sculpture.

rijksmuseum.nl/en/

DINOSAUR BABIES AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM CARDIFF IN WALES

Through Nov. 5

Bring the kids to Wales this fall for an up-close-and-personal dinosaur experience with a focus on the littlest dinos. The museum delves into dinosaur family life through eggs, nests, and embryos, including three real eggs with embryos inside.

museum.wales/cardiff/

THE KING OF SPAIN'S GRANDCHILDREN AT THE PALAZZO PITTI IN FLORENCE

Through Jan. 7

Following the acquisition of a work by Anton Raphael Mengs that portrays two of Spanish King Charles III's grandchildren who lived in the Pitti Palace, the museum will show a collection of the King's relatives. Other works are on loan from the Prado and the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.

gallerieuffizimostre.it/

GAUGUIN THE ALCHEMIST AT THE GRAND PALAIS IN PARIS

Oct. 11 - Jan. 22

The Grand Palais turns attention to Paul Gauguin's experimentation with a variety of media. The post-impressionist is known for his paintings and sculptures, many of which will be on display, along with ceramics, engravings and drawings.

grandpalais.fr/

Cocktail highlights the best of autumn

Scotch pairs well with juicy pear, warm spices

THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Cold-weather cocktails aren't limited to egg-nogs and mulled ciders. In fact, the flavors of fall and winter can be just as exciting, and even as refreshing, as those beachy concoctions we sip during the summer. And there's an ingredient you may not have considered that is definitely worth adding to your repertoire—scotch.

In this Spiced Orchard Pear recipe from The Culinary Institute of America, scotch is the unexpected star. The drink highlights the best of the fall season, with notes of citrus to help you ease into the snowy winter.

CIA instructor Rory Brown says, "The flavor from the orange liqueur and the lemon juice balance the cocktail and act as a transition into winter."

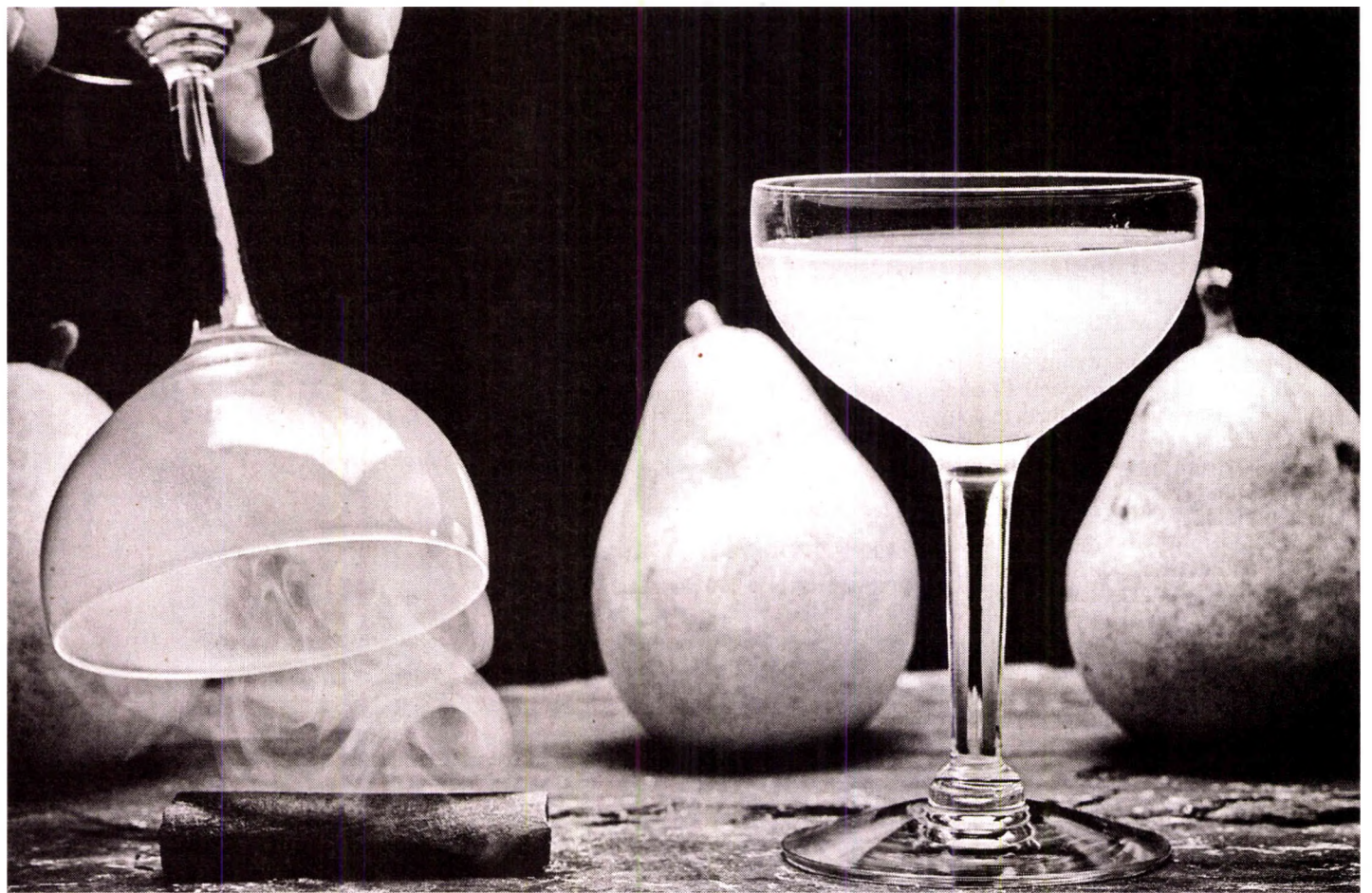
Of course, it wouldn't be a fall cocktail without the familiar flavors of juicy pear and the warmth of spices, and while you may be less accustomed to using scotch in cocktails, this recipe may change your mind. Though its name may conjure up images of mens' clubs and leather-bound books, a new generation is helping to move it into the mainstream.

Scotch is basically the embodiment of fall, with its caramel flavors perfectly complimenting the aroma from your neighbor's fireplace. And while many think of scotch as whisky's smoky cousin, not all Scotch is smoky.

Widely regarded for its long history, Scotch is a whisky — much like those produced in the U.S. — made in Scotland under some very specific requirements. Part of the historical process is to toast and dry the malt before processing. Peat, a sort of spongy, mossy material that is abundant in the earth of Ireland and Scotland, remains a popular fuel source in Scotland. When burned, peat gives off an unmistakably fragrant smoke, and when used to dry the malt, it imparts a strong flavor that carries through to the finished product.

The scotches produced on the island of Islay are known to be among the smokiest (or, the peatiest), but overall, scotches run the gamut in color, flavor, and aroma, and certainly not all are created equal. Experiment with producers, regions, and blends to find your favorite.

You can find pear puree in the freezer section of some grocery stores, but if not, just put 3 to 4 peeled and cored pears



Torching the end of the cinnamon stick makes a smoky garnish for the Spiced Orchard Pear cocktail. THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

in a saucepan with about ¼ cup of water. Cook until the pears are soft, then blend them to a smooth puree. Cool them before using, and keep in the refrigerator for a week or so. While it's cooling, make your simple syrup.

Simple syrups are an equal mix of sugar and water, boiled to dissolve the sugar. We often add flavorings like vanilla, fruit essence, or spices. Make your simple syrup weeks ahead, if you like. And use any leftover syrup in other cocktails (it screams fall sangria) or as a sweetener.

We know that not everyone is on the prowl for a good cocktail, so if you would prefer a nonalcoholic version, combine the pear puree, lemon juice, and simple syrup with a splash of club soda, seltzer, or good quality ginger beer. You can torch the end of the cinnamon stick (we give a quick how-to in the recipe) for a smoky garnish that is just like the real deal.

This article was provided to The Associated Press by The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

SPICED ORCHARD PEAR

Servings: 1
Start to finish: 25 minutes (Active time: 5 minutes)

2 ounces blended Scotch
¼ ounce pear puree
½ ounce orange liqueur
¼ ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice
¼ ounce Winter Syrup (recipe at right)
1 cinnamon stick, for garnish (see note)

In a cocktail shaker, combine the Scotch, pear puree, orange liqueur, lemon juice, and syrup. Add ice, then shake until well-combined.

Strain into a rocks glass, over fresh ice, and garnish with the cinnamon stick.

Chef's Note: If desired, lightly burn one end of the cinnamon stick with a torch. Invert the rocks glass over the cinnamon stick on a heat-safe surface or plate while you prepare the cocktail.

Winter Syrup

Makes about 3 cups syrup

2 cups water
2 cups sugar
The peel of 1 orange, white pith removed
1 star anise
3 whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
5 cardamom pods

Combine water, sugar, orange peel, anise, cloves, cinnamon, and cardamom in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook until the mixture is simmering and the sugar has dissolved. Set aside until cool, then strain. Refrigerate for up to 3 weeks.

Nutrition information per serving: 211 calories; 0 calories from fat; 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 7 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 10 g sugar; 0 g protein.

PERSONAL FINANCE

OCTOBER IS A GOOD TIME TO EVALUATE YOUR FINANCES

PETER DUNN
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

I don't know when you get introspective about the quality of your finances in a given year, or if you do it all.

It seems most people self-evaluate late in December, while others make judgments about the previous year in January.

But, if you want to swoop-in and save a year and have the chance to turn lemons into lemonade, it's best to take stock of your wins and losses around the start of October. If you do, you'll have a chance to right potential wrongs before it's too late.

What I've witnessed over the last couple decades of financial advising is people winding-down their year starting at the beginning of the third quarter, accelerating downhill about Thanksgiving and totally capitulating as the December holidays hit.

A financial life spirals slowly out of control when you never take the time to assess your recent reality. One year bleeds into the next, and those resistant to introspection find themselves digging a deeper hole.

The whole idea of evaluating your financial year admittedly is odd. Frankly, "nothing bad financially happened to me" often feels like a major victory and, in certain circumstances, it is. However, evaluating your finances based on things that didn't happen doesn't exactly ring of a sustainable evaluation strategy.

Do what I do every October: Examine the previous nine months so you can help better guide the final three months of the year.

Begin from afar. How many months did you win? A win is when you have a surplus at the end of a month. If you made more money than you spent, you won that month. If you spent more money than you made, it's a loss.

Nine months into the year, what's your score? 4-5? 6-3? 0-9?

Take note of whether you have any

natural momentum. For instance, if your months have improved over the course of the year, that's great positive momentum. Your aim is to keep it going. If the year has gotten more difficult as it has progressed, then you need to figure out why and how to reverse the pattern.

Next, examine your monumental moments for the year, good and bad. Did you pay off a major debt or hit an important savings goal? Did you experience a financial emergency or obligate yourself to a debt payment via poor decision-making? List your top three and worst three financial moments. Ideally, your top three created stability, as opposed to net worth non-events.

The next task is challenging. You need to objectively evaluate how much luck was involved with both your greatest moments of the year and your worst moments.

If you fear you have too many biases to make a ruling, ask a friend to weigh in.

As an example, getting your car rear-ended at a four-way stop is bad luck. Whereas needing new tires on your car after 50,000 miles of use, is not bad luck. It was inevitable. You may have just not been prepared for it.

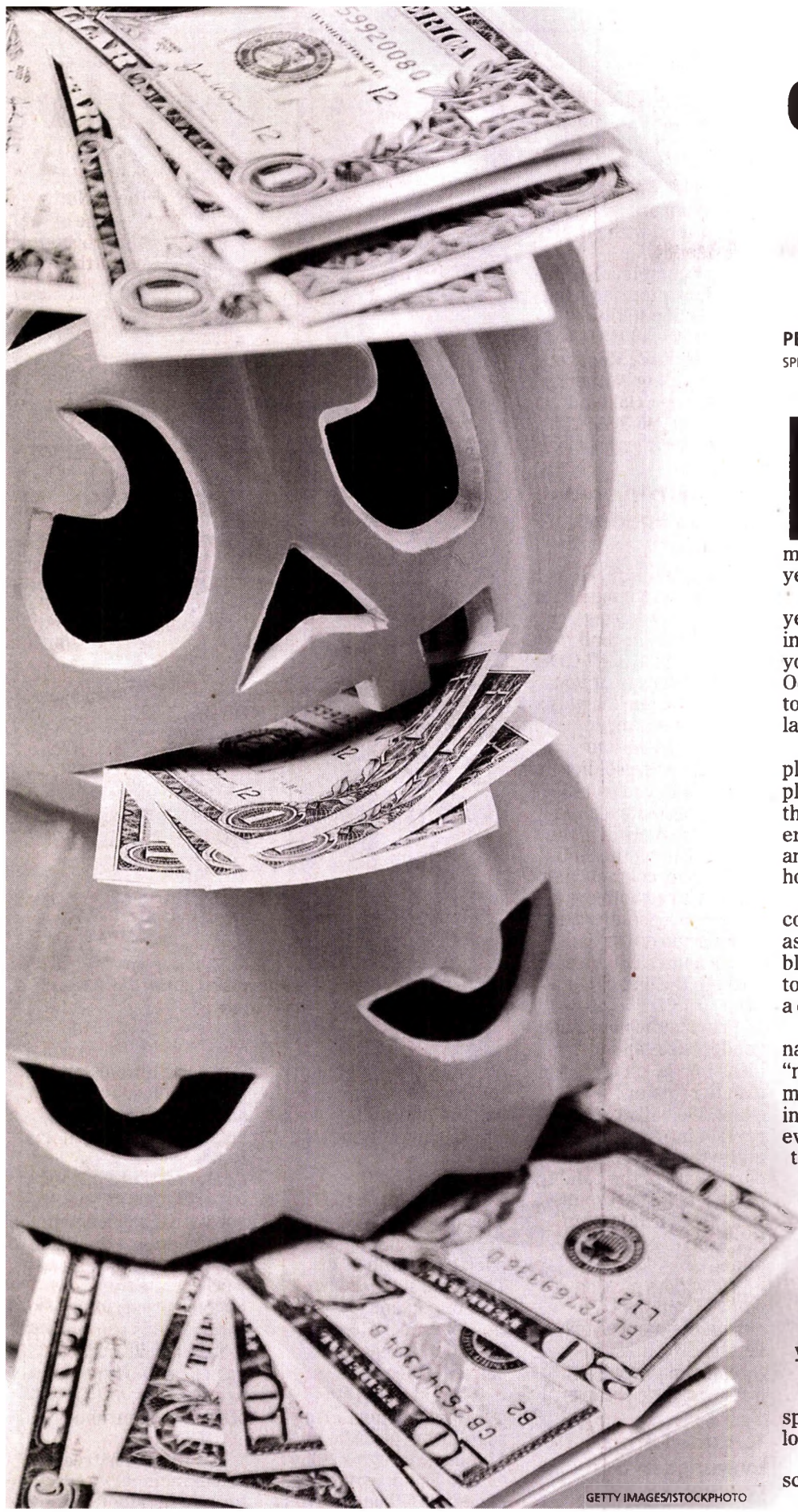
Figuring out that your bad moments were ones that you should have been prepared for but weren't isn't fun. But if you're able to acknowledge this reality, then you're on the road to preparing for what's next.

If the preceding exercise has you hanging your head, then you now know why I want you to do this in October and not December or January. Unless you intentionally set out to correct ugly personal finance trends, they will continue.

If you want to make a change, now is the time. If you wait until the end of the year draws closer, you'll be in trouble. Spending hits its peak from Thanksgiving through the end of the year.

If you want to rack up wins, or even the score, start now.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

AVOID ROAMING BILLS WHILE TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY

One reader's \$5,000-plus in charges turned into a learning experience

ROB PEGORARO
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

You can still be tripped up by painful cellphone bills while traveling outside the U.S.

How badly? One reader showed us a \$5,000-plus roaming bill. It required an especially awful set of circumstances — a confusing mix of Google calling apps, unusually restrictive roaming options and parents in a hurricane's way — that most wireless users won't encounter. But the risk of getting dinged with lesser international surcharges remains real.

Things started to go wrong for this reader (who asked to remain nameless to avoid people questioning her competence) when work required her to go to Saudi Arabia. Having often used Google Voice to make free calls through her computer's Web browser, she planned on using the mobile app of the same name to avoid roaming costs on her phone.

But although Google's online help does state that the Google Voice app's calls "use minutes from your mobile phone plan," its listings in Apple and Google's app stores hide that detail below "more" buttons and at the end of some scrolling.

To make Internet-only calls from a Google Voice number, you instead need to use Google's Hangouts app — the one the Google Voice app supposedly replaced in January. The iOS version lets you restrict calls to Wi-Fi, while the Android app's Hangouts Dialer only does calls over a data connection.

Verizon's Travel Pass international roaming isn't bad, but this \$10-per-day deal isn't on by default. And Verizon's lengthy list of Travel Pass countries overstates its reach with extensive double-counting: It lists England, Scotland,



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Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey and the United Kingdom as separate destinations.

Saudi Arabia isn't eligible for Travel Pass, leaving visitors stuck with pay-as-you-go rates of \$1.79 a minute for calls, 50 cents per text message and \$2.05 per megabyte of data. The kingdom also restricts prepaid SIM cards.

So my reader got one text advising her of those roaming rates on arrival, then received no further warning of her mounting bills as she had many lengthy calls with anxious, hurricane-menaced parents in Florida. The resulting balance due? \$5,585.60.

Verizon looked into the situation after I inquired about it and volunteered to refund the roaming total, even though the reader had canceled her account and ported out her Verizon number.

It's true, as the company notes, this was an unlikely combination of circumstances. But the problem could happen on a lesser scale because Verizon's default international roaming is so expensive. AT&T subscribers face an even worse risk, since that carrier's default pay-as-you-go rates outstrip Verizon's. And AT&T's \$10-per-day Day Pass option, meanwhile, works in far fewer

countries than its pricier Passport roaming packages.

Sprint and T-Mobile each include discounted international roaming in their regular plans. Both charge 20 cents a minute for calls and allow free texting and slow but usable 2G data in more than either AT&T or Verizon's most affordable roaming deals, including Saudi Arabia.

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Novi High School fall play

Students at Novi High School will present "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 19-21, in The Black Box, Novi High School. Enjoy a fast-paced, hysterical romp through all 37 of Shakespeare's comedies, histories and tragedies in one evening.

Tickets, \$8 adults and \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under, are

available at the door. For more information, call 248-345-1644 or email stagenovi@gmail.com.

Colbeck to hold office hour

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold an office hour from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 20, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the

cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information go to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Fall household hazardous waste drop-off day

A household hazardous waste drop-off day is scheduled for area residents, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Recycling Authority at 20875 Mapleridge in Southfield. Residents of

Farmington Hills, Farmington, Milford Township, the village of Milford, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom are all eligible to attend with proof of residency.

For a complete list of items accepted and a list of green non-toxic alternatives, call RRRASOC (Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) at 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org.

Operation Injured Soldiers holiday event

Operation Injured Soldiers has announced it will begin gathering names for its second annual Holiday Gift Giving for Veterans. If you or someone you know is a military veteran, deployed or has lost an airman/marine/soldier in combat and you would like to nominate a child (ren) to be placed on the Tree of Giving this holiday season, contact Operation Injured Soldiers at www.injuredsoldiers.org. Submission of the children's names will be open through the end of October.

Provide the name, age, gender, sizes and gift ideas for the children you plan to register for the event. We will also need contact information to invite the children to participate in the holiday party and gift presentation, to be held Dec. 16 (location to be determined).

We will be picking names from the tree during the month of November, for those interested in purchasing gifts for these children.

Tollgate Farms Evenings in the Garden

The fall season of MSU Tollgate's Evenings in the Garden includes Mary Gerstenberger on "Water: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

Advance registration is required. The cost is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17fall/>.

Northville Art House features Breuch

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, is showcasing potter David Breuch, a Novi resident, at the Art House Store. Breuch's work is in many private residences throughout the country and has been favorably auctioned in charitable fundraising events.

The Art House Store is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 6-9 p.m. each first Friday of the month. The store features the work of more than 40 local artists. For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvilleart.com.

Underground Railroad in Detroit

Wixom Public Library is hosting a presentation on the Underground Railroad in Detroit, set for 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. This free event is a PowerPoint and lecture presented by Jamon Jordan of The Black Scroll Network History & Tours. This event is presented as part of the eighth annual Community Reads Initiative, "Underground Airlines" by Ben H. Winters.

Artist and crafters gallery

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery features rotating exhibits from artists and crafters and



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provides the opportunity for the community to explore and support local arts. Upcoming shows include:

Palette and Brush Club, through Oct. 30: This metro 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.

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.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried all-media exhibition titled Small Works. A First Friday reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The exhibit continues through Dec. 16 during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday (the gallery is closed Thanksgiving weekend). Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvilleart.com.

Artist lecture: Carolyn Weins

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to hear guest speaker and pastel artist Carolyn Weins, discuss her nature inspired capturing of the essence of the world around us. VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone interested in the area art scene and are on fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October.

Normally at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, this meeting and demonstration, set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, will be at the Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford. Come for the general meeting at 7 p.m. or come for the lecture only at 7:30 p.m. For more information, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

Barn Preservation Matters

The Salem Area Historical Society presents Barn Preservation Matters, a presentation by

Charles Bultman, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Jarvis Stone Schoolhouse, 7991 N. Territorial Road, Salem.

Bultman is a practicing architect in Ann Arbor with experience in construction, education and photography, along with architecture and historic preservation. Bultman has worked with more than 40 antique barns, converting many to be houses, as well as offices, restaurants and artist studios.

Admission is free for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

Country Garden Club meeting

The the Country Garden Club of Northville will host a meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Speakers will be Michigan Division president Mary Schwark and Rita Urbanski, WF&G National Association. Interested guests are welcome.

CPL class in Novi

Fulfill the classroom and shooting requirements needed to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License at the Novi Police Department's Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course takes place at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile Road. The classroom portion is in the morning and, after lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the training.

Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

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

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Davies



Alice age 84, died peacefully at St. Anne's Mead on September 30, 2017 in Southfield, Michigan with her family by her side. Preceded in death by her husband, Hugh, who died on September 2, 2005 after 51 years of marriage, her sister, Grace Winslow and her brother, Eldon Collier. Survived by brothers Fred Welsh, Bob Welsh and sister, Meg Widmer. Sisters-in-law, Doreen Lawton and Gwyn Glove. Mother of Evan, Hugh and Anne. Grandma to Trevor, Nathan, Cody, Brianna, Danica, Cassandra, Keenan and Liam. Great-grandma to Parker, Morgan, Rowan, Carter and Natalia. Aunt Alice to Mark, Gary, Linden, Ethel, Elaine, Vincent, September, Sue, Bill, Colton, Gayle, Patty and Pammy. Alice was born on January 5, 1933 to Edward and Ethel Welsh in Flint, Michigan. The family lived in Roseville, Michigan before moving to Welsh Orchards in 1941. Alice graduated from high school at the age of 17 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education from Alma College. Alice met her future husband while working on "The Taming of the Shrew" together at Alma. Alice and Hugh "Bud" Davies were married in 1954 and enjoyed 51 years of marriage. Alice worked as a music teacher until her third child was born in 1964. When Alice rejoined the work force, she wrote for the Milford Times for several years until being hired full time at Milford High School to teach English. Alice was also involved in the drama program at the high school. In 1993 Alice retired from teaching to join the Peace Corps. She traveled to Sri Lanka to teach English. When she returned from the Peace Corps, Alice and Bud enjoyed travel to England, Scotland, France and Italy. Alice loved art, music and theatre. She was a Master Gardner, accomplished pianist, and member of a wind ensemble group that performed yearly at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Alice was full of curiosity and never tired of learning new things, meeting new people and having new experiences. She was passionately involved with the Democratic party, ran for Oakland County Commissioner and served as president of the board for Huron Valley Schools. Alice was a lifetime supporter of NPR and PBS. Alice's legacy is planted in the heart of everyone that knew her and the family that was at the center of her world. The family welcomes all to attend a Memorial Service in Celebration of Alice's life on Sunday, October 29 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Bakers of Milford. Memorial tributes to the Alzheimer's Association.

George



Barbara Jane age 93, of Northville, passed away on October 10, 2017. She was born October 24, 1923 in Williamston, Michigan; daughter of Leon F. and Esther (nee Hunter) Rork. She graduated from Wayne High School, Class of 1941. She was united in marriage to Charles A. George on November 3, 1943; married for almost 69 years until his death on May 27, 2012. Together they devoted their lives to raising a family and having faith in God. Barbara was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville. She was an active church volunteer who knitted caps for premature babies and prayer shawls for those in need. She was a wonderful homemaker, a terrific cook, and a fantastic baker. She was known for the delicious cookies in her cookie jar. Barbara loved to garden and took great pride in the beautiful garden she created at home. She was a very talented seamstress and made her daughters bridesmaid dresses. She also learned to craft homemade porcelain dolls that her daughters and nieces all enjoy. Barbara was a wonderful babysitter and even helped care for her great grandchild at the age of 90. One of her favorite past times was playing cards and games with her family and spending time with them at their cabin on Silver Lake. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Barbara is survived by her daughters, Karon (Steve) Farris, Kathy (Fred) Witt, and Wendy (John Zimmer) Brown; her brother Charlie (Rosie) Rork; her grandchildren, Jim (Shelley) Frisbie, John (Deea) Frisbie, Jennifer (Dave) Francis, Aaron (Melissa) Witt, Michelle (Jeremy) Tennant, Jason Brown, Julie Brown, and Amy (Travis) Laufenberg; 14 great grandchildren; and her longtime family friend Gene Overholt. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters and a brother. A funeral service was held Friday, October 13, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Northville. Rev. Marsha Woolley and Rev. Douglas Vernon officiated the service. Mrs. George was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the First United Methodist Church, 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. Please share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

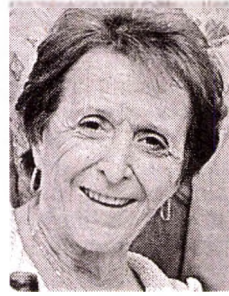
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Groner

Martin L. age 80, passed away October 13, 2017. He was the former president of Novi Manufacturing retiring in 2002. He loved to hunt, fish and tend to his lovely garden. Martin is survived by his daughters Christine (Robert) Kotoucek, Kelly (Russell) Collins and son Dwayne (Janet) Roy; 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and siblings Will Groner, Dana (Marcia) Groner, Ken (Ellen) Groner and Mary Abriss. He is preceded in death by his wife Patricia (2014). A memorial gathering will take place on Saturday, October 21, from 10am until the time of service at noon, from Phillips Funeral Home.

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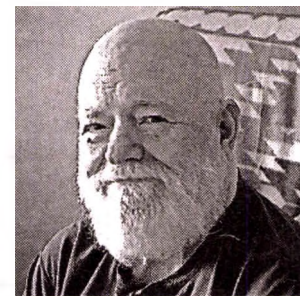
Wilson-Hader



Carol A. formerly of Beverly Hills, Florida, passed away peacefully Monday, September 18, 2017 under the loving care of her family and Hospice in Virginia. Carol Ann was born November 4, 1946 and grew up in South Lyon. She was the 5th generation to graduate from South Lyon High School. Carol Ann lived and raised her family in South Lyon until she moved to Crystal River, Florida in 1989 where she was the owner and decorator of Carol Ann's Interiors and was voted the best decorator in Citrus County for several years. Carol Ann was loved by all who knew her; she enjoyed being involved in the community, sewing, boating, snorkeling, entertaining and spending time with her family and friends. Left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Cathy (Gary) Campbell of Michigan, Christine (Jeff) Bair of Virginia; brothers, Jim (Chris) Wilson, Dan Wilson and Bill (Victoria) Wilson of Michigan; 2 grandchildren, Hailey Bair and Ryan Bair of Virginia; step-granddaughter, Amanda Heard of Michigan as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life for Carol Ann is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon, Michigan. Prayer service will begin at 3:00pm.

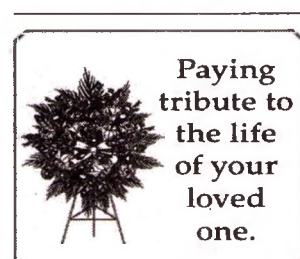
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Miller



Richard H. age 81, passed away October 14, 2017. He was born February 18, 1936 in Washington D.C., son of the late Henry and Margaret Miller. Prior to his retirement, Richard spent 42 years in body design with Ford Motor Company. He is survived by his beloved wife, Frances; his loving children: Anthony, Denise (Sam) Kearsal, Patricia (John) Moore, Barbara (Michael) Whelan, Susan (Jeff) Bayer, Judith (Doug) Browne, Christine (Carl) Elgaen, Andrew (Lisa), and Martha (Joe) Scott. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 4 brothers, and 4 sisters. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004, or to the Richard and Frances Miller Trust, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. A private family service has been held.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

SET IT AND FORGET IT

Turn a weakness into a strength — being lazy can actually help you save money

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If saving money overwhelms you, maybe it's time to try a new approach. "Trick yourself to be lazy when it comes to savings," says Dan Andrews, a certified financial planner at Well-Rounded Success in the Denver area.

In other words, make saving more automatic. Checking and savings accounts offer tools that can aid in building wealth without much effort. Change up your banking with these tricks.

SET UP AUTOMATIC TRANSFERS

The key to saving is consistency, and that's where technology can help. Using your bank's website or mobile app, create a recurring transfer from checking to savings every month, or if you're regularly paid twice or more monthly, consider setting one after each payday.

Automatic transfers

free you from regularly deciding when and how much to save. And the setup takes just a few minutes. You need to know three things: which two accounts to use, how often transfers occur and the amount. Experts recommend you save about 20% of your after-tax income. So if you take home \$5,000 a month, aim to put away \$1,000. If that's initially out of reach, start with a smaller amount and work your way toward that 20%.

SPLIT YOUR DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you're tempted to skip saving money right after payday, this strategy might be useful. Instead of a direct deposit into one account, you can have income go straight to two or more accounts. This lets you separate your spending money from your savings right away. This strategy won't work for every-

one. You need to receive your pay as direct deposits, and your company must be on board. Some employers don't let you split direct deposits.

If split deposits are available, there's another perk. Some banks offer sign-up bonuses when you open a new checking account with direct deposit. Just make sure a new account is a useful addition and that you don't get stuck with fees or high minimum balance requirements.

OPEN MULTIPLE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Having one savings account might not be enough, especially if you like focusing on specific financial goals. That's where single-purpose accounts can shine.

Having multiple accounts is easier than it sounds. Start with a second savings account for one purpose, such as stockpiling an emergency fund. Then create a recurring transfer, even if it's a small amount — say, \$50 — to gradually reach your goal. Tracking progress is easy; just check the balance.

"I used to have just two accounts, checking and savings," says Muriel Vega, a tech writer in Atlanta, "but they weren't really working for me."

Eight years ago, she opened a sec-

ond savings account to use as an emergency fund. When her freelance assignments started ramping up, she opened a business checking account and a savings account to set aside money for business-related taxes. She also has a separate checking account to pay home and utility bills and a savings account for vacations.

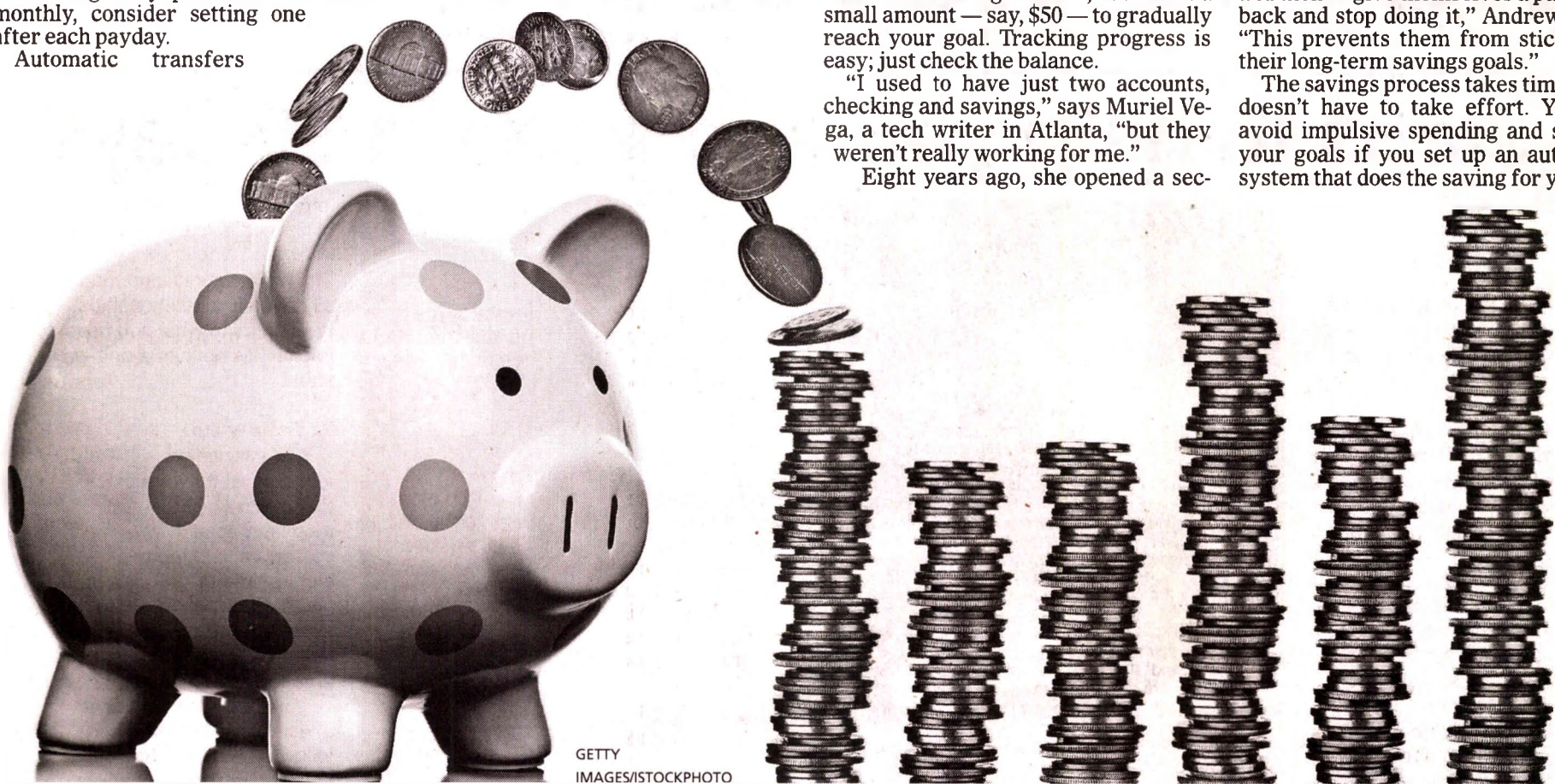
"I have seven accounts now. That's three checking and four savings," Vega says. Most of her savings accounts are at two online banks that have attractive features such as competitive savings rates and no monthly fees.

On the day she gets paid, she has several automatic transfers ready to send funds to her various accounts. The result: no micromanaging of money required.

LET IT RIDE

"I've seen clients save for two months and then ... give themselves a pat on the back and stop doing it," Andrews says. "This prevents them from sticking to their long-term savings goals."

The savings process takes time, but it doesn't have to take effort. You can avoid impulsive spending and stick to your goals if you set up an automatic system that does the saving for you.



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BY PETER JONES
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1. Make a spreadsheet.

Excel is your friend in the organization game. And organization is the key to getting a job fast. Keep track of company name, position title, a link to the job posting itself, application materials, due dates, plus the date you applied, follow-up dates and notes. If you hate Excel, try JibberJobber or Fresh Transition instead. But do keep all your details organized and easily referenced — you'll be glad you did.

2. Do your homework.

Be informed — very informed — about the industry where you're applying. Research every company and every position. Research the people who might be interviewing you and supervising you. Research the top people and the company's mission. The more you know and the



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more prepared you are, the better you'll do. And the more you strategize and target your applications, the more efficient your search will be.

3. Dig deep.

What do you actually want in a job? What have you liked and disliked about your current and former positions? Why do you want a change? Think about your values and which kind of work environments suit you best. Try to aim for places that match up with

your innate talents and tastes first. You'll be a better fit right out of the gate.

4. Budget your time.

Once you have a game plan and an organizational system, you'll want to devote time every day to your job search for 30 days.

You couldn't possibly spend all day every day on it, but even just 30 minutes of concentrated work a day will move you that much closer to the finish line.

5. Get social.

Your promo toolbox consists of your social media platforms. Get them all up to fighting speed. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn ... make sure these accounts are active and up to date. Make sure you're using them correctly and are working consistently toward building your personal online brand.

6. Network.

The one step you might like to avoid is probably the most

important. Sometimes all the difference is made in who you know and who knows you. Think of it as initiating mutually beneficial relationships. Keep in mind what you have to offer. It's not just a one-way street.

7. Follow up.

Your interviewer will likely tell you that they will be in touch with you soon. Tell them immediately how much you appreciate them taking the time to interview you and mention you are eagerly awaiting a response. Then follow up with the same. Send a handwritten thank-you note — you'd be surprised at how effective this can be. Then follow up with a phone call if you haven't heard back in two weeks. And don't forget to note when and how you've followed up on your spreadsheet.

8. Be patient.

Keep looking. Keep working at it. Don't get discouraged after a few rejections. If you're consistent and keep honing your tools, you'll get there.

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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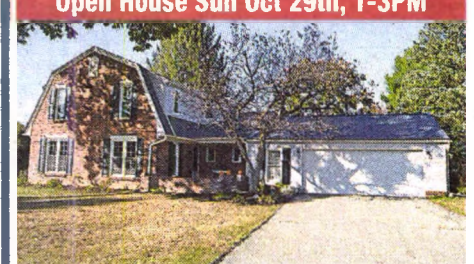
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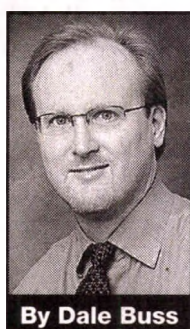
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HYUNDAI TESTS 'SHOPPER ASSURANCE' PROGRAM TO BOOST CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE 4 WAYS, PLANNING NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT IN 2018



By Dale Buss

As U.S. auto sales level off and competition tightens for what is still a healthy pool of customers, brands are turning to traditional levers such as bigger financial incentives to make sure they're competitive.

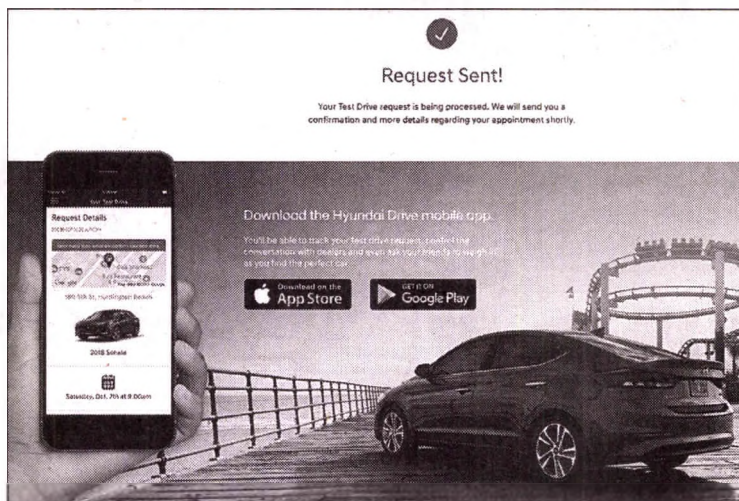
Hyundai dealers are bringing something new to the game: a program called Shopper Assurance that aims to make the buying experience better. It launches in Miami, Orlando, Dallas and Houston and will roll out to all U.S. Hyundai dealers in early 2018.

Of course, the car-buying experience is infamously frustrating to American consumers and especially to millennials, who want to handle as much of the process as possible online. But Hyundai's research found that if the brand could address four pain points, 84 percent of consumers would visit a dealership that offered solutions over one that did not.

"It is the future of car buying, and our commitment to creating a flexible, efficient and better way to purchase a car in partnership with our dealer body," said Dean Evans, CMO of Hyundai Motor America, in a press release.

Specifically, Shopper Assurance offers:

- **Transparent Pricing:** Participating dealers post the fair market pricing on their web sites (MSRP minus



incentives and any dealer-offered discounts) so customers know exactly what the market pricing is for the vehicle, reducing negotiating time and eliminating the frustration of widely advertised incentives not being available on dealer web sites.

- **Flexible Test Drive:** Customers can contact the dealer through a Hyundai platform that allows them to schedule by phone or by app in available markets, for delivery of the test-drive vehicle at a location of their choosing.

- **Streamlined Purchase:** Buyers can complete most paperwork online before visiting the dealership for a vehicle in the dealer's inventory, including applying for financing, obtaining credit approvals, calculating payment estimates and valuing trade-ins.

- **Three-Day Money-Back Guarantee:** Return the car for a full refund as long as it's got less than 300 miles.

Hyundai could use a lift. The brand's sales in the US were down by 15 percent

through September compared with a year earlier, while the overall light-vehicle market was down only less than 2 percent in the same period. Lately Hyundai has struggled mainly with the fact that it's relatively light on SUVs and crossovers compared with sedans, and American consumers have shifted significantly away from the latter.

Hyundai hopes to get about 700 of its 820 dealers to go with the voluntary Shopper Assurance program. Its Genesis luxury brand will get something similar in 2018.

"We did extensive research, some of that internally over the last two years, asking customers what they wanted," Evans told me. "We had good ideas, from being close to customers for years, about test drives. And what were other companies like Amazon and other remote business models like grocery stores doing to bring products to people? There were some studies out there and we said, look at the pain.

"It's a balancing act all the time with retailers and customers. Every store runs a little differently. We're trying to highlight overall improvement categories like time saved without being too prescriptive, and dial in a better experience over time."

"We can't dictate pricing to the dealer body, but we recognize in the marketplace that there is a transaction price that consumers all kind of figure out and go get in the research process through TrueCar and Edmunds and so on. When a customer comes to a Hyundai retailer, especially online, I want that number that they want to sell their car for to be about the same as everyone online says it should be. We want our price to validate that."

"Because of all those variables, and because the dealer network is at various stages of adoption, we're staying at the high level in this year. But some dealers, even tomorrow, could be down to the

penny with the price, a guaranteed trade-in and digital signage online. I want the customer to see only maybe a \$500 difference between my trade and what they see on Kelly Blue Book and CarMax. We're trying to show them transparency, not guaranteeing some online transactional-level sale price."

Do consumers remember Hyundai Assurance, which the brand launched in 2009 to guarantee it would pick up car payments if someone bought a Hyundai and later lost their job?

"What they think of Hyundai today," Evans said, "is that we're definitely a value brand and a rational brand and with these assurances, and they pop up every once in a while. That's why we attach this to 'Assurance': There's some value in that and we love the word. How do we make the customer more at the center of our world? We think this could be the Assurance that's most memorable over time."



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