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Democratic Club to meet

Northville Democratic Club will host its monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Ave., at Mill Race Village in downtown Northville.

The Northville Democratic Club will offer an information-packed meeting. Club leaders will discuss activism and how to move forward, fighting for basic fairness and social justice and what to do to promote effective change.

Dance team auditions

Northville Middle School Dance Team auditions for 2017-18 season are May 9 and 12 in the Meads Mill Gym, 4:30-7 p.m.

The Northville Middle School Dance Team will host a prep-audition clinic 4:15-6:15 p.m., April 25 in the Meads Mill Gym.

Registration is \$25. Visit nhscompetitive.danceteam.com for more details.

Road repairs ready to shut down M-5

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Motorists who use M-5 through Novi or Commerce Township should start looking for alternative routes.

A \$3.5 million concrete pavement repair project on a several-mile stretch of the freeway is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, with the complete shutdown of the southbound

lanes between Maple Road and 12 Mile. Drivers in the area should see portable message signs warning of the upcoming closure, according to a statement from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Once pavement repairs on the southbound stretch are finished, MDOT says, the northbound lanes will be shut down between 12 Mile and Pontiac Trail for repairs on that stretch.

The freeway shutdown is intended to provide safety for repair workers and motorists by prohibiting vehicles from entering the work zone.

East-west roads that cross M-5 are to remain open, at least one lane in each direction, across the highway for the duration of the project. The freeway ramps from 12 Mile to southbound M-5 will also stay open; those ramps also provide access

to other parts of the freeway system.

The entire project is expected to be completed in late June.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said the project is expected to be completed before road projects by the Road Commission for Oakland County in the vicinity are to begin.

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The production centers around the relationship between Gomez Addams (Quentin Baur) and his daughter Wednesday (Eliza Turnage).

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Northville High School actors get creepy, kooky in 'Addams Family'

38-member cast takes stage Thursday-Saturday

Brad Kadrich
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Northville High School senior Quentin Baur wants to be a billionaire lawyer when he finishes school.

So playing billionaire lawyer Gomez Addams in Northville High School's gives him a unique glimpse into his own future.

"In a way, I'm playing my future self," said Baur, who is performing on-stage for the

first time. "As an Addams family member, (Gomez) is like this weird guy. He takes everything with a twist of humor."

Baur joins the rest of the cast for Northville's production of "The Addams Family" musical Thursday through Saturday. The 38-member cast will tell the story of the Addamses, who've lived by their unique values for hundreds of years. A central theme of the production, according to director Tracy Spada, is Gomez's torment over a secret with

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Rehearsals for the 35-member cast started in January, and culminate in the production April 20-22.

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Doctor charged with female genital mutilation

Patients were ages 6-8, according to allegations

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A doctor has been charged with conducting female genital mutilation on several of her children patients in Livonia, a charge that officials say is the first of its kind in the country. Dr. Jumana Nagarwala, 44, of

Northville is set to be arraigned today on federal charges of conducting female genital mutilation on patients at a medical office in Livonia. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Eastern Michigan announced the charges Thursday morning.

Federal officials say Nagarwala performed the procedure on patients, ages 6-8, who had traveled interstate for the work to be done. It's believed to be the

first charge under the federal female genital mutilation law.

"According to the complaint, despite her oath to care for her patients, Dr. Nagarwala is alleged to have performed horrifying acts of brutality on the most vulnerable victims," Acting Assistant Attorney General Blanco said in a statement. "The Department of Justice is committed to stopping female genital mutilation in this country and will use the full power of the law

to ensure that no girls suffer such physical and emotional abuse."

A profile listed on the Henry Ford Health System website lists a Dr. Jumana Nagarwala as a specialist in emergency medicine. It states she graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1998 and completed a residency at Henry Ford Hospital in emergency medicine

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Grocery-bag art promotes environmental awareness

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Students at Deerfield Elementary School got creative last week as they prepared for Earth Day, which is Saturday.

Led by the school's third-graders, the students took time April 13 to decorate more than 200 grocery bags, using crayons and markers, with nature-themed drawings and sayings designed to encourage shoppers to keep and re-use them.

The bags will be available Saturday at the Kroger supermarket on Grand River in Novi and students are hoping their artwork will inspire environmental awareness. The bags were originally donated by Kroger.

The Deerfield students teamed up with their "buddies" — students from other grade levels with whom they regularly work — for the project.

"They loved it. They were very engaged," said Nanci Dutkiewicz, a third-grade teacher. "They were very excited. I had kids who wanted to do more bags." Dutkiewicz's students paired with their first-grade buddies.

The bag-decorating project was part of a Deerfield program designed to foster leadership by students, with each grade level taking the lead role on a community service project every Thursday for a month at a time.

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Town hall engages area residents

Legislators listen to concerns from constituents

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Kim Cates has seen her health care premiums jump some 400 percent, so when she found out state Rep. Kristy Pagan and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell would be at a town hall meeting Thursday at Belleville High School, she decided to go.

Cates, a Belleville resident, was among an audience of some 120 people who turned out for what Michigan House Democrats are calling a "Listening Tour," a series of about a half-dozen similar town hall-style meetings where they take questions from the audience on subjects ranging from the failed Republican health care proposal and school vouchers to federal cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Meals on Wheels and after-school programs.

Cates appreciated the chance to hear from her legislators, but wasn't all that happy with what they said.

"I wanted to hear there was going to be some help coming for these premium increases," Cates said. "I heard an answer, but I didn't hear what I wanted to hear."

Pagan and Dingell were joined by Ezinne Ndukwe, a health care analyst for the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, and



BRAD KADRICH

Some of the 120 or so residents who turned out for the town hall.

Timothy Michling, a research associate with the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to improving health and informing policy based on facts.

They talked about the federal health care proposal and several budget proposals, focusing on how they believe those proposals will affect residents of Michigan.

Responding to a question about school vouchers, Dingell said she wasn't sure how the appointment of school voucher-proponent Betsy DeVos as education secretary would affect public education.

"I don't know what's going to happen with (DeVos)," Dingell said. "She's one of the biggest

supporters of vouchers."

Another question involved the concerns over collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia to affect last year's election. Dingell said the investigation, currently being conducted in both the House and Senate, should be done independently.

"I believe Republicans are as concerned as the Democrats" about the allegations, Dingell said. "I think it should be an independent investigation."

Not everyone was happy with what they heard in the meeting. Mike Mickevicius of Ypsilanti said he felt the whole thing seemed "scripted."

"We need to connect to our legislators," Mickevicius said. "This whole

program was scripted; we weren't allowed to ask real questions. I think (Dingell's) agenda is her husband's agenda, which is the Affordable Care Act and a one-payer system. I'm also concerned she's pushing the 'adversary' position between Republicans and Democrats, rather than thinking 'we the people.'"

Dingell said she's been doing a large number of these town hall-style meetings and they're important especially now, in such a divisive time.

"Right now, people want to know their legislators are available," Dingell said. "They want to talk. We need to make sure we're connecting with people and listening to them."

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in 1999.

Federal law calls for a maximum sentence of five years in prison if convicted and 10 years if "substantial bodily injury

results from violation" of the law, according to the law's language.

Several agencies were acknowledged as assisting with the case, including the Livonia Police Department, and with support of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office

of the Eastern District of Michigan and the FBI's International Human Rights Unit, Criminal Investigative Division.

"The allegations detailed in today's criminal complaint are disturbing. The FBI, along with its law enforcement partners, are committed to

doing whatever necessary to bring an end to this barbaric practice and to ensure no additional children fall victim to this procedure", Special Agent in Charge David Gelios said in a statement.

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Northville High School's production of "Addams Family" features some 35 actors in the cast.

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which his macabre daughter, Wednesday, has entrusted him.

Wednesday has told her dad she's in love with someone, and Gomez, according to Spada, is torn between telling his wife Morticia and betraying Wednesday's confidence, or not telling Morticia and betraying his wife.

"Gomez is holding this secret ... He's got to decide if he's going to betray the trust," Spada said. "It's Gomez's story, really."

The darkness of the plot — it's far different from the campy 1960s TV show — helped attract Spada to it.

"I'm drawn to creep, dark humor," Spada acknowledged. "It's a totally different story. It brings in all the things you remember — Cousin It, Uncle Fester, Thing — but it has its own story line. It's almost like a new episode."

The cast and crew have been at it since rehearsals started the first week of February. While all shows have their challenges, Spada said "Addams Family" is particularly challenging because "it's pretty heavy, technically," with a



Northville High School brings the "Addams Family" musical to the stage this week.

CATHY LU

lot of lighting and musical shifting. "Rehearsals have gone well," Spada said. "It's more of a challenge the last couple of weeks, because we bring in all of the tech aspects."

But the cast has adjusted well and,

on Saturday, climbed into costumes and makeup for the first time, which helped bring the characters even more to life for them.

Senior Eliza Turnage turned to one of her favorite characters — April Lud-

gate from NBC's "Parks and Recreation" — to help bring Wednesday Addams to life.

"I channel my inner Aubrey Plaza," Turnage said. "The hard part is, in this show, (Wednesday) is being pulled in a new direction. She's dealing with a lot of emotions she's never had. She's in love, so there are times she has more emotion. It's finding that balance."

Senior Carleigh Ray plays Morticia, wife of Gomez and mother of Wednesday. She said the Addams matriarch is a blend of personality traits she's having fun playing.

"The personality is something I've never played before," said Ray, who was in "Pippin," and played Blanche in "Brighton Beach Memoirs." "She's dark and serious, but she has a sass to her. It's very mixed, but it's fun to experiment with on stage."

Northville High School's production of "The Addams Family" hits the stage April 20-21 at 7 p.m., and April 22 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 online (www.showtix4u.com) or \$15 at the door.

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Caring for parents can be both frustrating, fulfilling

When my mom died in late 2002, my dad looked at me and asked, "What's going to happen to me now?"

Before my mom died, my dad Bill had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Definitely he had memory loss and some erratic behavior, but I doubted the definitive diagnosis.

My dad asked what would happen to him because he knew something wasn't quite right. My response was — looking back — pretty nonchalant: "Well, you will move in with me."

I have no doubt that my mom, who was very concerned, yet very weary, about my father, would have nodded in agreement. Lots of other people, how-



Joanne Maliszewski
STAFF WRITER

ever, thought I was crazy and in for a wild ride.

Well, the first year with my dad under my care was indeed a wild ride. Many sleepless nights, many arguments and incredible exasperation. Doctors told me I was wrong for keeping him at my house.

I even went twice to caregiver support groups. I finally walked out when for hours I heard other "children" complain of the time it took to visit their parents in a nursing home or assisted living. And how inconvenient it was for their lifestyles to — at a distance — care

for their parents.

So I hunkered down. About a year into our experience, my dad was kicked out of his day care program. He had slugged a man who used foul language at the women running the program. I went to pick him up that day and found him crying at a table by himself.

It was an epiphany for me. I had spent the year trying to fix my dad. No wonder I was miserable. So I made a big decision. We were just going to live and have fun along the way.

The decision forced me into rearranging my life, facing facts, incorporating my dad into my life — instead of behaving like a caregiver — and getting organized.

Eventually, I found the Alzheimer's Association's day care program in Southfield. It was a blessing. Staff members knew how to work with my

dad — when to leave him alone, when to talk with him, when to tell him to sit down.

Along the way, I found my own methods to ensure his safety and to make his life as free and easy as possible.

I bought an erasable board and each day left him messages, such as "don't let the dogs out" and "stay home." My dad loved cigars, but refused to smoke them in the house. So he created a perch of sorts in the garage with a chair and a stool to hold his giant ashtray. Every day, he opened the garage door and watched the world while enjoying his cigars. He often reported back his thoughts.

That erasable board was a lifesaver. Each day, I left him two \$1 bills — one

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Aging agency to host forum on public spending

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will hold a public forum to get feedback on how approximately \$22 million in annual federal and state funding earmarked for senior services in its six-county service region during fiscal year 2018 should be spent. The agency's service region includes much of southeast Michigan, including Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. About 30 percent of the



McGuire

state's seniors — nearly 640,000 people over age 60 — reside in its service area.

The agency is seeking feedback from the public as part of the development of its Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2018, which runs from Oct. 1,

2017, through Sept. 30, 2018. The plan will map out spending priorities for funding received from the state of Michigan's Aging & Adult Services Agency and federal funds received from the Administration on Aging via the Older Americans Act.

"The funding we receive from these federal and state sources helps support programs like Meals on Wheels and other services that can give seniors the extra help they need to live comfortably, safely and with dignity," said Jim McGuire, AAA 1-B interim CEO. "These are programs that are crucial to our region's older adults."

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors."

The agency is inviting seniors, family members who are caring for older adults, senior advocates, senior care professionals and any other interested members of the public to attend the forum, which will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the AAA 1-B Southfield office, 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400. People who cannot attend the forum in person are invited to phone in to share their feedback.

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors," McGuire said.

For more information or phone-in instructions for the forum, email Angela Dixon at adixon@aaa1b.com. For more information on the AAA 1-B or its programs and services for older adults, call 800-852-7795 or go to AAA1B.org.



Claude Centers, 90, was recently honored for his World War II service by the Marine Corps League.

90-year-old Marine veteran honored for his service

Claude Centers was honored for his service to the country during World War II at a recent Marine Corps League meeting.

Centers, 90, and his wife Patricia have lived for more than 60 years in the same house in Livonia, where they raised their six children.

After high school and before he was married, Centers served as a U.S. Marine and to this day is proud to say "once a Marine, always a Marine." Centers graduated in 1944 and, because of his work in the family business, Titus Welding, and his interest in engineering, he wanted to be a Navy Seabee ("we build, we fight"). But his father said they had so much work on the home front, he waited to be drafted. It wasn't long after that he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps.

He remembers that Mrs. Yonkers, the mother of a school friend, told him to ask for sea school. After basic training at Parris Island, most of the

recruits were sent to the Pacific to fight for the island of Okinawa. Many didn't return home. Centers was accepted for sea duty and was sent to San Diego for school, then to Philadelphia for his assignment on the newly christened U.S.S. Los Angeles.

As the ship headed to the Pacific, the atomic bomb was dropped and the war was over. Centers became a Chinese Marine when his ship was reassigned to defend the Chinese coast from Tsingtao in the north to Hong Kong in the south. He finished his tour and came home in 1946. In 1947, he joined the Marine Corps League.

The Centers have six children: Claudia, Chris, Tom, Joe, Gretchen and Marianne. Joe says he remembers his dad always talking about his sons serving in the military. As they grew up, the war in Vietnam was going on.

"I remember he always said he figured he would lose one of us in Vietnam," Joe said. But just as the boys got

to that age, the war in Vietnam ended and so did the draft. None of them had to serve. But it was daughter No. 2, Gretchen, who surprised everybody when she joined the Marines.

"I graduated in 1979, enlisted in 1980 and served four years," Gretchen said. "I like to say my dad was drafted and I drifted into the Marines. I guess I needed a little discipline."

"After I was discharged in 1985 and came back home to Livonia, my dad and I were at a Livonia Goodfellow meeting and a couple of Marine Corps League members and asked if we wanted to join. That's how I started and my dad started up again. League members march in local parades, visit veterans at the VA hospital and participate in fundraisers to help veterans in need."

Why the Marines? "When I enlisted, I didn't even consider any other branch because of the pride my dad had for the Marine Corps," Gretchen said.

Novi senior tackles trash head-on

King, 69, prowls city's streets in hopes of quest to garbage

This report may be a surprise to Novi resident Linda King. But there are those out there who want her efforts acknowledged.

When she retired seven years ago, King started picking up trash in the community. "What started her doing it was she was driving down the road one day and noticed trash everywhere and said to herself, 'Someone needs to pick that up.' Then it hit her, that someone was her," said her daughter, Christy Deringer.

Since then King — with garbage bags and a Gripper Wagon — cleans up the parking lot of the Novi Ten Shopping Center, walking Meadowbrook or 10 Mile down to Novi Road.

King, 69, cannot miss a piece of

garbage. As her daughter tells it, if she is in a car and sees trash, she will return to pick it up.

King, whose husband was a custodian with the Novi Community School District for 30-plus years, used to have a car. Unfortunately, their car was stolen about five years ago. It was found in a chop shop in Detroit. Believe it or not, "she was just happy to get some of her things — the Gripper Wagon and garbage bags. I don't even think she thought of the car!!" Deringer said.

King's daughter is thankful some of the businesses in her area offer her a cold drink during the summer as she is cleaning up. "Maria (Maria's Bakery) forces her to come in and get a cold drink when she's out in the summer," she said. "It's nice to know people do show appreciation. Sometimes people tell her she's crazy, but she just smiles."



Novi resident Linda King picks up trash along a road.

A nurse's life at war in the South Pacific

Vera Rauh didn't know what it was when it hit, but she knew it was something big — and terrible. She watched in horror as the U.S. Navy warship U.S.S. Birmingham exploded in a mass of flames. She didn't realize it at the time, but she had just seen the ship hit by a Japanese kamikaze.

Navy records referred to it as a "hostile air craft," among other similar names. They didn't know about kamikaze planes at the time, but they were about to learn a whole lot more about them.

Rauh saw a lot more shocking things during her years as an army nurse during World War II. From 1943 through the end of the war until 1946, she was one of the 59,000 army nurses who served on navy ships in combat. When Rauh left the service, she had a collection of incredible memories and stacks of documents from her years in the service.

"She kept everything," said her daughter, Donna Mallonen. That includes some fabulous photos.

Mallonen will present them, along with many of her mom's stories, at the next mini lecture sponsored by the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society set for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Pine Grove, headquarters of the OCPHS at 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. in Pontiac.

"Life on a World War II Hospital Ship" will give a fascinating and intimate look into Rauh's incredible adventures in the Pacific. Originally from Frankenmuth, Rauh was drawn to nursing after her brother had to deal with physical ailments. She received nurse training at Saginaw General Hospital and enlisted in the army in 1943.

"It was the thing to do," Mallonen



In the burn unit aboard the U.S.S. Mercy. Vera Rauh is at front row, left.

said. At that time, the U.S. Army Nurse Corps sailed on navy ships, usually following soldiers into combat. Rauh worked in a burn unit, which could be a traumatic place at times. Mallonen recalled her mom once saying, "I hope people understand what war is about, because the smell of burning flesh is not pleasant."

After the war, she went to Michigan State University, where she met and married Edward Mallonen. She died in 2011.

Hear more of Rauh's stories at the mini lecture. Admission is \$7 and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, go to www.ocphs.org.

Farmington Hills volunteer honored

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center has named Farmington Hills resident Ruth Nye-Hurst as its Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Nye-Hurst graduated with her master of education from Wayne State University and taught high school mathematics in the Detroit Public Schools system for more than 25 years before retiring.

Discovering the volunteer opportunity with SVSF through an online search, she has been volunteering with the GED program since 2009.



Nye-Hurst

"As one of our resident math experts, we are grateful for Ruth's devotion to helping our adult students achieve their educational goals," said Diane Renaud, SVSF executive director/CEO.

When it comes to volunteering, Nye-Hurst says she enjoys the students she works with, as well as other volunteers involved with SVSF.

On a personal note, she is an avid camper and often visits Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore. Nye-Hurst also enjoys working out at her local gym. She lives in Farmington Hills.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference in our community, contact Beth Kraft at beth.kraft@svsfcenter.org, 313-535-9200, ext. 3104, or go to svsfcenter.org. All volunteers receive orientation and training, and are assisted daily by the center's staff.

Membership program give seniors stay-at-home options

The Woodhaven Retirement Community of Livonia has introduced Woodhaven at Home, a membership program available to individuals ages 55-81 in the local community area.

The program offers members an answer to three important questions

that individuals and couples ages 55-81 might be considering: (1) Where can I turn for both present and future services to help ensure that I can stay at home for the rest of my life? (2) How can I pay for the services that I will need if, and when, I have a change in

health? and (3) To whom can I turn to arrange and oversee the services that I will need if, and when, I have a change in health? The goal of Woodhaven at Home is to provide an inclusive and creative answer to these questions and help members remain in their own

homes independently as economically and for as long as possible.

Woodhaven will begin holding informational seminars in April. Additionally, people can find out more by visiting woodhaven-retirement.com and www.woodhavenah.org respectively.

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each way for the SMART bus to day care — and two cigars.

Why I often doubted the Alzheimer's diagnosis is because he was up and dressed before me. He made his bed and had hung up his clothes. He made himself a cup of coffee, grabbed the dollar bills and his cigars and stood outside waiting for his bus. After dinner, he would get up, collect the dishes and starting putting them in the dishwasher and scrubbing the pots and pans.

I also bought a landline phone with huge numbers and rehearsed with him how to use it, so I could call him if I was running late. I left him phone numbers of friends to call while I worked if he needed anything. Friends were a godsend. They, too, incorporated my dad into their lives. And he knew who they were and loved them as part of his family.

And the one thing we stuck to was telling each other the truth. I had no qualms telling my dad he was driving me crazy. And he did the same. I also told him the truth when he would ask where my mom was or my older brother, who died in 1988.

Doctors had told me to just change the subject when he asked a question they believed the answer would be upsetting. But my logic and my loyalty told me my father had always expected the truth from me. And when our roles reversed, I believed he still deserved the truth and I was there to help him work with it.

We had some rough times. I still had sleepless nights. But we also had good times and plenty of laughs. I always described my dad as a Walter Matthau with a cigar hanging out of his mouth. My dad was with me for seven years. And through that time, we together developed ways to cope — with each other:

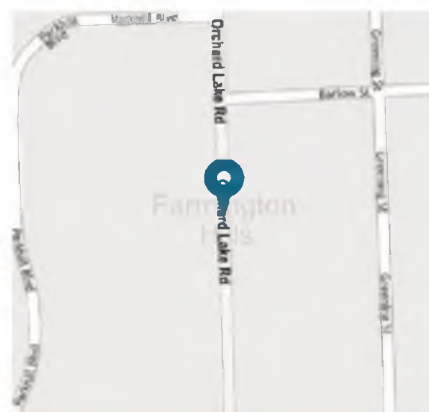
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POLICE BRIEFS

NOVI

Shoplifting haul includes LOL Surprise! dolls

Two teenage girls were arrested on shoplifting charges April 11 at the Walmart on Ingersol Drive at the Novi Town Center.

They had nearly \$300 in stolen merchandise between them when confronted by a store security employee after walking past checkout points shortly after 9 p.m., according to a Novi Police Department report. Police were called.

The stolen items, including 18 LOL Surprise! dolls priced at \$9.88 each, plus pens, stickers, a water bottle and snack items, had been concealed in two purses and a shopping bag, the employee told police. The two had paid for other items using self-checkout, the employee said.

One suspect admitted to an officer that she had stolen the dolls; police said she reported being “caught up in the moment” and that she said the dolls were intended for her niece.

The other suspect denied concealing any merchandise and said she thought everything had been paid for, police said.

Each was later released on a \$100 bond with a citation for third-degree

retail fraud and an April 24 court date.

Marijuana possession

A 27-year-old man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge April 7 after police found a small amount of suspected marijuana in his car during a traffic stop at Twelve Oaks mall.

An officer spotted the man, behind the wheel of a Dodge Avenger, stopped in a “do not block” area of eastbound West Oaks Drive, near Novi Road, shortly before 7 p.m., a police report said. A check of the Avenger’s license plate, police said, showed the registered owner was wanted on outstanding warrants and had a suspended license, police said.

The officer pulled over the driver on the other side of Novi Road, on the Twelve Oaks property. Upon speaking with the driver, who was also the car owner, the officer noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the Avenger and the man admitted he had smoked marijuana earlier in the day, police said. He had a passenger with him, a 26-year-old woman, police said.

Upon searching the car, police found a prescription-type bottle with suspected marijuana in it in the center console. The driver admitted it was his, saying, “Oh, I forgot that was in there,” police said.

He was later cited for marijuana possession and driving with a suspended license, scheduled to appear in court April 17 and released on a \$100 bond. Police said other departments declined to pick him up on the outstanding warrants.

The substance — 0.3 grams — later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

NORTHVILLE

Driver in crash intoxicated

A 22-year-old Plymouth woman was arrested in connection with a traffic crash — while she was allegedly driving under the influence — just before 1:30 a.m. April 8 at the Five Mile and Beck intersection.

Northville Township police were dispatched to the scene as a Plymouth Township sergeant, who was stopped at the intersection, heard and saw the crash, according to a police report. The sergeant saw the two cars come to a stop on the southwest corner of the intersection.

A black 2016 Ford Fusion driven by the woman reportedly rear-ended a 2013 black Ford Fusion driven by a 57-year-old man from Ohio. At his request, the man was transported to a

local hospital.

The Plymouth Township sergeant told the Northville Township officer that he believed the woman appeared intoxicated, with slurred speech and glassy eyes. The woman told police she had two beers earlier in the evening and some “jungle juice.” She also told the officer she was being treated for vertigo and a cardiovascular condition. She also said that doctors told her the vertigo medication could make her dizzy so she stopped taking it, according to the report.

Police conducted field sobriety tests on the woman and later arrested her.

Trespassing

A 52-year-old South Lyon man was cited for trespassing April 8 after a Kohl’s store manager called police because he was — without permission — conducting windshield chip repair in the parking lot at 20155 Haggerty. The manager told police she had called on a previous occasion when the man attempted to do the same. The man told police that he had called previously for permission. The man was cited for trespassing.

— By Matt Jachman and Joanne Maliszewski



Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone (from left), World War II veteran Harold Ortwine and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott.

Novi veteran finally gets Victory Medal

World War II veteran Harold Ortwine has always known his service to the county was in the U.S. Army’s 106th Infantry Division.

It was in that division he suffered first-, second-, and third-degree burns in a gasoline fire during basic training and also where he lost several friends while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.

However, when Ortwine, 93, was released from the army in 1945, his documents indicated that he was released from the 104th Division — which did not fight overseas — and not the 106th.

Ortwine, who served from 1938-45, attempted to obtain a copy of his military records in the late 1970s, but discovered they were some of the records lost in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in Missouri.

All hope was not lost as the office of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott got involved and recently was able to uncover Ortwine’s records. By doing so, they discovered Ortwine had not received a pair of medals — World War II Victory Medal and Medal of Occupation — he rightfully deserved.

On Monday, April 10, Trott changed that, traveling to Novi to present Ortwine with his medals at a ceremony with his family that was long overdue.

“Drafted at age 18, Mr. Ortwine served his country valiantly, defend-

ing our nation’s fundamental principles of freedom and liberty around the world,” Trott said. “It was an honor to present Mr. Ortwine with the medals he rightfully earned, a long overdue recognition of the bravery and heroism he embodied in the defense of the traditions built by the Americans before him and the promise of every generation to come.”

Ortwine has lived in Novi since 1931, when his family moved from Farmington. He worked as Novi’s first mail carrier, married his sweetheart, built a home, raised three children and witnessed the city’s growth from quiet town to the bustling community it is today.

His pride for the country is still as strong as ever, as he regularly attends reunions of the 106th Infantry Division, talks to John M. “Jack” Roberts on the phone and wears his WWII hat daily.

“When the news came and I told him his records were finally going to be corrected and he was also going to be receiving a couple medals he was entitled to, his main questions was, ‘But are my records going to reflect the 106th Division?’ That was all that mattered,” said his son, Mark Ortwine. “As for my family, knowing he is happy is most important, but seeing him receive the long overdue honor and medals for his service makes us all very proud.”



Novi Civic Center hosts Alvin Loving’s “Untitled.”

Museum art comes to the community

The Detroit Institute of Arts Inside | Out program has come back to Novi.

Reproductions of nine masterpieces from the museum will be on display throughout the community in eight locations through mid-July. Included in the exhibit are:

- » Novi Civic Center, “Untitled,” Alvin Loving, 45175 10 Mile Road
- » Ella Mae Power Park, “Eleonora of Toledo,” Agnolo Bronzino, 45175 10 Mile Road, behind Civic Center
- » Novi Public Library, “Reading of the Story of Oenone,” Francis Davis Millet, 45255 10 Mile Road
- » Fuerst Park, “Gladioli, Claude Monet & Mother and Child,” Solomon Wanjobe, 45325 10 Mile Road
- » Pavilion Shore Park, “Seascape: Sunset,” Martin Johnson Heade, 43390 13 Mile Road
- » Emagine Theatre, “Reeds and Cranes,” Suzuki Kiitsu, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road
- » Meadowbrook Activity Center, “Self Portrait,” Paul Gauguin, 25075 Meadowbrook Road
- » Novi Dog Park, “Dancers in a Green Room,” Edgar Degas, 42390 Nick Lidstrom Drive

To further enhance the experience of art in Novi, Novi Parks and the Novi Public Library will offer complimentary programs in May and June:

- » May 5, 6-7 p.m., Novi High School Select Art Show, Novi Civic Center Atrium
- » May 10 and 24, 1-3 p.m., Colored Pencil Art Sessions, Meadowbrook Activity Center
- » May 19, 6-9 p.m., Spring Palooza with DIA Away Interactive Classroom, Novi Civic Center
- » June 6, 7-8:15 p.m., Art Talk & Tour



Novi Dog Park features “Dancers in a Green Room” by Edgar Degas.

(Diego Rivera Murals and the DIA), Novi Public Library

- » June 16, 7 p.m., Sizzling Summer Nights – Mini Maker Fun Fair, Fuerst Park
- » June 26, 1-3 p.m., DIA Inside | Out Novi Bus Tour, Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration is required for the Art Talk through the Novi Public Library at novilibrary.org and for the Bus Tour at cityofnovi.org. The exhibit is free to the public and all are encouraged to visit the installation sites. Support for this exhibit comes from the Knight Foundation, which generously donates funding for Inside | Out each year.

For information about the Inside | Out program and other art exhibits in Novi, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at 248-347-0400 or go to cityofnovi.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Mothers' Club Farewell Open House

In celebration of its 82 years of service, Mothers' Club of Northville is hosting a Farewell Open House 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant, 108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

All those from across the community are encouraged to attend, including current, Life and past Mothers' Club members, as well as students, teachers, staff and community members. There is no cost and no need to RSVP. Just stop by and let Mothers' Club thank you for your support over these many years. E-mail NorthvilleMC@gmail.com with any questions about the Mothers' Club Farewell Open House.

Novi Half-Marathon

The fourth annual Novi Half-Marathon will take place 6:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 30. The event offers a Half Marathon, 10K & 5K. Courses are flat & fast with scenic views of beautiful Island Lake and are run on both paved and country roads. The day will also feature a DJ at the start/finish area. The Sponsor Expo with packet pickup & late registration will be held the day of the race from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m. Race participants will receive a high quality Leslie Jordan brand long-sleeve Tech Shirt. All participants receive finisher medals. Age group awards are provided in the Half Marathon, 10K & 5K events. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Novi Parks Foundation and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Free bus shuttles to and from the Novi Middle School will be offered. Register online at www.novihalfmarathon.com or print a form from the website and mail to the address on the form.

Tippling Point presents 'True West'

"True West" runs through April 23 and the curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults, \$28 to \$33 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

College planning workshop

A free workshop by Michigan College Funding LLC of Novi on getting money for your child's college education will be hosted from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at South Lyon High School. The speaker will be Robert Hoger, Certified College Planning Specialist. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of. MCF is a college admissions and financial aid planning company. Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call 248-662-1300 to reserve your seats now.

Art & Soul Grand Finale

Art&Soul of Oakland County will be hosting its grand finale as a pop-up event 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Galerie Camille, 4130 Cass Avenue, Detroit. A traveling monthly photo exhibit is part of Art&Soul of Oakland County's mission to acti-



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The 22nd annual Michigan International Women's Show returns May 4-7 to the Suburban Collection Showplace May 4-7.

vate a movement and a shift in thinking about foster care children. Art&Soul partners with award winning photographers to capture the soul of the hardest to place: older children looking for a forever family. Jext Telez, a Detroit based guitar effect pedal company, has donated 10 music pedals for 10 Detroit-based artists to customize for the April 29 event. Save the date and plan to see art, bid on a one of a kind music pedals, meet amazing artists, the featured children and enjoy live music from Greater Alexander. Go to www.artandsouldreams.org or call 248-227-4643 for more information.

MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

Pitch, Hit & Run is the official youth skills competition of Major League Baseball. This free competition for ages 7-14 will take place at Ella Mae Power Park in Novi at noon Sunday, April 30. The event is an opportunity for young baseball and softball players to prove their ability to pitch, hit and run among the best in their age group. Players advance through three rounds of competition and compete in the National Finals on an all-expense paid trip to the MLB All-Star Game in San Diego, California. Finalists will compete on field prior to shagging fly balls during the Home Run Derby and attend the All-Star Game. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Greg Morris at 248-735-5646. The registration form is available online at www.mlb.com/kids. Click "register" to find the form and send it to Morris at gmorris@cityof-novi.org or stop by the Novi Parks office.

Jedi Training

Do you feel the force within you? Come to the Novi Civic Center 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, for an action packed evening of Jedi training. Participants will learn different skills and moves to be able to fight off the dark side. All participants will make a light saber, enjoy a treat and be entered into a drawing to win a fun Star Wars gift pack. Price: \$8 residents, \$10 non-residents. Registration

ends Apr 27.

NHS Senior All Night Party ticket prices increase May 1

NHS Senior All Night Party ticket prices go up to \$100 on May 1. April 30 is the final day to order tickets for \$90 and the final day to order Words of Wisdom (\$5 each) for your senior. All orders can be placed at www.northvillesanp.com.

As the SANP approaches, organizers are looking for additional prize and food donations. Please email northvillesanpcommunications@comcast.net if you have any prizes you (or your business) are willing to donate or know of a restaurant that might be willing to donate food items.

Thanks to everyone who has donated one or more pair of new, unused boxer shorts to date! Boxer Bingo is one of the kids' favorite activities every year (they win a pair of boxers by filling a bingo card), and we need hundreds of pairs of boxer shorts to make it a success.

Rummage Sale

Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi will hold its annual spring Rummage Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 5. The Friday sale will be Bag Day, when anything that fits into a paper grocery bag goes for one price. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the church's 40th Anniversary celebration in October. Faith Church was founded in 1997 by a small group of people who believed Novi needed a Presbyterian church of its own. The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Rd., just west of Novi Rd. For more information, call 248-349-2345.

Michigan International Women's Show

Gold and silver Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez and Keegan Allen from "Pretty Little Liars" will be appearing at the 22nd annual Michigan Interna-

tional Women's Show when it returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace May 4-7. In addition to Hernandez and Allen other features of the show include: Ann Arbor Firefighters Charities fashion show; Aussie in the Kitchen Chef Paul Penney; spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips; painting party to encourage originality and creativity; "Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show" and Wigs 4 Kids will be accepting ponytails for Michigan children and teens experiencing hair loss as a result of illness or treatment; plus more than 400 exhibitors.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; youth 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. For more information and exhibitor coupons, visit InternationalWomensShow.com, Facebook.com/michiganinternationalwomensshow, Twitter.com/iwsmichigan, Instagram.com/MIWShow or call 800-849-0248.

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 5 with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville. Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to <http://www.enjoynorthville.com>.

'Alice' at the Marquis

Journey through Wonderland with Alice as she follows the white rabbit and other curious friends as the Marquis Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland." Come see this fun, interactive musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all performances are \$9. 2017-18. For more information please call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110; go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com; email: marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or visit Facebook page at facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi. Show times and dates are 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, 29-30 and May 6-7

Evenings in the garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in Novi.

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find more information and to register, go to <http://tollgate.msu.edu/events/evenings-in-the-garden>. The classes are for novice and seasoned gardeners, homeowners, landscapers and outdoor enthusiasts. This educational series is an opportunity to get out of the house, meet others who are suffering from cabin fever and start planning for spring gardening

Motor City Comic Con 2017

Motor City Comic Con 2017 will take place 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Complete information about the event, tickets, panels and VIP passes are available at <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/>.

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ALL THE RIGHT MOVES: Dancers find success at nationals

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

After going undefeated in its last three seasons, the varsity dancers at Northville High School were ready this year to take their moves to the next level.

And they did so in Orlando, Fla., in February, with a strong showing in the Universal Dance Association's national competition, which draws teams from across the country.

In its first trip to the nationals, Northville took fifth place in the jazz dance category and 10th place in the hip-hop category.

"It was a huge honor for us to get to where we did, so we're very excited about it," coach Sarah Benish said. "I'm extremely proud of this team."

The Northville dancers, Benish said, outperformed teams that had been attending the Orlando event for 20 or more years.

In the jazz category, they competed against about 50 teams, while in the hip-hop category, they competed against about 30 teams.

It was a grueling competition, with team's first day out stretching from 8 a.m. to midnight and the second from noon to midnight, Benish said.

But dancers also got to spend time at Disney World, she said. They also practiced their dances at their hotel.

"The girls got to have so much bonding time together as a team," she said.

The team was recently recognized by the Northville



Lauren Yakima (center) and the rest of the team put on an energetic show April 11.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Public Schools Board of Education.

The 14-member Northville team has only been around for seven seasons; Benish has been coaching it for five.

Practice is typically right after school two days a week during the season, which runs from September to February.

"We may spend an hour going over the same eight counts until it's perfect," Benish said. Many of the dancers also dance regularly at private studios, she said.

Her dancers "felt that this year is our time," Benish said.

"Everybody knew we wanted to go to nationals," she said. "The girls just totally stepped up and worked harder than they ever have."



Dance team coach Sarah Benish (left) talks to her squad before dancers start going through a routine April 11.

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold St., 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

Victorian clothing sale: 1-7 p.m. April 20-21 and 11 a.m. to 3p.m., April 22. Tickets available at the gate.

Lecture Series: Final Run ... Storms of the Century: 7 p.m. April 26. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

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

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

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

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Time/Date: 5 or 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 or 2 p.m. Thursdays
Details: Register for a free one-on-one session with our Tech Librarian for help with your computer or tablet questions. Register online or in person, or call 248-349-3020.

Drop-In Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, April 21
Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Fun for preschoolers too! Just drop in!

Teen DIY: Upcycled Book Safe Craft

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22
Details: Teens in grades 6-12, celebrate Earth Day by

hollowing out an old book into a disguised storage space. Supplies included. Bring in a book of your own, or use one provided by the library. Limit 30. Registration required.

The Future of Energy: What on Earth Should We Do?

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22
Details: Earth Day! The perfect time to hear an informative, straightforward talk about the future of energy...oil, natural gas, solar, wind and more, with MSU Professor Don Morelli. Register online or in person, or call 248.349.3020.

Foreign Film: The Great Journey

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 24
Details: Enjoy a well-re-

viewed movie in another language with English subtitles. A young man grows closer to his aging father as they drive from the south of France to Mecca for his father's pilgrimage. French & Arabic film, 108 minutes.

Rain Gardens & Native Plants

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25
Details: Drew Lathin discusses rain gardens, shallow depressions planted with native plants that collect and infiltrate rain water before it enters the municipal water system. Learn how rain gardens work, and how to design and build one. Register.

Money Smart Kids Read! Decorate a Piggy Bank Craft & Receive a FREE book!

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 26
Details: Celebrate Money Smart Week by decorating a ceramic piggy bank that makes saving fun, say "Hello!" to the good people at Northville's Community Financial Credit Union and receive a complimentary copy of the book A Dollar for Penny by Julie Glass. Just drop in, no registration required. Sorry, we cannot accommodate special groups. Special thanks to Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates.

App Café: Best Travel Apps

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 29
Details: What's trending in apps? Bring your tablet or phone, and enjoy coffee and snacks while we share best apps about travel. Our Tech

Librarian will be on hand to answer questions. Registration recommended.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday through May 4
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration - just drop in!

UNPLUG and PLAY! Card & Board Games for Kids

Time/Date: Anytime
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New IRS program might make it easier for scam artists to prey on innocents



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Over the last few years, I've written a number of columns about the IRS scam. That's the scam where someone contacts you claiming they're from the IRS and demanding immediate payment, typically through a charge card or a debit card. The calls are very threatening, but they're just a scam. As I've said many times in the past, when you get a call like that, you just hang up. There's no reason to talk to those people. I bring this up because the IRS has started a new program where, in fact, you may get a call from someone claiming they are from the Internal Revenue Service and, in fact, they may be. The IRS recently an-

nounced a new program where it is attempting to collect back taxes from people who owe them for years and years. The IRS has retained the services of four collection agencies that it will use in an attempt to collect some of the back taxes. Although this is a new program, the IRS has in the past used private collection companies on a limited basis. I have no doubt that the scam artists are licking their chops hoping that this program will allow them to scam more and more people. That being said, there are some things about this program that do protect taxpayers and that's why I want to take the opportunity to run through some of those protections so you don't fall prey to these scam artists.

The first thing to understand is that it is being limited to people who owe the IRS for years and years. In addition, these people have already in the past been contacted by the IRS. Furthermore, according

to the IRS, before anyone is assigned to a collection agency, they will be notified by the IRS that their account has been turned over and who the collection agency is. The IRS will only turn your name over to one collection agency. In addition, before that collection agency contacts you, it must also notify you in writing. Therefore, if you do get a call out of the blue from someone claiming they're from a collection agency on behalf of the IRS, you still should hang up. Unless you've been notified in writing by the IRS and the collection agency, you know that anyone attempting to claim they're from the IRS is a fraud. The four companies that have been approved for this plan by the IRS are CBE Group, Conserve, Performant and Pioneer.

The fraudsters use high-pressure tactics in order for you to make an immediate payment. Typically, they want you to make a payment on a debit card or even a charge

card. You should know that under this new program, the debt collection company is not authorized to take payments by credit card or debit card; you have to send a check directly to the IRS.

If you are current with your taxes, the IRS is not going to call you. If you fall in this category and you get a call from the IRS, hang up. Even if the caller ID says Internal Revenue Service, don't be fooled, as the scam artists know how to manipulate the caller ID. On the other hand, if you do owe the IRS money, my advice is don't wait to hear from the debt collector. After all, the longer you delay, the more you'll end up owing in interest and penalties. The IRS has a number of programs that will help with your past taxes. In addition, the IRS has a program known as offer and compromise, where the IRS will actually reduce your tax liability based upon financial need.

I anticipate that because of

the new IRS program, there will be more and more attempts by the scam artists to take advantage of unsuspecting taxpayers. I certainly don't want you to be one of those. Therefore, it's important that we never let our guard down. If you owe back taxes and you have not received a letter from the IRS, you know that anyone calling claiming they're the IRS or a representative of the IRS is a fraud and you should hang up immediately. On the other hand, if you do owe money to the IRS, your best course of action is not to wait until it contacts you, but to be proactive and to try to work out a deal with it. Trust me on one thing, when you don't have to worry about the IRS, it allows you to sleep at night much better.

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Members of the cast of Novi High's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" perform a number during their April 13 visit to the Meadowbrook Activity Center. Novi High will stage the production beginning April 28.

NOVI HIGH MUSICAL CAST VISITS SENIOR CENTER



Audience members applaud the musical efforts April 13 during a visit of the cast of Novi High's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Nice spring day at Maybury State Park



Workout buddies Ashley Neely (left) and Liberty Harder do step-ups on a picnic table April 12 at Maybury State Park. They were among the many people taking advantage of nice spring day and walking or running in the state park at Eight Mile and Beck.

Northville First United Methodist celebrates child care anniversary

Northville First United Methodist Church is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its child care center, Northville First Carewith church services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 30. There will be an open house at 10:15-11 a.m. and lunch and festivities from noon to 2 p.m.

Northville First Care opened its doors 20 years ago with the vision and goal of providing Christian care and love to those families within our congregation and the Northville/Novi community. It began in 1996-97, when the church underwent a building expansion project to include four dedicated classrooms aimed at welcoming families in need of weekday Christian care for their children, ages infant through 5 years old.

Over the past 20 years, the congregation has been blessed not only to fill

these original classrooms to capacity, but has added two additional classrooms to accommodate the community's growth and most currently those children affected by the recent Michigan's change in the kindergarten admittance from a December birthdate deadline to the current September deadline.

NFC has one of the highest ratings from the United Methodist Church under its "Guidelines for Weekday Preschool Ministry Programs." The center has been able to offer additional programs to enhance its curriculum such as special movement exercises and classes, foreign language and special community projects. Last Christmas season, it had a drive to help a needy classroom in Flint, supplying games and equipment for those less fortunate.

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TO GET RESULTS, GET PEOPLE TALKING

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

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Marlanda Dekine is pretty sure the root of her formal activism was the day she had to tell a 6-year-old that he would never return home to his parents. Dekine had been a social worker for nearly five years, mostly doing forensic evaluations and therapy for children who had been victims of abuse. But the meeting that day brought her emotions to a head.

She sat across from the little boy and couldn't speak.

"He's 6," Dekine says, reflecting, "He's 6. I could have all the training in the world; there are no words for how you say that."

All Dekine could think to do was to write. And so as the little boy played beside her, she penned a poem.

"... Sometimes, my masters level degree cannot make sense out of what doesn't make sense," Dekine wrote. "These children, they are tried on like new shoes. If you don't like what you see, keep it moving..."

Today, Dekine is working to foster honest dialogue across racial, religious, gender identity, ethnic and socioeconomic differences. Her organization, Speaking Down



Marlanda Dekine, executive director of Speaking Down Barriers, stands by a mural in Spartanburg, SC.

Barriers, which she co-founded with Scott Neely in 2013, began as an artistic space that brought spoken-word poetry into local churches to open conversation about issues.

The group, partly funded by a grant from the South Carolina Endowment for Arts and Humanities, holds multiple monthly gatherings, from book discussions to larger events.

At Speaking Down Barriers' first community meeting, Dekine recalls watching a multimillionaire discuss class with a person who'd just been released from prison.

Marlanda Dekine

Location: Spartanburg, South Carolina

Age: 30

Profession: Executive director, Speaking Down Barriers, poet, licensed master social worker

Mission: To transform our life together across our differences by facilitating community dialogue, training, performances and consultation.

"It's a way of building community on the ground," Dekine says.

The work is slow, Dekine admits, but she and her team have seen results. People who have met through SDB events have branched off to create things such as

community gardens and artist groups.

"I think the essence of transformative community building is consciousness," she says. "I am not sure you can have effective community building without it."

Q&A WITH MARLANDA DEKINE

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means, for me, living in a space that is still learning to love, and to even love who I am. And it means loving it enough back to expect more of it.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

That was right after (the killing of black youth) Trayvon Martin. That was right in the midst of a time when those things were much more in our awareness, and us wanting there to be a space to pull it out. It all came back to this is something people don't like to talk about, but it's always coming up. It's not just Florida, Ferguson. If it's there, it's here.

I think we all had pieces and ideas for what we wanted this space to be, but the spark, I'd say, was the idea from Scott (Neely), what would it be like to do poetry in this space. Then it just took off from there.

What gives you hope, or what concerns you?

Children give me a lot of hope, and I think that's because a lot of the work that I've done is with survivors of child abuse. I think there is a way that the most terrible thing (happens) and you witness the most amazing resilience, and that's where hope comes in for me, our ability for resilience. Concern? I think the deep fears that we carry about being our authentic selves, about doing authentic work. The way that we just put things off to the side when really we need to look at the full list. Let's look at ourselves and not run from ourselves, essentially. And I think my concern is most of us would rather run.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to clearly see myself. So what I mean is, while the goal is community building, I don't believe I myself build community. But I think the more I wrestle here (hands on heart), the more I live here deeply, the more that what I share with the world helps to transform the community. So I hope for my own self a constant growth, no matter how hard. I never want to ask someone to do something I'm not willing to do myself.

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My story: Living with Asperger's syndrome



Abby Desselles
GUEST COLUMNIST

April is rolling in and, while many may associate the month with showers and warmer weather, it is also Autism Awareness Month. "What is autism?" some may ask. Google defines it as "a mental condition, present from early childhood, characterized by difficulty in communication and forming relationships with other people and in using language and abstract concepts."

An early age, I was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a milder form of autism. Life for students with special needs can be hell while you're growing up. There's always a sense of isolation from other people; you're always told that you're "different." Words people use to describe those like me can range from "retard" to "special," but they all mean the same thing: you don't belong and you're

different. While adults have good intentions for children with this diagnosis, they have a hard time putting themselves in our shoes.

I'm considered high functioning on the autism spectrum. This means I can communicate effectively and I have an average or above-average cognitive ability.

However, people like me tend to have trouble reading social cues and knowing what's appropriate and what's not. Because I'm high functioning, I was placed in regular classes in school, the equivalent of throwing me in a lion's den, with teachers and para-professionals my only armor from direct encounters.

Kids with special needs get some of the worst treatment from their peers. It's a struggle to communicate and realize what's acceptable and what's not. Kids with autism are seen as a joke.

It can feel like the entire world hates you for just existing — like you're always being pitied, treated like you're stupid or both. I was raised to

keep my condition a secret because it carries a stigma, it's considered wrong and weird.

I've had people take advantage of my condition and judge me differently once they found out. I remember in middle school how we would have these things called "Snack Pack," and invite kids who weren't in special-needs program to hang out with us. Most of the time, these kids were just using it to get free food. Later, we would see some of the same kids making fun of us in the hallways with their friends, usually by imitating or mocking us. It hurt a lot, but worse yet, it was widely accepted to mistreat people like me. I hear people use special or retarded as an insult in the hallways all the time. Using someone's race as an insult is short-sighted and no longer tolerated, so why is it OK to use mental disabilities in the same way?

You can imagine that many kids, including myself, grew bitter from this treatment. I got used to hurtful comments and to different treatment, be it good or bad. I thought I was

immune to the things people said, to the things people did, but I really wasn't. I was just detaching from it, which is very different from being immune.

I was talking to a teacher at my school one day. When I briefly told him that I was bullied and why, he only had one question for me: "Was there something wrong with them or something wrong with you?"

I remember internally smiling, the answer was so obvious. I looked up at him and replied, "There is something wrong with me."

Until then he was not nonchalantly listening, but he quickly turned to face me. "Wrong? There is nothing wrong with you."

I was confused when he said this; what did he mean by that? I'd always believed that I was the one who couldn't communicate right or learn things like everyone else. For a brief moment, all my flaws crashed into a chaotic mess, a circus of negativity within my own thoughts. I realized just then what his question really

meant. I had given everyone who hurt me permission to because I believed I was born wrong. But really, it was the people who hurt me who are truly wrong in the end. I was just me and there would never be anything wrong with me for being who I am. The people who had hurt me in some way were the ones who were wrong. They were the ones who thought they had the right to deem others as being abnormal or broken.

When I tell everyone the story, it is not for pity. I've had enough of that. It's to get people to wake up and realize the pain they are causing others. My story gets a happy ending here, but I know many others out there are still hurt and bitter. I want a world where people don't hate themselves for existing or feel afraid of things they can't control. I want the world changed to be a place where people can be accepted for who they are, not judged by it.

Abby Desselles is a student at Plymouth High School.

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Tom and Ann Schneider of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Schneider, to Andrew Shaw, son of Guy and Andrea Shaw of Northport, Mich.

Laura is a 2011 graduate of Northville High School and a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 2015, she earned her master's in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. She is working for Ernst Young in Detroit.

Andrew is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School and a 2014 graduate of Michigan Technological University with bachelor of science degrees in me-



Laura Schneider and Andrew Shaw.

chanical engineering and biomedical engineering. He is working for Toyota in Saline.

The couple is planning an October 2017 wedding in Grand Haven, Mich.

Civic education is paramount to remain united



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

What are the core values of America? After all, we are called the “United” States of America for a reason. What unites us? Are we united by merely a geographic boundary or are we united by something that transcends boundaries?

This is a very important question. After all, we do not seem to be very united nowadays.

For more than a year, I was engaged in a focus group sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education tasked with defining our next generation of social studies standards for K-12 education in our state. My participation

in this exercise was solicited as a result of a letter I wrote to the department in response to its first attempt at crafting these standards. In this letter, co-signed by 17 of my legislative colleagues, I cited 15 issues that needed to be reconciled before I could support these standards. All that I asked was that the standards were politically neutral and accurate. These objectives were adopted by the focus group.

I am pleased to report that at the end of our focus group deliberations, we did indeed reach compromises on all 15 issues. However, we failed to reach agreement on one issue that surfaced during the discussions. What was that issue? The definition of our core values.

In the wake of our deliberations, I took to social media to ask our citizens what they

believed were our core values. There was no consensus there either.

So why is it so difficult for us to define our core values? Our values today are very diverse. Perhaps the first step should be to define what makes a value a “core” value. It would seem to be self-evident that for a value to be a “core” value, it would need to be a value shared by the majority of Americans. Sounds simple enough.

How do we know if a value is shared by the majority of Americans? I would submit that the values would need to be documented in a social compact that binds all Americans. We have only two such compacts throughout our history — the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Of the two documents, I would submit that the Declaration of Independ-

ence is a statement of our core values, while the Constitution is a statement as to how we would structure our government to promote these values.

So what are the core values found in the Declaration of Independence?

» We are all created equal;

» We have unalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator;

» Government authority comes from the consent of the governed;

» It is the duty of the people to oppose government abuse of authority; and

» Purpose of government is to secure the rights of the governed.

Some people may think that the importance I have placed upon the need for a quality civics education is less pressing than other matters, such as the state budget

or economic development policies. In light of the importance of unity to the strength of the United States of America, I would submit that civics is of paramount importance. Our enemies, and we have many, would like nothing better than to divide us. Regrettably, we have taken our unity for granted for too many years. It is time to re-dedicate ourselves and our nation to the need for unity by affirming these core values. Once we do, we will once again earn the title of the United States of America, which is truly exceptional in all the world.

Sen. Patrick 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To submit a Letter to the Editor, email Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com.

An Easter angel

I am the activity director at Oakmont Northville and I want to thank an anonymous Easter angel. At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, one of my residents could not remember her pin number to her debit card. As we were leaving the store empty-handed, our cashier ran up and handed us her bags and said the lady, who along with her daughter waited so patiently, had paid for all of Betty's things. I was so touched by that act of kindness I cried all the way to the bus.

Happy Easter!

Marie Rumbley
Northville

GOP accepts Trump's lies

This letter is in response to some of the remarks made in Leo Weber's editorial entitled “Liberals are annoying.” This is how a “liberal” finds Republican conservatives besides being annoying, but accepting President Trump's lies without question. Why shouldn't we be ecstatic about Trump's failure to get rid of Obamacare? That was a major part of his campaign promises, most of which he is not able to carry out because his own party doesn't support him.

He also claims the town halls were filled with yelling Democrats. The town halls run by Republican congressmen were in answer to their own constituents who were fed up with their lack of response to their questions about the new president's policies and how it was going to affect them. These are the attendees who were acting like “out of control school brats.”

As to his remarks about liberals railing against anything linked to Trump, he has a short memory if he doesn't remember how President Obama served eight years with no bipartisanship from the Republicans. Mr. Weber, you may not want to associate with we liberals, but believe me, we don't want to associate with the likes of you.

We are not the only ones upset over what you call a fantasy tale about Russia. It has been proven by the FBI and CIA that the Russians interfered with the election; we're just waiting for the Republican-controlled congress to hold an independent hearing so that all the facts can be made public. Trump keeps tweeting lies thinking he's diverting attention away from his Russian connection. And the Republicans never stopped bringing up Benghazi and the death of four Americans, but they were always very quiet when it came to the deaths of over 4,000 of our soldiers in the Iraqi war, which was started by the lies of Bush and Cheney.

And finally, you conservatives made a big issue of all the traveling to Hawaii and golfing done by President Obama. Well, the truth of the matter is that in eight years, President Obama's trips cost the taxpayers \$97 million. Your President Trump is costing the taxpayers \$3 million a week for his trips and golfing in Florida. At that rate he will spend more in one year than Obama spent in eight! And don't forget the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to protect Mrs. Trump and their son in New York.

Jean Wrenbeck
Livonia

'Trumpnics' are bullies

I want to address the rants of one Leo Weber in the Thursday, April 13, Observer.

Calling out your neighbors by name doesn't make you tough – it makes you a punk bully. So many of you Trumpnics are punk bullies with your confederate flags and scare tactics. This is not the conservative or Republican way – it is some entirely new phenomenon.

To answer your rants:

1. Your “Russian Fairy Tale” is being investigated by the FBI – the Republican FBI director told a Republican Congress that. That fairy tale is being pursued by many Republican patriots as well, who are worried about their country.

2. The Benghazi Incident was investigated for months by a Republican Congress and covered by all the news outlets — without any finding of fault. Even after grilling Hillary Clinton for 10 hours, no fault was found. It was a

tragic mistake very much like the Yemen raid ordered by Trump that got a Navy Seal and nine civilians killed.

3. Town Hall rants – yes – the left is doing it. They learned from you Tea Baggies — took it right out of your playbook the Kochs wrote and funded for you — which you used against the Democrats.

4. You call abortion and sodomy out as key button issues because it makes some folks cringe — but the real issue is on people's right to choose — it comes with living in a free country — not one run by Sharia Law. And you are the arbiter of righteousness and virtue? You decide what is right and wrong? You sound just like one of the Mullahs.

5. Most conservatives and Republicans I know held their nose while voting for the Donald – don't look at the 46.1 percent as some huge Trump movement – it was as much anti-Hillary as pro-Donald.

6. And finally – what is wrong with this country? Look in the mirror. Your absolute hatred for liberals (I prefer progressives) will keep this country divided forever. Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neal would get together, tell some off-color jokes, drink a beer and find common ground to move this country forward. The same happened with Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich (don't think they drank?). We need to find common ground. We need to move our country forward. We need to rebuild our infrastructure, create jobs, take care of the elderly, provide a good education to everyone, strengthen the middle class and find peace with the world. That won't happen with this hatred.

Richard Williamson
Livonia

Restore our democracy

The recent letters to the editor about frustration with Congressman David Trott echo my feelings. He was picked by the Republican leadership to run against Kerry Bentivolio in 2014, and he won. He will continue to be the congressman for the 11th Congressional District as long as the Republicans have a majority in the state Legislature, due to the gerrymandered districts. After the 2010 census, with the help of computer software, the congressional and state districts were drawn so there would be a majority of Republicans in the state Legislature and a Republican majority of the Michigan caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After the 2020 census whoever has a majority in the state Legislature will do the same kind of partisan redistricting. We need to restore our representative democracy by having an independent commission draw the districts. The organization “Count My Vote” has started a campaign to do just that. They are gaining support to have a proposal on the November 2017 ballot, that when passed will change the Michigan constitution, so an independent commission draws the districts. A constitutional amendment cannot be changed by the state legislature.

Fair districts will be competitive; candidates will not be guaranteed reelection. They will have to appeal to a majority of the voters made up of Republicans, Democrats and independents. Our elected officials would then have to represent all the people in their districts. I urge you to get involved and support the work of “Count My Vote”. Their website is www.votersnotpoliticians.com.

Ann Abdoo
Livonia

Crosses the line

The letter writer declares “Liberals are annoying.” He goes on to state liberals rant, mock, rail and yell. He also states liberals are vile, unreasoning mad dogs who promote demonic dogma and fantasize about Russia. This really crosses the line and does nothing to help people communicate effectively and problem-solve with each other.

This letter completely ignores what George Washington wrote many years ago: “As Mankind becomes more liberal, they will be more apt to allow that all those who conduct themselves as worthy members of the community are equally entitled to the protections of civil government. I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations of justice and liberality.”

Fortunately Washington had the

fortitude to “rail” against a government of the elite and stand for a people-powered government where we are all to be treated equally. It is time to stop name calling and categorizing people into evil unworthy groups. We need to remember we all want the same basic things in life.

J.D. Schave
Commerce

Need important answers

As we approach the halfway point of 2017, we know that there will be people announcing their intention to run for public office in 2018.

We will be electing a new governor.

As the parent of two children in P-CCS public schools, I can't help but keep my eyes on the public policy that shapes our schools. Its for the sake of my children, my community and my state. I encourage others to join me in asking our current public officials and candidates to defend their positions and policy on public education.

Let's push them to go beyond ideological talking points. Let's push them to dig deep, and support their responses with facts, objective outcome data. Have their policies helped only some and hurt others?

Who are their policy advisers and political allies and what do they know about education?

Betsy DeVos is a Michigan native whose appointment to secretary of education was the most controversial and protested in the position's history.

Throughout the country, Michigan's sub-par charter school laws were cited as a reason for protesting her. Michigan has the most for-profit charter schools in the country. More than the state of California. Her next move is to give federal financial incentives to states to develop voucher programs.

Several studies have been released in the past months citing the dismal results of voucher programs in Ohio, Indiana and Kansas.

This is not the first time voucher programs have been used and proposed since economist Milton Friedman first conceived of the notion in the 1950s.

They were implemented immediately after Board v. Brown was passed, so that parents did not have to send their children to integrated schools.

The origins of vouchers do are not education-centric and the supporters today have major deficiencies and experience with education and publicly funded schools with pluralistic student bodies.

Let's ask our public servants and candidates the tough questions and hold out for REAL answers, not talking points.

If they claim to believe education should be managed at the local level, ask them if they really have acted in accordance with that belief.

Have they let universities hours away from a community approve charter schools to be built there? To be managed by companies that are outside the state?

Have they interfered with the curriculum as a legislator or let communities do their jobs? Do the pass unfunded mandates that add to the loss of professional autonomy of our teachers?

Do they respect all the families of the community, no matter the religion or makeup of the family? Or have they used their platform and rhetoric to build up some types of families and marginalize others?

Have they been respectful of the profession of education? Do they defer and listen to those that know more than them?

Do they know how devastating vouchers for children with special needs and IEPs and their hard fought legal rights?

Do they hide from tough questions? The answers are important to get.

Marcia Peterson Buckie
Canton

Stop Trott bill

To Congressman David Trott: You introduced H.R. 1849, which you've titled “Practice of Law Technical Clarification Act of 2017.” On its face, this bill appears to be written in your own self-interest, as it exempts lawyers and law firms such as Trott Law (nee Trott & Trott) from two important regulatory controls:

(a) Section 803(6) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; and

(b) Section 1027(e)(2)(B) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010

Cui bono? Both of these regulatory controls were, separately, created to protect consumers and the general public from misbehavior by those who — for their own financial gain — abused consumers in the handling of financial activity. These regulatory controls exist because the public was being mistreated — yes, even by lawyers. It is the singular purpose of the government to protect the public, and these controls provided some degree of protection in fulfilling that obligation.

Your proposed bill seeks to remove those protections and to grant lawyers and law firms more leeway to mistreat the public once again. Cui bono?

It is noteworthy that your ascendancy to the Congress followed decades of practice as a lawyer in the business of debt collection. You parlayed that practice into a very lucrative industry, with your personal interests in all aspects of mortgage foreclosures — title companies, legal service, and more. Trott & Trott, the law firm you headed, served as the lead in so many mortgage foreclosures that you were aptly named the “Foreclosure King” long before you sought a seat in Congress.

And your success in this debt collection business made you the sixth wealthiest member of Congress, ahead of 430 members of the House and ahead of all but one senator.

Now you bring before the House this H.R. 1849, cast as a “technical clarification.” It is nothing of the sort. It is, in fact, a cloak under which law firms such as that from which you arose can misbehave, free of the regulatory controls that would otherwise protect the public. Cui bono?

Who among your constituents demanded that law firms have this freedom? Who among your constituents cried out against protecting the public? Who among your constituents want to free up your former law firm, and your former law partners, and your other personal interests in the mortgage foreclosure industry? Who among your constituents want the “Foreclosure King” to subject the public to the abuses they once endured before these regulatory controls? Cui bono?

It is noteworthy that your H.R. 1849 has, to date, no co-sponsors.

But it is also noteworthy that this bill, from which you and your associates would personally gain, will be reviewed by the Financial Services Committee, a committee on which you serve. Cui bono?

I urge you, Congressman Trott, to withdraw H.R. 1849. I urge you, Congressman Trott, to oppose any further effort to pass similar exclusions that apply to the private interests of yourself, your family, your former law firm and partners, or any other business ventures in which you are personally invested.

I urge you, Congressman Trott, to oppose this effort and other efforts to reduce the protections afforded to the public and to consumers.

I urge you, Congressman Trott, to support the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and other protections afforded by the Dodd-Frank Act, and to applaud the work that the bureau has done in fulfilling its mission — to protect consumers and the public against misbehavior by those in all aspects of the financial industry. Cui bono?

Bryan Watson
West Bloomfield

Calling all veterans

Northville's Memorial Day Parade will host an event in the parade to honor all of our American veterans and service personnel. It's called “the 50 Flag Salute.”

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville's Ziparo tosses no-hitter against Salem in sweep

Mustangs post 1-0 and 6-2 victories

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Northville's Connor Ziparo proved to be his swashbuckling best April 12. The 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior left-hander "The Mark of Zorro" threw a no-hitter in the opener as the Mustangs

went on to sweep host Salem in a KLAAs Central Division baseball doubleheader, 1-0 and 6-2. Ziparo finished with seven strikeouts and only two walks in seven innings and was able to out-duel Salem ace Matt Brooks, who allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out 10 over six innings. Northville scored the game-winning run in the top of the seventh on Billy Flohr's one-out single that scored Jake McWilliams to hand Salem

reliever Sean McCormack the loss. "Outstanding job by Connor and our defense in Game 1," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "A no-hitter is very rare and against a solid team in a great pitchers' duel. The Salem pitcher Brooks also pitched outstanding and did a tremendous job keeping us off-balance for six innings. We finally were able to break



MARTHA MICHALAK

See ZIPARO, Page B2 Northville's Connor Ziparo fired a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Salem.

BOYS TRACK



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Aric Landy (middle) runs a leg of the 3,200-meter relay against Northville's Jacob Blackmore (right) and Angelo Sorce.

Novi races past rival Northville

Wildcats win 12 events in first meet of season

Brad Emons
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Novi may have not put its best foot forward April 11 in an 86-51 boys track and field win over host Northville, but the Wildcats came away with a lot of satisfaction. And, of course, it's really early in the 2017 season, coming off spring break.

"It was good," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "There's still some things we need to work on, obviously, early in the season. We need to shore up some of those relay exchanges." Novi took first in 12 of the 17 events, including three of four relays. The Wildcats could have made it a clean sweep in the relays, but dropped the baton on the final hand-off after building a big lead.

The Wildcats were led by Aric Landy, who captured the 800-meter run (2:05.16) and 3,200 (10:09.78). Other first-place finishers for Novi included Brendan Ireland, who tied for first in the long jump (18 feet, 8.75 inches); Scott Sawyer, pole vault (13-0), John Stefan, 110-meter hurdles (16.11); Hunter Joy, 300 hurdles (43.66); Nathan Hankerson, 100 dash (11.56); Leon Chen, 200 (23.93); and Gabe Mudel, 1,600 (4:27.38).

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PREP ATHLETICS

KLAAs announces future division alignments

League will do some shuffling after first year

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New division alignments have been announced for the 14-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association with Grand Blanc exiting after 2017-18 season and Belleville accepting an invitation to join in 2018-19.

Grand Blanc, which was voted out of the KLAAs by a 13-1 margin last month, will be part of the seven-school Gold Division for its last year, along with Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Novi.

The Black Division, meanwhile, will consist of Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

With the exception of football, the 2017-18 division alignments for all other boys and girls sports were based on geographic locations and proximity to other member schools.

"The majority of our schools could not support Grand Blanc being in the league," KLAAs president and Novi High Principal Nicole Carter said in a press release. "The original development of the league was based on geography, so with 10 schools leaving the league, it created a hole between the schools because of the mileage situation with an outlying school."

Last April, a total of 10 schools departed from the KLAAs.

Milford, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and White Lake Lakeland broke off and formed their own nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, which will start this fall. A 10th member school, Pinckney, decided to join the Southeastern Conference.

Next fall's football divi-

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BOYS GOLF

Shamrocks chomping at the bit to go for third state title

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They're locked and loaded. That's what Novi Detroit Catholic Central's golf team will bring to the table as the prohibitive favorite to bring home another state title. "We have a team full of seniors looking to win their third Division 1 state championship in a row," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. "The team has four of the five lowest scoring average players from last season returning this season."



GREG JOHNSON

CC's Ben Smith returns this season as the Shamrocks aim for a state title three-peat.

Although CC fifth-year coach Mike Anderson lost starter Max Palmer and key reserve Josh Stein to graduation, the cupboard remains full with four collegiate-bound players returning for their senior season: team captain James Piot (Michigan State), Ben Smith (Georgia Tech), Sean Niles (Oakland University) and Sean Sooch (Grand Valley State).

"James, Ben, Sean and Sean are the foundation of the team through their play and leadership," Dewling said.

Smith and Piot tied for fifth individually, while Niles was just outside the top 10 by two strokes in last year's state finals at Grand Valley State's The Meadows as the Shamrocks won the team title by eight strokes over Grosse Pointe South.

The Shamrocks also captured the district championship by 46 strokes over Pinckney as Smith (first), Piot (second), Niles (fourth) and Sooch (seventh) all recorded top 10 finishes.

CC won the regional by 15 shots as Smith, who has qualified for the U.S. Amateur, took medalist honors.

Among the players in the mix this season for the fifth and sixth slots for CC are seniors Sam Holland (Calvin College) and Dyllan Skinner, along with juniors Andrew Lack and Brendan Britz.

Northville

Second-year coach Chris Cronin hopes to

build off last year's season success, as the Mustangs earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals, finishing 12th overall, following a third-place finish at the regional and fifth in the district.

Northville was also runner-up to Plymouth in the Kensington Conference and sixth at the KLAA Association tournament.

"After finishing 12th last year in the state finals, we have high expectations for this year's team," Cronin said. "We return five of the six players who made up our state team last June and our top players gained a wealth of tournament experience playing over the summer."

The Mustangs, who lost Joey Auty to graduation, return junior standout Jimmy Dales, who qualified last summer for the U.S. Junior Amateur.

"Jimmy had a huge summer and he has caught the eye of several college coaches," Cronin said. "Golf is something that Jimmy hopes to continue in college and I believe he has the game to compete at a very high level."

Another junior, Abhinav Alluri, also returns and was the Kensington Conference pre-tourney co-medalist last week.

"Abhi can flat-out play," Cronin said. "He's worked on his putting a lot and his iron game is outstanding. I think this is his year."

Also returning are seniors Aaron Youmans,

Dominic Marsalese and Drew Kearis.

"Those seniors should help produce some quality results at tournaments this season," Cronin said.

Among the promising newcomers are sophomore Will Barrott, freshman Tim Braun and freshman Nicholas Boules.

Novi

The Wildcats return a veteran cast from a team that placed third in the Kensington Conference, second in the Central Division (4-1) and seventh at the Division 1 district, losing only starters Mike Groechel and Ryan Havens to graduation.

Seniors Mike Ulle and Ryan Welch were both regional qualifiers and will be joined by fellow seniors Derek DuBois and Trevel Angell.

Among the promising newcomers are sophomores Keane Dolin, Niko Hatz, Aakash Jajoo and Ryan Pinho.

"We have a strong group of seniors, coupled with some talented sophomores, that will lead our team this season," Novi second-year coach Jason Delo said. "Our returning players spent much of the off-season playing and preparing to make this a successful season. Our senior class will form the core of our scoring. Coupled with strong team leaders, I believe we will have a chance at making the MHSAA finals."

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Northville's Andrew Kearis takes aim with an iron shot.

BOYS GOLF

Mustangs runner-up in conference tourney

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Cool and damp conditions April 13 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia might have been a nuisance to golfers competing in the KLAA Kensington Conference preseason tournament.

But for co-medalist Jack Boczar and the first-place Plymouth Wildcats, such conditions merely are another obstacle to hurdle during what the team hopes will be another big season.

"It kind of gets you started," Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "It's good to get off to a good start. Tough day weather-wise, so we had to grind it out."

Plymouth scored 307 to collect 12 points in the tournament, which essentially is used as a gauge to determine where teams fit against each other in the conference.

The Wildcats edged second-place Northville (310), but then there was a drop-off to Novi (third, 329), Livonia Stevenson (fourth, 335) and Livonia Churchill (fifth, 337).

Boczar shot 3-over par 73 and shared the top spot with Northville's Abhinav Alluri.

Plymouth senior Justin Kapke and Northville's Jimmy Dales each shot 75, while Plymouth freshman Ian Smith showed his mettle with 76.

"I've been hyped up for the high school season for a couple months," said Boczar, an all-stater last year. "And I'm excited to get out here and see what we can do this year. We didn't have the best scores today, but we still grinded it out."

The Mustangs were



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Novi's Trevor Angell launches a tee shot during the Kensington Conference preseason tourney at Whispering Willows.

only three shots off the pace for first place.

"Overall, we were satisfied with our results," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "The conditions were tough, with cold weather and some spotty rain, but that's what everyone had to deal with. I appreciated how, even with our struggles, the guys really battled. As a team, we didn't have our best game working today, but to a player, we focused on playing the next shot and that kept us competitive with Plymouth. We have a lot of our pieces back from last year's, but so does Plymouth. I expect to have some great matches against coach (Dan) Young and his Plymouth squad."

Alluri was coming off a strong outing in Northville's season tourney

opener April 11 at the Detroit Golf Club, where play was halted with five holes remaining because of inclement weather.

"Abhinav has been striking the ball really well this week," Cronin said. "In the past, Abhinav has been hampered by slow starts, but he has worked on his putting and short game over the winter, and today that paid dividends on the second hole he played — the 214 yard par-3 15th. He hit an errant tee shot right and chipped his second shot out of the woods to the back apron of the green. From there, he saved par with a 60-foot putt. Instead of putting up a big number early in the round, he saves par and goes on to share medalist honors."

Dales, meanwhile, wound up tied for third.

"Even when Jimmy is struggling, he is a fun golfer to watch," Cronin said. "Jimmy is a tough competitor and he never gives up on a hole. He was not very good off the tee today, but he was still able to put up a solid round with outstanding wedge play and putting. This consistency allowed Jimmy to keep big numbers off of the card."

Rounding out the Northville scorers were Aaron Youmans (79) and Drew Kearis (83).

"Both of these seniors are trying to iron out some aspects of their game; therefore, today's scores didn't surprise me," Cronin said. "I think Drew said it best after yesterday's round, 'We know what we need to work on.' They're seniors and they've played a lot of competitive golf. I'm confident that they can get things ironed out soon."

Dom Marsalese and Saahith Mummadi were Northville's non-scorers with 84 and 87, respectively.

Leading Novi with 77 was Mike Ulle, who tied for 10th, followed by Ryan Welch (81), Chris Fisher (85) and Derek DuBois (86). The Wildcats' non-scorers were Trevor Angell and Aakash Jajoo (87 each).

Rounding out the 12-team field were Canton (342), Salem (346), South Lyon East (355), South Lyon (356), Livonia Franklin (364), Westland John Glenn (431) and Wayne Memorial (495).

A.J. Clark paced East with 79, followed by Nick Ruschak (96), Max Hoorn (97), Gavin McPherson (101) and Jacob Miller (104).

Nate Campbell shot 84 to lead South Lyon, followed by Daniel McDermott (90), Evan Monteith (91), Zach VanBoven (91), Peter Brinch (94) and Gabe Campbell (105).

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 17-119.03**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 12, "DRAINAGE AND FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION," ARTICLE VII, "FERTILIZER APPLICATION," IN ORDER TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 12-274, "RATES AND APPLICATION SCHEDULE; PROHIBITIONS," RELATING TO REQUIRED MAILING, SECTION 12-276, "REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND PROCEDURE," AND RENUMBER THE REMAINING PROVISIONS ACCORDINGLY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 20, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
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**CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED**

Notice is hereby given that 43043 West Nine Mile LLC has submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974," and an application for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The proposed project is part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-35-101-022, located at 41935 Twelve Mile Road, described as follows:

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Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held for the establishment of an Industrial Development District on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

Following the public hearing and approval to establish an Industrial Development District, pursuant to Section 5 (2) of said Act, a hearing shall be held for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, during which any property owner within the Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk's office or at the public hearing.

Cortney Hanson, CMC
City Clerk

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**City of Novi
Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi** will hold a public hearing on **May 9, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0010 (Spencer & Sons Construction, Inc.) 25687 Glamorgan Drive, South of Eleven Mile and East of Beck Road, Parcel # 50-22-21-152-006. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow for a side yard variance of 3.25 feet to achieve a 16.9 foot setback, 20 foot minimum is required, and a rear yard variance of 8 feet to achieve a 42 foot setback, 50 foot minimum required, setbacks are for the construction of an addition to the existing structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-A).

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 17-189**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 7, "BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE VI, "BUSINESS OF RENTING BUILDINGS," IN ORDER TO REPEAL THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS THEREIN IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 20, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson
City Clerk

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Hartland edges Northville in thriller, 14-13

Eagles score winning goal with just 1:46 on the clock

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It came down to the final face-off. Hartland's Bella D'Arcy scored the go-ahead goal with only 1:46 left April 12 and the host Eagles held on for a 14-13 girls lacrosse win over Northville in a battle of unbeaten. Emily Beasley scored eight

goals for the Eagles, who improved to 4-0 overall with the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover victory. Kendall Wasik led Northville (3-1) with five goals and two assists. Emma Dietrich notched a hat trick, while Sarah Chase and Ally Blough both added two goals. Charlotte Beaudoin had the other. "They scored their last goal, won the next draw and we couldn't get the ball back," Northville first-year coach Dan Madigan said. "They con-

trolled most of them for the most part of the game. There were about 30 draws and we probably only won 10 of them. They controlled those early and they were very good in transition and converting on those against us." Northville goalie Kat Weisert made 11 saves for the Mustangs, who trailed 9-6 at half-time. "It was a very physical game between two pretty equal teams playing, so it was a good early season test for

us," said Madigan, who coached previously four seasons at Ann Arbor Huron. "It was a hard-fought game and they kind of got up on us a little bit early and we kind of had to crawl back slowly, but surely. It was just a back-and-forth game until the end."

NOVI 17, GRAND BLANC 8: Senior captain Katie McMaster proved to have the Midas Touch, scoring five goals as the Wildcats (3-1) downed the Bobcats in a KLAAC crossover April 12. Juniors Melissa Ansara and Hannah Richard both added two goals as the Wildcats improved to 3-1 overall. Other goal scorers for Novi included senior captain

Rachel Bayer, junior Emma Hixson, sophomore Katie Novell and sophomore Delaney Hansen. Richardson also had four assists and three ground ball pick-ups in the victory. Novell collected three ground balls. "I was a little nervous for our first game in two weeks, but our team showed up strong out of the gate," Novi first-year coach Kaitlyn West said. "They never let up and played to the best of their abilities. I know we still have room to grow and things to work on for some highly anticipated conference games later in the season, but I am confident in not just the abilities of my players, but also in their mentalities. They are mentally and physically tough and prepare themselves well."

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Novi's John Stefan placed first in the 110-meter hurdles.

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"Pretty impressed with Leon Chen, a sophomore who has come on really strong in the sprints," Reid said. "Our distance guys ran fantastic today and were probably the difference in the meet. Our pole vault guys did really well today and swept that. That was nice to see as well. Nate Hankerson did a nice job in the sprint areas. It's funny. I could name the distance guys as a group. They were the difference in our meet today."

Under blustery conditions as temperatures dropped, Sawyer cleared his opening height in the pole vault (13-0), but the two-event school record holder had to drop out of the high jump after starting at 6-0.

"Scott tweaked his calf a little bit and I pulled him," Reid said. "It wasn't worth it, cold weather and everything. He kind of planted wrong and the spike didn't come off the ground. He went to jump and his knee twisted this way and his foot went another way. We scratched him and said, 'No, we're not doing that.' He had an off-day on pole vault. Nothing is given in track. You have to work every time that you do it." Northville's Ja'Quan Crawford swept the shot

put (41-11.5) and discus (108-5), while other individual wins came from Alec Hopkins in the high jump (6-2); Giuliano Daniel, 400 (53.29); and Ben Shuart, who tied Ireland in the long jump.

"I thought it would be close and we were in it until the 200 at the end," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "It's about what I expected."

Dalton was pleasantly surprised by one performance, even though it didn't count toward the final score.

"In the high jump, Gustaf (Tjernberg), an exchange student from Sweden, he was JV today, but would have been third if labeled as a varsity kid," he said.

Despite being outscored 27-2 in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200, Dalton is confident his distance group can make an impact going forward.

"We still bring back Ben Cracraft, Evan Ferrante, Nick Couyoumjian, Peter Bejin and Jacob Blackmore, so those kids are going to have to carry the weight for us in 4 by 800 (relay), two mile, mile and 800," he said.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NOVI 86, NORTHVILLE 51
April 11 at Northville
Shot put: 1. Ja'Quan Crawford (N'ville), 41 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Anmol Multani (N'ville), 41-6; 3. Jordan Casteberry (Novi), 39.7.5.
Discus: 1. Crawford (N'ville), 108-5; 2. Jacob Genaw (N'ville), 101-7; 3. Multani (N'ville), 96-0.
High jump: 1. Alec Hopkins (N'ville), 6-2; 2. Caleb Sheehan (N'ville), 5-8; 3.



Novi's Scott Sawyer clears 13-0 in the pole vault.

Andrew White (Novi), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. (tie) Brendan Ireland (Novi) and Ben Shuart (N'ville), 18-8.75 each; 3. Blair Mayes (Novi), 18-5.
Pole vault: 1. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 13-0; 2. Joshua Brucker (Novi), 10-6; 3. Edmund Shaheen (Novi), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. John Stefan (Novi), 16.11; 2. Brian You (Novi), 16.92; 3. Shuart (N'ville), 17.33.
300 hurdles: 1. Hunter Joy (Novi), 43.66; 2. Jacob Pichler (N'ville), 45.62; 3. Alvin Li (Novi), 45.67.
100 dash: 1. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.56; 2. Leon Chen (Novi), 11.67; 3. Trevor Kelterborn (N'ville), 11.7.
200: 1. Chen (Novi), 23.93; 2. Giuliano Daniel (N'ville), 23.99; 3. Sean Pitcher (Novi), 24.02.
400: 1. Daniel (N'ville), 53.29; 2. Zach Stroud (N'ville), 54.52; 3. Aaron Baird (Novi), 54.68.
800: 1. Aric Landy (Novi), 2:05.16; 2. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 2:07.94; 3. Blake Macay (Novi), 2:07.95.
1,600: 1. Gabe Mudei (Novi), 4:27.38; 2. Scott MacPherson (Novi), 4:29.18; 3. Ben

Cracraft (N'ville), 4:36.50.
3,200: 1. A. Landy (Novi), 10:09.78; 2. Trey Mullins (Novi), 10:12.12; 3. Peter Bejin (N'ville), 10:15.79.
400 relay: 1. Novi (Hankerson, Pitcher, Chen, Stefan), 45.04; 2. Northville, 49.01;
800 relay: 1. Northville (Benair Covington, Nolan Knight, Kelterborn, Zach Stroud), 1:40.59; 2. Novi, 1:42.74; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Baird, Vincent Ma, Wood, MacPherson), 3:44.67; 2. Northville, 4:06.67;

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3,200 relay: 1. Novi (A. Landy, John Landy, Wood, MacPherson), 8:41.0; 2. Northville, 8:50.0.
Dual meet records: Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAC Central Division; Northville, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAC Central.
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PREP SOFTBALL

Northville splits twinbill with Salem

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Northville pounded out a total of 26 hits April 12, but had to settle for a split of a KLAAC Central Division softball double-header with host Salem.

The Mustangs (3-1, 2-1) won the opener, 13-7, as Abby Tolstyka led an 18-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with three RBIs.

Other offensive contributions came from Sarah Hige (2-for-4, three RBIs), Hannah Dygert (2-for-4, two RBIs), Megan Swart (3-for-5) and winning pitcher Hannah Laurin (3-for-4).

The sophomore picked up their third win of the season, scattering eight hits and a walk while striking out nine in seven innings.

Meanwhile, Salem (2-1, 2-1) took the nightcap, 10-2. Sophomore Maddie Petix, making her first high school start, allowed 13 hits while walking one and striking out five as she took the loss.

Sara Moos went 3-for-4 with a solo homer in the first inning, while Hige added an RBI.

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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, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider PRINCETON PARK JSP 17-10 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.717 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) TO RM-2 (HIGH DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). The subject property is approximately 24-acre and is located on the west of Novi Road and north of Ten Mile Road in Section 22. The applicant is proposing a development of 129-unit multi-family attached condominiums with frontage and access to Novi Road.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-22-400-006, 50-22-22-400-007, 50-22-22-400-019 and 50-22-22-400-020

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, May 10, 2017.

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Children race to grab the marshmallows.

RAINING MARSHMALLOWS

Some things are just plain fun, no matter your age — like the annual Oakland County Parks Great Marshmallow Drop. Held April 14, some 15,000 marshmallows rained down onto anxious youngsters at Catalpa Oaks County Park when they were dropped from a hovering helicopter. Hundreds of local kids then chased down the gooey treats and exchanged them for a prize.



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More than 15,000 marshmallows are being dropped from a helicopter.



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RODMAN

HAROLD "HARRY" Age 79, went to spend Easter with Our Risen Lord on April 14, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Pat; two sons, Harry, Jr. and Bill; daughter, Kelly; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Harry was a long-time South Lyon resident, graduating from South Lyon High School (class of 1956) and working for CSX railroad before retiring to Port Charlotte, Florida.

WHITE



JON HENRI age 77, of Tecumseh, formerly a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on April 11, 2017. Jon is survived by his loving wife Margaret White; his sons Jon White, Richard White, and Scott (Cheryl) White; his brothers David (Monique) White and Daniel (Laura) White; his grandchildren Damien (Christina) White, Jesse White, Jacob (Julia) White, Maggie-Mae White, Austin White, Gavin White, Orion White, Fisher White, Eden White, and Lear White; and great-grandchildren Madison, Dakota, and Dominic. He was preceded in death by his son David White, his parents, his sister Gloria Leach, and his brother Ronald White. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Kurt Hutchens from Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney officiated the service. Mr. White was laid to rest next to his son David at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 or Hospice of Lenawee, 1903 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian, MI 49221. DAV-Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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(From left) Legacy, 6, Justice, 1, and Legend Ragland, 5, of Rochester pose for a photo with their marshmallows.



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Thousands of children attended Friday's annual Great Marshmallow Drop at Catalpa Oaks in Southfield.



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There were plenty of marshmallows to go around.

Catholic Vantage Financial awards scholarships

Catholic Vantage Financial of Plymouth has announced recipients of the credit union's 2017 student scholarships. This year's winners and their families were honored at CVF's annual membership meeting in March. Six scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to help cover tuition for students who attend Catholic schools. Receiving the two scholarships awarded to students in kindergarten through eighth grade were kindergartner Hen-

ry Hoeft, who attends Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, and Ethan Godin, a student at St. Edith in Livonia. Four scholarships were awarded to students who attend a Catholic high school. They include two students who will attend Divine Child High School, incoming freshman Faith Emmerling and sophomore Ben Carr. Also receiving awards were Kenneth Lashaway who will attend Fr. Gabriel Richard

High School in Ann Arbor in the fall, and Cotter Welch, an incoming freshman at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Four college scholarships of \$1,000 each were also awarded to 2017 high school graduating seniors. Winners include seniors Jessie Collins, Divine Child High School, Dearborn; Brendan Hogan, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Detroit; Claire Ramsden, Salem High School, Plymouth; and

Garrett Zylinski, Detroit Catholic Central High School, Novi. "Catholic Vantage Financial has a proud history of supporting Catholic school education in the communities we serve through a variety of activities," said Emma Teller, CVF vice president of marketing and business development. "Members repeatedly tell us how much these scholarships mean to their families and to their children's continuing education."

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Learn the facts about background checks

BY MATT TARPEY
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After reviewing your résumé, reading your cover letter and talking to you in a live interview, employers have a lot of information about you. So what more do they hope to learn from a background check?

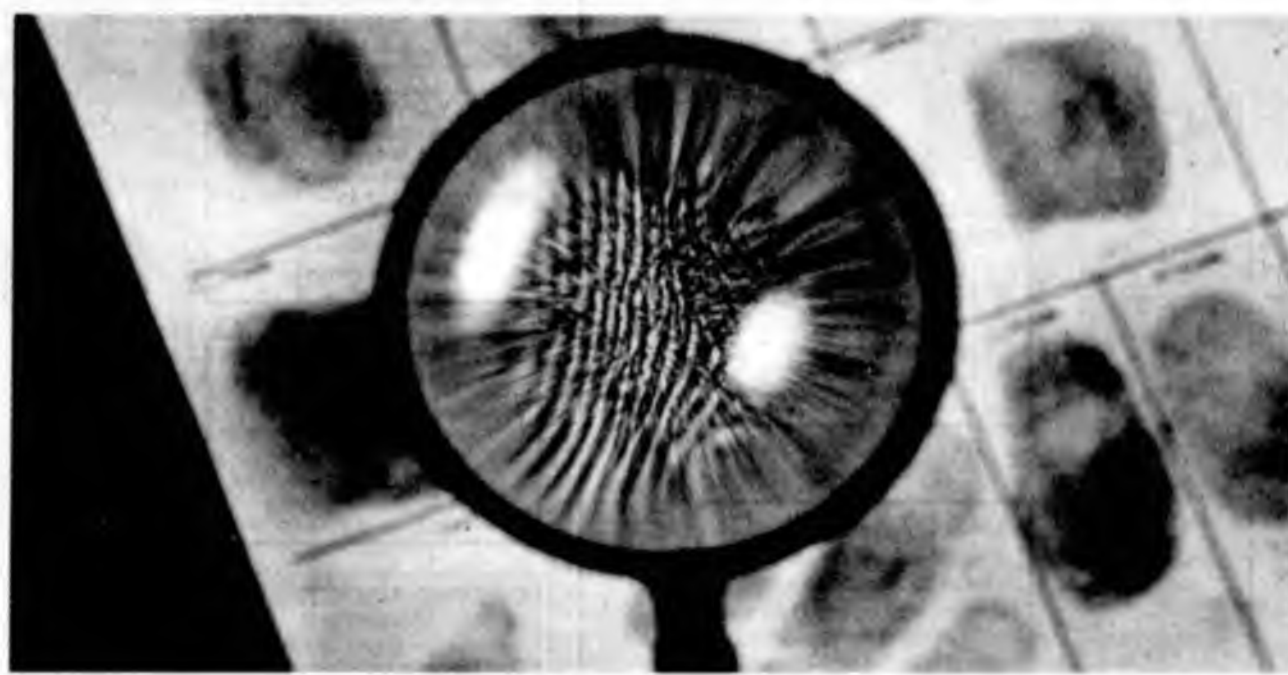
If you've ever asked yourself this, you're not alone. According to a 2017 CareerBuilder survey, 46 percent of job seekers say they don't know what information companies are looking for when they conduct background checks. To make sure you understand what you're signing before agreeing to one, here are a few things you should know.

Why run a background check?

Simply put, companies use background checks to make sure they aren't putting themselves or their employees at risk by hiring you.

"Generally, employers are looking for consistency in the candidate's background. They want to confirm that everything the applicant has said about their experience and previous work lines up," says Chris Heinz, managing partner of Westport One, an executive contract staffing affiliate of MRINetwork.

"Background checks are



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run by employers for a variety of reasons. In some financial industries they are mandatory, for example, when an employee will be responsible for handling or making decisions about someone else's money," says Kelly Brooks, executive director of human resources at Atrium Staffing. "But whether it's a simple employment verification or an all-out investigative report delving into all aspects of your life (criminal, credit, education, DMV), you should know what is on each report before you start your search for employment."

How am I protected?
 Companies aren't allowed

to run a background check on you without your written permission. However, if you do choose to deny the request, employers may reject your candidacy.

Requiring your permission isn't the only way you're protected as a job seeker. The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) also sets rules for what information employers can request and how they can use that information.

Most notably, if a company rejects your application based on information found in a background check, they are required to provide you with a copy of the report along with a document detailing your rights

under the FCRA and contact information for the company that provided the report. This way, in the event that you're rejected due to an error in the report, you have the opportunity to refute the information. The FCRA is a federal act, covering the entire United States, but some states have put in place additional protections regarding background checks.

What can they find?

Once you've given permission, a background report may include your credit score and address history (through Social Security number validation). Employers are also likely

to follow up on items from your application.

"Job seekers should assume all information they have provided in the application and interview process will be checked. This includes places of employment, how long they worked at these companies, to whom they reported, education and social media presence," Heinz says.

What may be included in a background report varies significantly from state to state, so be sure to check with your state's Department of Labor for up-to-date laws and regulations.

Are there risks in agreeing to be checked?

Heinz says that job seekers generally need not worry about submitting themselves to a background check.

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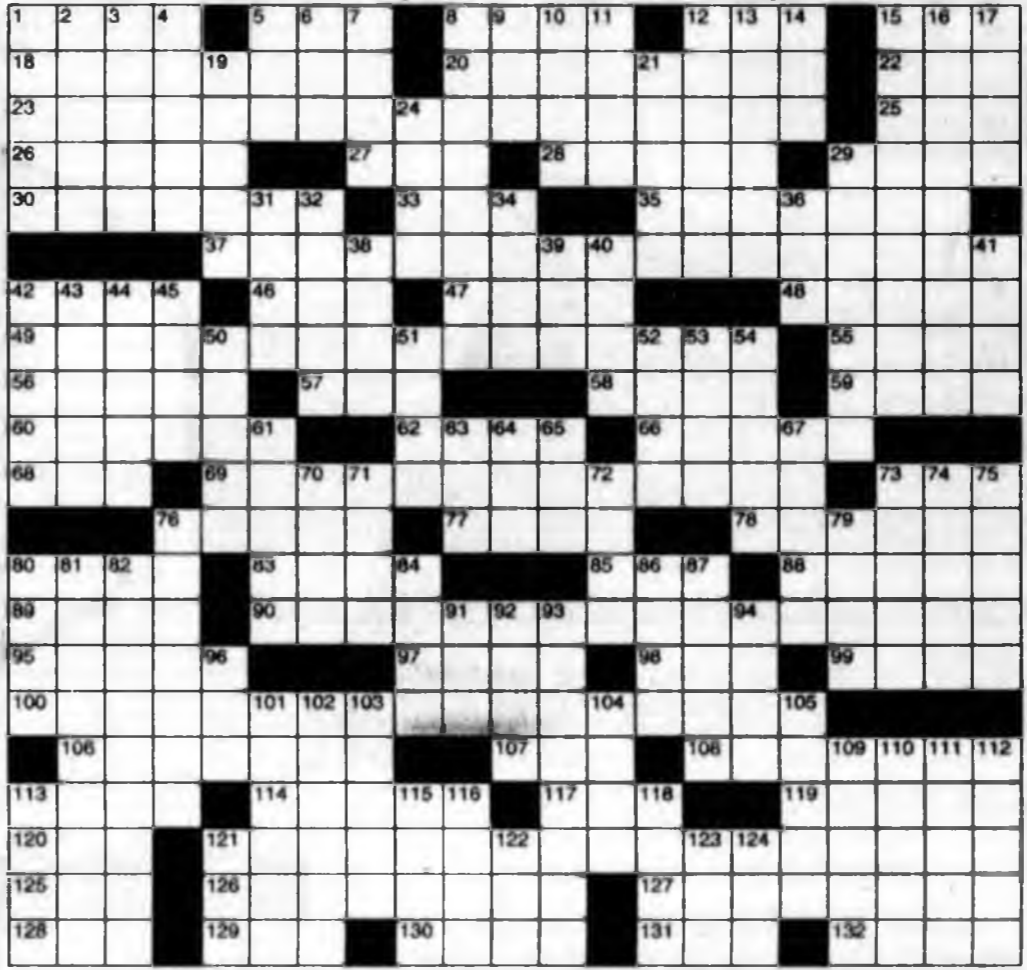
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Travel aimlessly
 - 5 Sport: — (vehicle)
 - 8 Marsh fuel
 - 12 Sea 124-Down
 - 15 "Well, this — surprise!"
 - 18 Extents of estates
 - 20 Enjoying an African trek
 - 22 Biscotti tidbit
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Swaying to and —
 - 26 "Heaven Can Wait" director
 - 27 " — will!"
 - 28 Diplomatic agent
 - 29 Do injury to
 - 30 Keeps hold of
 - 33 Brit's 26th letter
 - 35 Religious recluse
 - 37 Riddle, part 2
 - 42 Little guys
 - 46 Socratic "T"
 - 47 Inch or mile
 - 48 Garden flowers, informally
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Part of a list
 - 56 Thing pulled by a milker
 - 57 Prefix with floppy
 - 58 Mexican moola
 - 59 Desertlike
 - 60 Little tyke
 - 62 Animal pen
 - 66 " — a loss for words"
 - 68 Bar drink
 - 69 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 To the — power
 - 78 Replay mode, briefly
 - 77 Sandy color
 - 78 Crotchety
 - 80 Runaway GI
 - 83 Seized auto, e.g.
 - 85 Ending for count
 - 88 Made less harsh
 - 89 Good score in diving
 - 90 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 Lauder of fragrances
 - 97 James of "Slither"
 - 98 "How pretty!"
 - 99 "On the subject of ..."
 - 100 End of the riddle
 - 106 Inhale
 - 107 " — Bravo!"
 - 108 50-50 chances
 - 113 Barren
 - 114 Pottery, e.g.
 - 117 Trident, e.g.
 - 119 The Evil One
 - 120 Pig — poke
 - 121 Riddle's answer
 - 125 UP on the Hill, abbr.
 - 126 Move to a new post
 - 127 Ify issue
 - 128 Equine critter
 - 129 Get a total
 - 130 Hefty volume
 - 131 Put in words
 - 132 Got hold of
- DOWN**
- 1 Less cooked
 - 2 Colour in a landscape
 - 3 "Looks everything"
 - 4 High-IQ organization
 - 5 "I hate this!"
 - 6 Driver's prop
 - 7 Gas brand up north
 - 8 Forks over
 - 9 Many an MIT grad
 - 10 "Even — speak ..."
 - 11 Little mountain lake
 - 12 Spiritual goal of Zen Buddhism
 - 13 Hunted, with "on"
 - 14 Lung-filling stuff
 - 16 Inspire with foolish passion
 - 18 Cry uncle
 - 17 The "H" or "O" of H₂O
 - 19 Stuffy room
 - 21 Footrace a little over 3.1 mi. long
 - 24 Rice-sized pasta
 - 29 Hatchet
 - 31 — one (zip)
 - 32 Kiss noise
 - 34 Chinese statesman
 - 35 — Xacoping
 - 36 Chow mein additive, for short
 - 38 Immaculate
 - 39 Co. board member
 - 40 At the apex
 - 41 J.D. Stalinger heroine
 - 42 Actress Innes
 - 43 Vocalist Paula
 - 44 Evade shyly
 - 45 Litigious one
 - 50 Fishing net
 - 51 Black-and-white whale
 - 52 Figure skater Johnny
 - 53 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
 - 54 Lover of Juliet
 - 61 "American Beauty" actress
 - 63 Prefix for Gator
 - 64 Big name in SUVs
 - 65 Cochlea
 - 67 Madison Ave. solicitor
 - 70 Future sign
 - 71 Ray of —
 - 72 Feels regret over
 - 73 Ibis' homes
 - 74 Fido's prize
 - 75 Prefix with carbon
 - 76 Rained pellets of ice
 - 78 Probe org.
 - 80 From the top
 - 81 Pulled chicken
 - 82 Ottawa natives
 - 84 Start of a fairy tale
 - 86 Clog, for one
 - 87 Oilcan part
 - 81 Rove
 - 92 Lion's home
 - 93 Native resident
 - 94 Extremely, informally
 - 96 Greek vowel
 - 101 Hankered
 - 102 Bobbin stuff
 - 103 NHL's Toronto
 - 104 Time piece?
 - 105 Optional SAT part
 - 109 Egypt's Anwar
 - 110 In — (as yet unborn)
 - 111 — diet (trendy regimens)
 - 112 Act stealthily
 - 113 Big name in credit cards
 - 115 Lucky-split
 - 116 The Magi, e.g.
 - 118 Fanzines, say
 - 121 Musical syllable
 - 122 "Grand Hotel" studio
 - 123 Big initials for hunters
 - 124 With
 - 12-Across, mud wrap locale



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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KARAOKE WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- ACOUSTIC MUSIC
- AMPLIFIER OFFKEY
- CORTICAL OUTPUT
- DANCE OVERDUE
- DECIBEL PARTICIPANTS
- ENTERTAINMENT PROFESSIONAL
- EQUALIZER RESTAURANT
- GROUP SING
- INSTRUMENTAL SONGBOOK
- KARAOKE SONGS
- KEY STROBE
- LYRICS TEMPO
- MACHINE TIME
- MELODY TIME
- MICROPHONE VOCALS
- MODULATOR WOOFER
- MONITOR WORDS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

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Word Search Answers

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Car Report

BIG GUNS OF DETROIT LEAD THE PARADE OF POWERFUL NEW SHEET METAL AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW



By Dale Buss

America is an auto market with a split personality, between the inevitably self-driving and electric future and the present — where low gasoline prices, fuel-efficient

internal-combustion engines, and big SUVs and trucks are still turning the heads of most actual U.S. vehicle buyers.

There's no better display of that schizophrenia right now than the New York International Auto Show, where at press days various automotive OEMs went to great lengths to show off their latest developments in the vehicle types du jour. Electric vehicles and self-driving innovations? They're getting their due, but they certainly haven't taken over yet.



The 2018 Audi RS Coupe

The show is "a shameless celebration of size and horsepower, more proof that the emissions-free vision touted by the industry for now is trumped by the current market realities of consumer demand, low interest rates and cheap gas," wrote Daniel Howes of the Detroit News.

In fact, the New York show seems to be emerging as the second-most important auto exhibition in North America each year, after Detroit's own North American International Auto Show in January. This year's

NAIAS also celebrated automotive testoterone.

The Detroit Three clearly led the parade of heavy, powerful sheet metal at NYIAS:

Fiat Chrysler displayed is a 707-horsepower Trackhawk version of its Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, as well as an 840-horsepower version of its Dodge Challenger muscle car, the SRT Demon. Top speed for the new Grand Cherokee: 180 mph.

The company also introduced two new option packages for its Ram pickup trucks: Ram 1500 Sublime Sport and Rebel Blue Streak. They "expand our offerings in factory-custom trucks and give dealers a more extensive color palette to excite customer who are looking for something unique," said Mike Manley, head of Ram brand.

Ford promoted an updated Ford Explorer, its mid-size SUV, and a longer if lighter version of its behemoth Lincoln Navigator SUV. The new Navigator will feature upgraded leather seats, plush carpeting and running boards that pop out automatically, as well as a dial that selects from six

driving modes for varying weather conditions and terrain.

"It is the most spacious and luxurious Lincoln SUV yet, and will elevate family travel to what we call first class," Ford CEO Mark Fields said.

General Motors showed off a new version of its full-size Buick Enclave SUV even while it also gives props to the Chevrolet Bolt, its new fully electric hatchback that is meant to pre-empt gains in the mainstream-EV market by Tesla's upcoming Model 3.

Other auto brands made splashes in New York too:

Audi unveiled the GT4 version of its R8 LMS race car on the eve of the show, the newest addition to the Audi Sport customer-racing program. The VW-owned luxury brand also introduced its new Audi Sport brand, which it said represents "the best in track-tested performance available from the four rings." Over the next 2 years the brand plans to launch eight new Audi Sport models in the US market.

Genesis, the new luxury brand launched by Hyundai, used the show as a stage for its GV80 hydrogen

fuel-cell concept vehicle.

Jaguar Land Rover debuted its all-new Range Rover Velar in the middle of its biggest metropolitan market for Range Rover. Designed to fill the white space for a mid-size SUV in the Land Rover market, Velar already has experienced the highest website traffic within the first 30 days of launch of any Land Rover vehicle launch ever.

Mercedes-Benz announced plans to produce powerful new versions of its big GL sport-utility vehicle that can be supplied with as much as 500 horsepower, part of a presence at NYIAS that emphasized new utility vehicles and that some analysts called the strongest for any brand at the show.

Nissan unveiled a version of its Rogue crossover with special provisions for dogs, including built-in food and water dishes, custom removable dog bed, 360-degree dog wash shower and integrated dog-drying system. It was built by Dennis McCarthy, car coordinator for the Fast & Furious films.

Subaru, long known as the crunchy maker of all-wheel-drive vehicles and small SUVs, has expanded its footprint by showcasing the Ascent full-size SUV, a near-production concept vehicle that will feature three rows of seating for seven passengers when it rolls off its Indiana assembly line next year.

Toyota introduced its FT-4X Concept — or "Future Toyota" Four-Wheel-Drive Crossover, which addresses the tendency by millennials to take "brief, unplanned casual adventures" rather than "multi-day, extreme, high-effort excursions."



The super-powerful Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Precinct 3 (North of 11 Mile Rd. & West of Martindale Rd.): Lyon Township Municipal Center, 5800 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48145

Precinct 4 (South of 18 Mile Rd., North of 8 Mile Rd., West of Currie): South Lyon Church of Christ, 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178

Precinct 5 (North of 12 Mile, East & South of Pontiac Trail, West of Martindale Rd.): Lyon Township Fire Station 1, 5800 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48145

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For names of candidates or any information, please contact the Lyon Township Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240, 5800 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48145

MICHELE CASH, Lyon Township Clerk

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Immaculate Ranch!

- *Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 1.5 acres
- *Beautiful updated kitchen with Granite counters, cherry cabinets and wood flooring
- *Private Master Suite with French door access and Jacuzzi tub
- *Enjoy nature on the composite deck with grill gas hookup

MLS 217029176 248.684.1065 \$399,000



Gorgeous Home in Desirable Forest Ridge!

- *Stone and brick home features four bedrooms and three and half bathrooms
- *Tumbled marble, stone and Brazilian cherry wood flooring throughout
- *Gourmet kitchen perfect for entertaining
- *Laundry room with pet bath, three car garage

MLS 217002687 248.684.1065 \$1,100,000



Historical Home!

- *Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, on almost an acre
- *Updated kitchen with granite counters and center island with built in stove
- *Many updates throughout
- *Home built in 1882, short walk to Downtown Milford

MLS 217014711 248.684.1065 \$323,000



Beautiful and Inviting Cape Cod Condo!

- *Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with lake views
- *First floor master suite with lake view, ceiling fan and walk in closet
- *Granite kitchen with cabinet lighting, opening to great room
- *First floor laundry and finished two car garage

MLS 217012996 248.684.1065 \$219,000



Gorgeous Colonial with Lake Privileges!

- *Four bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located on one acre
- *Spacious kitchen with expansive island, granite counters and maple cabinets
- *French doors into private first floor study
- *Finished basement with plenty of space for gaming, tv zone and dry bar

MLS 217024941 248.684.1065 \$480,000



Charming Condo!

- *Two bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, Cape Cod Condo
- *Kitchen with oak cabinets and ceramic flooring
- *Spacious first floor suite with full bathroom
- *Finished basement with ceiling fan and wet bar

MLS 217020725 248.684.1065 \$195,000



Award Winning Lake Front Home!

- *Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with panoramic lake views
- *Big open living spaces, 10ft ceilings throughout
- *Italian Porcelain Slate and Cherry Flooring
- *Hydronic heated floors throughout, including the basement and garage

MLS 217023748 248.684.1065 \$1,490,000



Build The Home Of Your Dreams!

- *Pictured is a four bedroom, two and half bathroom, colonial, on 1.03 acres
- *Many floor plans, with natural fire place and hardwood floors
- *Brick and stone with covered porch
- *Island kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances

MLS 216116498 248.684.1065 \$499,000



Exquisite Home with 7,235 Sq. Ft. of Living Space!

- *Located on 2 acres of Private Setting
- *Hickory Ridge Farms Subdivision located in Milford Township
- *Quality Craftsmanship throughout the Home
- *Chef's Dream Kitchen, Master Suite Oasis with Fireplace and More!

MLS 217018567 248.684.1065 \$1,300,000



Beautiful House, Perfect Setting!

- *Four bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, on 2.5 acres
- *Great home with lots of updates and charm
- *Master bedroom with walk in closet, and large pantry
- *Three car garage with loaded storage racks

MLS 216114009 248.684.1065 \$278,000

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INDEPENDENT: HOT NEW LISTING 3 bdrm brick ranch, LR w/ huge bay window & dining ell, bdrm, CA & fenced yard \$25,000 Century 21 Costelli 734-525-7900

MILFORD: BRICK RANCH 3 bdrms, updated kitchen w/all appls, LR with hardwood floors, finished bdrm, FL room, 2 car GA, \$80,000 Century 21 Costelli 734-525-7900

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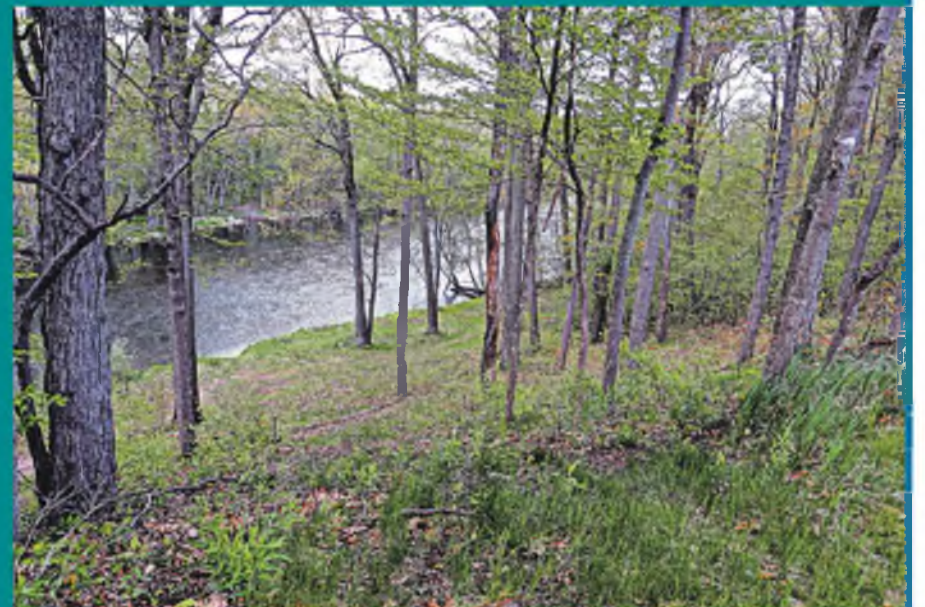
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