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## City settles with inmate's family

William Marshall died in police custody in December

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The city of Westland has settled with the estate of a man who died in police custody late last year.

The Westland City Council approved Monday night the settlement with the family of William Marshall, who was arrested Dec. 10 by Westland police under suspicion of driving with a suspended license, marijuana and cocaine possession.

The settlement was approved without comment from the council, though statements on the matter were read by Mayor William Wild, Fire Chief Michael Stradtner and Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "Once again, I want to express my sympathies to the family of William Marshall. We as a city hope and pray and expect that no one in the custody of the Westland Police Department or fire department would ever lose their lives," Wild said.

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Residents protest the death of William Marshall, who died while in custody by the Westland Police Department. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Five community fire departments poured massive amounts of water on the blaze. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Westland firefighters battle apartment blaze

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Firefighters in Westland battled a fast-moving fire Wednesday evening that forced the partial evacuation of an apartment complex and brought crews

from five area fire departments to the scene.

The fire at the Westwood Village Apartments, south of Joy Road and west of Newburgh, started around 6 p.m. Wednesday, Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. Nearly four hours later, flames were still visible, the

chief said.

No injuries were reported. "Everybody's accounted for at this point," Stradtner said.

Residents displaced by the fire were being referred to the Red Cross for

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## Wayne's Sanders recalled

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It looks like the Wayne City Council will have an empty seat on it later this month after voters came out and ousted an incumbent councilman on a recall election.

Councilman Christopher Sanders lost his recall election and is expected to be removed from the council as soon as the election is certified by the county board of canvassers. Sanders received 359 votes, while the challenge, current Councilman Jeremiah Webster, received 928 votes. Voter turnout in the city was just more than 10 percent, according to unofficial results provided by the city clerk's office.

With Webster's win, he will take over the remainder of Sanders's term through 2020 and will represent the city's 1st Ward, which is roughly the southwest portion of Wayne.

Sanders will remain on the council until the board of canvassers certifies the election. Depending on when that takes place, that could mean he could take part and vote in the city council's next regular meeting, scheduled for May 15.

With the successful recall, the city council will have 30 days to fill the vacancy. That person appointed would serve the rest of Sanders's term until November.

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**CLOS EARNS NURSING AWARD**



Henry Ford Health System recently hosted its seventh annual Clara Ford Nursing Excellence Awards ceremony at Henry Ford Hospital. Six registered nurses from Henry Ford were honored for their dedication to patients, the community and the health system. Among them was Westland resident Lucinda Clos, R.N. Clos was presented with her award by chief nursing officer Veronica Hall, R.N. (left) and president and CEO Wright Lassiter III.

**Settlement**

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The city has not disclosed the amount of money paid as a result of settlement and the amount is redacted in the council's packet from Monday's meeting. Westland City Attorney Jim Fausone said the amount paid is embargoed until the Wayne County Probate Court approves the settlement. While he didn't disclose the amount Tuesday morning, he did call it a "multimillion-dollar" settlement.

Most of those funds will be paid through the city's insurance company, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, with the city of Westland having to pay the first \$250,000 as a part of the retention, which is similar to a deductible, Fausone said.

"The remainder of the settlement will be paid for by the insurance company," he said.

Fausone said he expects the settlement will be reviewed and approved later this week.

Several hours after being arrested, paramedics were called to the jail after

Marshall complained of pain. He was monitored, but got progressively worse. Paramedics then responded and took him to a hospital, where he later died. The incident led to several protests taking place outside the police department building on Ford Road earlier this year.

Jedrusik said it appeared Marshall had swallowed a large amount of cocaine while in the jail, according to toxicology reports.

"It is not uncommon for defendants in narcotic cases to swallow drugs. What was uncommon in this case was the unknown large quantity of drugs that were swallowed," he said. "The toxicology report confirmed that Mr. Marshall swallowed an extremely large amount of cocaine, which became fatal. I do not know if medical staff would have been able to save him, but I do know that we should have gotten him to a hospital sooner."

Stradtner said two fire department employees involved no longer work for the city: one voluntarily left, while another was fired after an investigation.

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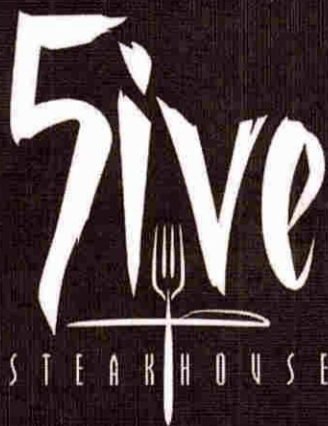
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# Blaze

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emergency assistance, he said.

The fire appears to have started in a second-floor corner apartment of the 24-unit building, the chief said, spreading quickly into an attic space and then moving around the building.

"Before our units had even gotten on scene, it got up into that attic space," Stradtner said. The fire was feeding on rubber roofing material, he said.

Firefighters were attacking the blaze from the ground and also using ladder trucks from above the building, sending streams of water into a hipped roof area from which flames at times shot up.

Residents of the apartment complex stood outside watching the effort and chatting, some embracing or putting their arms around each other. Thick smoke, ranging from dark brown to black, rose from the building, sometimes changing direction and clinging low, forcing onlookers to move away or cover their noses.

A neighboring apartment building just north of the fire was evacuated because of the heavy smoke, Stradtner said.

Resident Laurie Aren said she spoke with people in whose apartment the fire apparently started. She had heard smoke alarms and, while on her second-floor balcony, saw people from a nearby apartment on their own balcony.

"They said they had burned cornbread on the stove, but they had it taken care of," Aren said. She then got on the phone with her parents but, minutes later, "All of a sudden the flames just shot up," she said.

Aren evacuated with her cats, Simon and Mikey, but Mikey escaped her grasp. "He's very skittish. He ran back in," said Aren, who fears the worst for her cat.

Stradtner said several cats had reportedly not made it out of the building.

Aren said the apartment management company, Paragon Properties, is putting up displaced residents at a nearby motel. Those affected by the fire, she said, have been well cared-for by Paragon, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Stradtner said Westland fire investigators were at



Residents and neighbors watch firefighters battle the fire. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the scene to work on determining the cause of the fire. Audrianna Scandrett, who lives in a neighboring building, said she was studying in her apartment when she saw the smoke. She called 9-1-1 and left with her cat, Goofy.

"It could be us — and the pain and suffering that comes from everything being destroyed. I couldn't imagine," she said.

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Organizers point out that, every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide. In the U.S., one in five kids diagnosed won’t survive. Those who do survive often suffer long-term effects from treatments too harsh for their developing bodies.

St. Baldrick’s is leading the charge to take childhood back from cancer. Donations raised at events like this have made it possible for St. Baldrick’s to fund more than \$232 million to support the best childhood cancer research, wherever it takes place.

“This event is life-saving for the kids, but it’s life-changing for the individuals who participate,” event co-chair Robb Drzewicki said. “If you don’t happen to have a cause to believe in right now, try this event out once. You’ll never be the same.”

The Livonia/Plymouth planning team is celebrating its eighth year funding research for the foundation. The team of volunteers has raised nearly \$500,000 since it started running a small event in 2011. Last year’s event, held in Plymouth, raised nearly \$150,000.

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**Q:** My father, who is 75, recently had a CD that matured for about \$50,000 and the question is, what to do with the money. My dad doesn't need the money and he is very conservative when it comes to investing. I wanted my dad to consider a group of stock mutual funds, but he doesn't feel comfortable going that way. His bank recommended a fixed annuity that would pay him a guaranteed rate of return of 3 percent for the next five years. The bank also quoted him a rate on a five-year CD that was close to what the annuity is paying. He is either going to do the CD or the annuity and I want to help him make the decision. Can you tell me what you think the pros and cons of each of these investments are?

**A:** In reviewing the pros and cons of each of the aforementioned investments, there are some similarities between the two. First, in both a fixed annuity and a CD, you get a guaranteed rate of return and your prin-

cipal is guaranteed. In addition, in both investments, because your return is guaranteed, your principal cannot go down.

Fixed annuities and CDs also share the same negative and that is their return. Although annuities and CDs are marketed as risk-free, that is not the case. Returns on CDs and fixed annuities are relatively low and the risk that you take is known as purchasing power risk. In other words, the returns don't keep up with your increased cost of living. Yes, at the end of the period of the annuity or the CD you have more money, but that money doesn't buy as much as it used to. That is purchasing power risk.

One of the pros of fixed annuities that differentiates them from CDs is the fact that the interest earned grows tax-deferred. You only pay taxes when you withdraw the income earned. Particularly for seniors, the tax-deferral can have another benefit — because your income is deferred, it won't impact the cost of your Medicare B premium. The Medicare B premium is based upon income and, if you let your annuity reinvest and grow, there's no income that would impact your Medicare B premium.

The major downside of the annuity is that it is not as flexible as a CD. Fixed annuities have penalties that

are substantially higher than in a CD. Typically in a CD, if you close it out before maturity, you pay a penalty, but it's generally relatively minor, such as losing one calendar quarter of interest. In a fixed annuity, penalties are substantially higher. For example, if you were going into a five-year annuity and you closed out after three years, you could be on the hook for a 5-percent penalty.

The main benefit that a CD would offer over a fixed annuity is flexibility. The penalties on early termination of CDs are relatively minor. If for whatever reason you needed to close out the CD before maturity, you would not suffer nearly the penalty as in an annuity. On the other hand, the downside of CDs is that the interest you receive is currently taxed to you. Unlike in the annuity there is no deferral in CDs.

One last note regarding annuities and CDs is that you should shop them around. You would be surprised how different the rates are. In either, I would not go longer than five years. Interest rates are on the rise and, as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't make sense to lock up for more than five years.

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contest is also a way to discover eligible trees for the National Register of Big Trees, which is updated every spring and fall by American Forests. Today, Michigan has 19 registered national champions. Since there are nearly 200 tree species that don't yet have registered champions, the Big Tree Hunt is a great opportunity to get Michigan trees noticed nationwide.

More contest details and the entry form are available online at [bigtreehunt.com](http://bigtreehunt.com). The contest will accept submissions until the deadline of Sept. 3, 2019. If you have a question not answered on the website, email [ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org](mailto:ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org) or call 800-642-7353.

ReLeaf Michigan's Big Tree Hunt contest is sponsored by the Arboriculture Society of Michigan, Consumers Energy Foundation, the DTE Energy Foundation, the Michigan Botanical Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Urban and Community Forestry Program.

# Sweet Dreamzzz gets \$6K grant for sleep education

The Karen Colina Wilson Foundation awarded local nonprofit, Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., a \$6,000 grant to serve these children in need with its Early Childhood Sleep Education Program.

Founded in 2006, the Karen Colina Wilson Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of women and children and supports programs to enhance health, welfare, safety and well-being and development opportunities in education.

Sweet Dreamzzz will train teaching teams from Starfish Family Services of Plymouth on a two-week, in-school curriculum which focuses on developing healthy bedtime routines. Each student will receive a teddy bear to practice the

steps with, like relaxing before bed, eating a healthy snack, brushing teeth and washing up. The educators will receive classroom tools and reproducibles so they can continue to implement the program year after year. They will also be trained on the Sweet Dreamzzz Parent Sleep Education Workshop and will present the workshop to the parents.

Founded in 1998, Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. of Livonia is a regional nonprofit organization committed to improving children's health, well-being, and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economically disadvantaged students and their families. For more information, go to [www.SweetDreamzzz.org](http://www.SweetDreamzzz.org).

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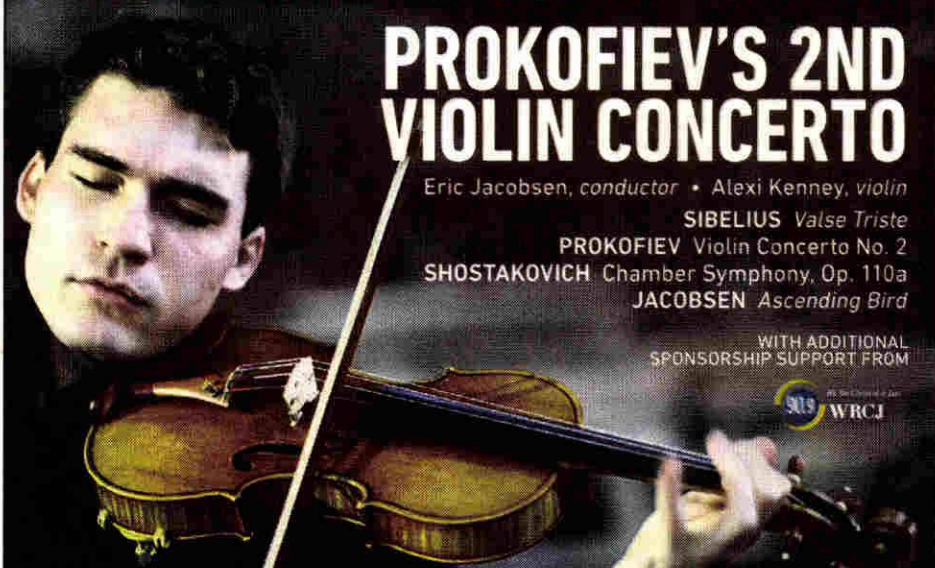
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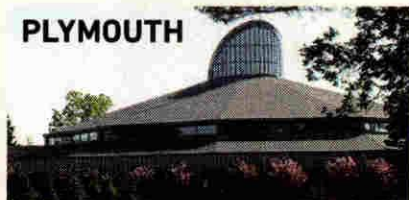
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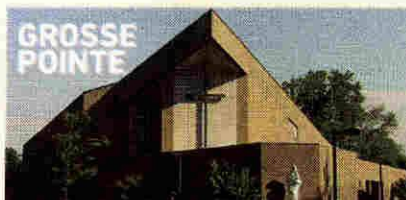
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**Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is still working to secure sites for 12 new Del Taco eateries in metro Detroit.** DARRELL CLEM

## Del Taco moves closer to metro Detroit expansion

**Darrell Clem**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Del Taco still hasn't locked in on specific sites as the company moves toward a major expansion in metro Detroit, an official said.

Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is planning to open 12 new Del Taco eateries, adding to the five it already has in Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Warren, Chesterfield and Roseville.

The question is: where? "We do not yet have any specific locations secured," TEAM Schostak Executive Chairman Mark Schostak wrote in an email, in response to questions. "We plan to announce new sites on a case-by-case basis as we have signed agreements."

His remarks came as Del Taco — the nation's second-largest Mexican fast food chain, behind only Taco Bell — witnessed revenue of \$112.6 million during the first quarter of this year, up from \$105.3 million during the same period last year, according to the company's latest financial report.

TEAM Schostak is getting in on that

growth, with plans to more than triple the five restaurants it already has in metro Detroit, including the company's hometown, Livonia.

"Plans for the expansion are already underway," Schostak said. "It will take approximately five years to complete the 12 new locations. As we look to bring Del Taco to more communities in Michigan, we are looking all over the Detroit metropolitan area."


TEAM Schostak hasn't indicated how much of a financial investment the expansion represents for the new eateries.

Del Taco serves more than three million customers a week at more than 560 restaurants in 14 states, according to the company website. It has witnessed 18 consecutive months of growth in sales.


John D. Cappasola, Jr., company president and CEO, said in the latest financial report on Del Taco's website that sales grew 3.7 percent for the first quarter of this year, or 7.9 percent on a two-year basis.


He called it a "strong outcome" and "a reflection of Del Taco's strength."

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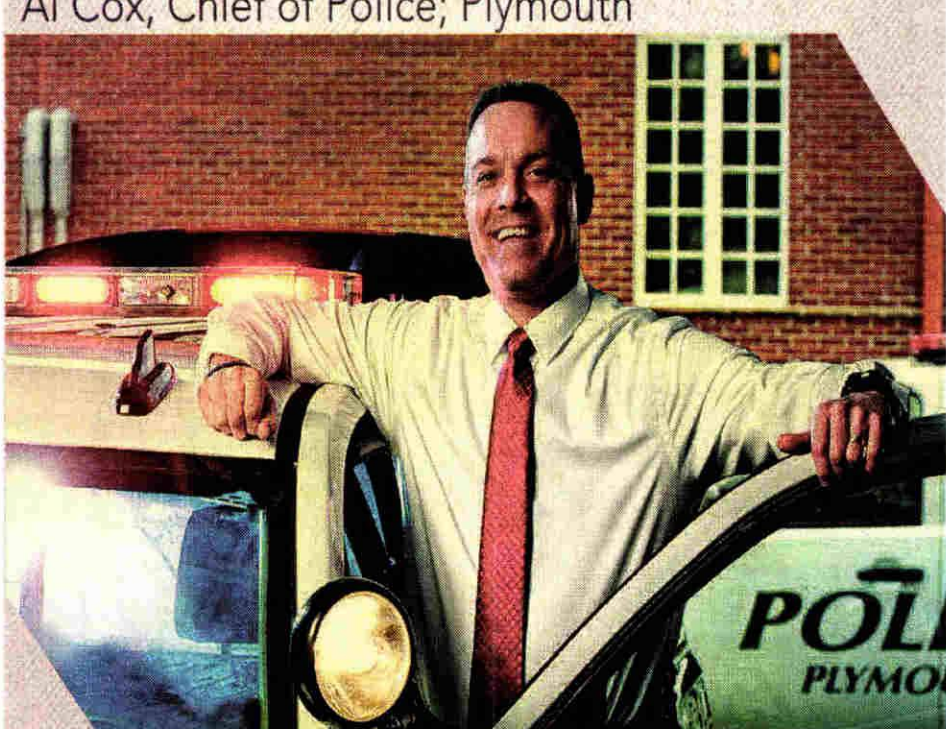
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**Livonia library book sale**

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library are sponsoring a used book sale Friday through Sunday, May 18-20, at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, at 32777 Five Mile Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There is a designated room for collectibles, as well as good prices on all the books. A bag of books can be purchased Sunday for \$5.

All proceeds support the Livonia libraries. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

**Tribute artist show and dinner**

The American Legion Post 32 Auxiliary will host a tribute show and dinner Friday, May 18, at the Post, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served 6-7:30 p.m.

Tribute artists include Elvis by Fred Wolfe, Toby Keith by Dan Spencer, Dolly Parton by Dawn Marie Mio and Willie Nelson by Jeff Carr. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, dancing and cash barment.

Tickets should be purchased in advance at the American Legion or contact Virginia VanSchoick at 231-670-1651.

**Benefit comedy show**

Swami Beyondanada, the Cosmic Comic, will bring his unique and uplifting show to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19. The show is a fundraiser for Citizens for Peace. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For tickets, call 734-425-0079.

For information about Citizens for Peace, go to [www.citizens4peace.com](http://www.citizens4peace.com).

**Legion golf outing**

The American Legion Post 32 in Livonia will host its annual golf outing, named for Gene Miller, Jim Trantham and John Idvardy, at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Club, 625 Napier Road, in Superior Township.

Cost is \$80 per person or \$320 per team for the four-player scramble featuring a shotgun start. Entry forms and sign-up board are at the Post, 9318 Newburgh Road. For more information, call Tony Brinza at 734-721-2615.

**History concert at First Congregational**

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, will host a program about World War II called The Victory Vertical Piano Project at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20. This free event will feature Garik Pedersen, who will perform dur-

ing this multimedia lecture/concert.

**Wine-tasting fundraiser**

The Zonta Club of northwest Wayne County will be hosting wine-tasting event to raise money for scholarships 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Andiamo's, 38703 W. Seven Mile Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$45. For more information, call 734-464-3728.

**Livonia Historical Society program**

The Livonia Historical Society will present a program titled "The Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes," given by Joel Stone of the Detroit, at 2 p.m. Monday, May 21. It is at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Road. For more information, call 734-416-3848.

**Archer at joint chamber event**

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer will speak at a multiple-chamber gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center. The event will involve members of the Livonia, Canton and Novi chambers of commerce. Archer will be available to sign copies of his autobiography "Let The Future Begin" and take pictures after the presentation.

The cost is \$35 per chamber member. For more details, contact the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to [www.livonia.org](http://www.livonia.org).

**Candidates at Livonia library**

The Livonia Bennett Civic Center Library, 2777 Five Mile Road, will host guest speakers Suneel Gupta, candidate for the U.S. House 11th District, and Dayna Polehanki, candidate for state Senate 7th District, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24. The event is open to the public.

**St. Mary Mercy weight management class**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management class, titled Weigh Your Options, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register online at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and Events."

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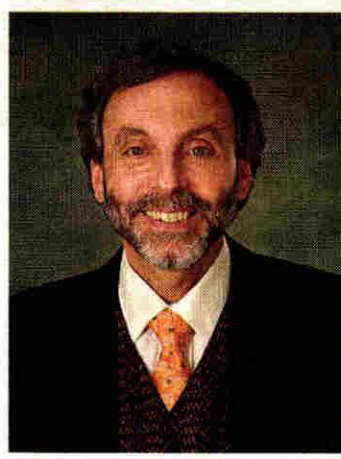
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# Plymouth's Miracle League kicks off spring season

**Brad Kadrich**  
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Opening day of baseball season is magical for fans of any league.

But when Mother Nature smiles and more than 100 players gather for the first game of the season for the Miracle League of Plymouth, it's a special day.

That's what happened for the league's eight teams May 5, with sunshine cascading upon Bilkie Field in downtown Plymouth for opening day of the spring 2018 season.

The Miracle League of Plymouth, which played its first season in fall 2011, is a league created to give special-needs players a chance to play a game they love that they might not otherwise get to play.

The magic of it isn't lost on Kelly Hermann, new executive director of the Miracle League of Plymouth.

"It's exciting for the kids," said Hermann, who is also the co-founder of the Kelly's Kidz Foundation. "They've been inside all winter. There's not a ton for them to go and do, so for them to come out here today is huge. There's excitement in the air. We've got a lot of new things going on. I think the kids are going to be excited."

The league plays four games a week, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. each Saturday through the end of June (except for Memorial Day weekend). Another league operates in the fall (this year's fall league starts Aug. 18).

The league includes some 102 players among eight teams. The players are helped along by "buddies" (opening day, they came from Detroit Catholic Central in Novi). Over the course of a season, the league uses some 700 buddies.

"If we didn't have the buddies, we wouldn't exist," Hermann said. "Being a parent of a special-needs child, this is the only thing I get to come to and my daughter plays and I get to sit back and watch."

With the sun shining, an excited bleacher crowd watched as Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise threw out the first pitch, then listened as public



The Green Hornets line up along the first base line during pregame introductions. BRAD KADRICH

address announcer Brian Paton called the action.

"It gives (players) a chance to come out here and do something they couldn't normally do," Hermann said. "It creates an environment for parents to be able to talk to other parents who are in the same situation. You'll see moms and dads sharing information maybe about therapies or programs that they've found. It's just fantastic."

For more information go to [www.miracleleagueofplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueofplymouth.org).

Contact Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com). Follow him on Twitter: @bkadrich.



Green Hornets player Joey Humphreys gets some help at the plate from buddy Connor Jaisle. BRAD KADRICH

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# Obituaries

## Grace P. Roberts

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** - Grace Patricia Krygier Roberts, passed away suddenly on Monday, March 26, 2018. She was 95 years old.

Grace was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on January 25, 1923, the youngest of six children born to Anthony Krygier and Julia (Bobrowski) Krygier. Grace lost her parents by age 13 and went to live with her oldest sister for three years, then lived with and worked for various families while she attended Pershing High School in Detroit.

After the start of World War II Grace worked as a parts inspector at a war plant in Ferndale, Michigan. She later began classes at Providence Hospital to become a nurse cadet.

Grace married Medie Roberts, a Ferndale firefighter, on February 6, 1945. They had five children: Michele (Roberts) Cross, Dennis Roberts, Thomas Roberts, David Roberts, and Kevin Roberts—all surviving. They were married 41 years, until Medie's passing in 1986.

Grace was a caring and loving mother. She encouraged arts and crafts projects at home, sewed clothing for the family, and served as an assistant scout leader for both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts as her children grew up.

The Roberts family moved from their home in Ferndale in 1958 and became one of the first families to settle in a new subdivision in Bloomfield Township. Grace passed away on the very day that marked the 60th anniversary of the family's move into their new home; she was the last of the neighborhood's original "pioneer" residents.

Following her husband's retirement, Grace worked as a school hearing technician for the Oakland County Health Department, eventually becoming the hearing technician coordinator at the County offices.

After her retirement from the Health Department, Grace served for 13 years as a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she helped in the children's ENT post-surgery recovery ward and later in the prenatal care unit.

Grace remained youthfully fit and mentally active. She lived alone at home, drove her own car, had considerable pride in keeping up her property, enjoyed reading mysteries, solved cryptograms, and took lengthy walks in the neighborhood for many years. During her last three years she benefited from receiving "Meals on Wheels" through Bloomfield Township's Senior Services.

Grace is survived by her five children, and by 5 grandchildren, Emily Baehr, Michael Baehr, Jase Roberts, Julianne Roberts and Carolyn Roberts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; her 3 sisters, Cecelia, Frances and Florence; and her 2 brothers, Ignatius (Ernest) and Bernard (Benny).

A private internment will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Roseland Park Cemetery in Royal Oak. Donations in her memory can be made to the Meals on Wheels Program, c/o the Bloomfield Township Senior Services Department office, 4315 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

## David M. McIntyre

**WESTLAND** - David M. McIntyre (Feb. 17, 1945 - May 7, 2018). Beloved husband and father. Survived by his wife Robin, of 55 years, three children, Michael (Chrisi), La-Sonne (Ken), Rusty (Amy), five grandchildren, Joel, Jacki, Haley, Hannah, and David-Alex, cousin, Evelyn Moore, and by his much-much older sister, Donna Hudson. David retired from General Motors (CPC Romulus, 30 years), and was a graduate of Western HS in Detroit (class of 1963). We Love you and will miss you. Please visit the online guestbook at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).



## Mary Ann Wallace

- - Mary Ann passed away May 5, 2018, surrounded by the love of her family. She was a former resident of Bingham Farms, Harbor Springs and Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of the late Richard Booth Wallace for 70 years. Dear mother of Christine Lamarche (Paul), Margaret Kell (Michael), Richard M. (Lydia) and John S. (Barbara). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to a memorial reception at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Saturday, June 9th at 12:30p.m. Memorial tributes to the Beaumont Health Foundation, Ovarian Cancer Support Group Fund, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007 or the Cranbrook House Auxiliary, 380 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)



## William "Bill" Glasgow Kinnaird III

**NORTHVILLE** - Bill passed away on May 2nd at the age of 90. Preceding him in death was his parents, two sisters, Jean Kinnaird and Anne Johnston, and first wife, Claudene. Surviving are his wife, Ginny Newman-Kinnaird, daughter Susan (Gary) Miller and son William G. Kinnaird IV (Tracie), one step-grandchild, Corey Lake and grandchildren Samantha, Jacob and Emmaline Miller, sister, Patricia Watson. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held to honor Bill on June 10th at 2-4 pm at the Northville Senior Center. View his obituary and share a memory at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).



## Jimmy Ahearn

**COLORADO SPRINGS, FORMERLY OF PLYMOUTH** - age 24. Beloved son of Dominic and Alice. Loving brother of Lauren, Daniel & Joseph. Dear grandson of James (Karen) Ahearn, and Herman (the late Helen) Deal. Nephew of Francis (Sharon) Ahearn, Michael (Jennifer) Ahearn, the late Mary (Mark) Murphy, Anne (Mark) Shermetaro, Claire Ahearn, Jenny (Dave) Burtraw, Howard (Sue) Deal, Mitzi Espinosa, Jeff (Diana) Deal, Jim Deal, Alan (Suzi) Deal, Doug (Alona) Deal and Rob Deal. Proud owner of Frankie. Jimmy was born in Ann Arbor, MI and moved to Canton when he was 3 and then to Plymouth Township in the first grade where he attended Isbister Elementary School. The rest of his educational path continued at Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth High School (2011 grad) and then graduating from EMU with a double major in Finance and Entrepreneurship in 2015. He then accepted a job with Ford Credit in Colorado Springs, CO and moved out there in 2016. Jimmy was very active growing up, playing baseball for the GCYBSA Athletics team, coached by his father, from t-ball through high school. As a high school freshman, he took up wrestling and started out as a skinny 103 pounder and as a senior finished up as a lean 135 pounder. He cultivated a love for the challenging sport as well as a tremendous work ethic. He continued to help the team after graduation. Moving to Colorado allowed Jimmy to continue to serve his love for adventure; enjoying snowboarding, hiking, camping, riding his motorcycle and even jumping out of an airplane. Funeral Service Saturday, May 12, 2018 11:00 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road W., Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). Visitation Friday, May 11, 2018 from 2:00 PM -9:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Wrestling, c/o Pat Durocher, 130 Anna Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington DC 20090-6929 or Rails to Trails Conservancy, The Duke Ellington Building, 2121 Ward Court, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## Ellen Trout

**WAYNE** - Trout, Ellen Elizabeth. Age 76. Formerly of Wayne, MI Beloved wife of Thomas for 57 years. Loving mother of Lora Kathleen Lingman and Steven Trout. Cherished grandmother of Megan Meredith Heinen. A memorial service will be held at a later date to remember and celebrate Ellen.

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## Richard (Patch) Patching

**LIVONIA** - Passed away May 1, 2018 following a struggle with Alzheimer's. He was 84 years old. Air Force veteran and long-time aircraft mechanic for NWA/Delta. He loved Mustangs, the circus, airplanes and automobiles. He was a world traveler who lived life on his own terms. Survived by his sister, Marjorie Gask; special friend Mary McLennan; nieces Connie Gask and Nancy Gask; four grand-nieces and one grand nephew. Preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lorena Patching, brother, Robert Jr. and nephew, Timothy Gask. A gathering of remembrance will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 1 pm at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

## Helen Margaret Possert

**REDFORD TWP** - Helen Possert, 89, died May 6, 2018. Born Helen M. Bennett on June 9, 1928. At 16, she assembled switches for Norden Bombsights used in WWII planes. A true Rosie the Riveter. Married to Michael Possert for 57 years until his passing in 2017. Active in PTA, bowling, church, the American Legion Auxiliary and as a medical assistant. She enjoyed summer vacation each year with family. She was very independent right to the end. Once settled into assisted living, her spirits had increased as she was finding a life after her husband. She passed suddenly May 6th just shy of her 90th. Helen is survived by five children and many grand/great children. Interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery with husband. Service: 11 am Thurs 5/17 Aldersgate UMC at 10000 Beech Daly Rd, Redford Twp



## George Kuester, Jr.

**BOILING SPRING LAKES** - George Herman Kuester, Jr., 65 of Boiling Spring Lakes passed away Friday, April 27, 2018 at SECU Hospice of Brunswick in Bolivia, North Carolina. Mr. Kuester was born February 21, 1953, son of the late George Herman Kuester, Sr. and Stephanie Spurney Kuester. After a career which included 31 years with GE and Siemens, Mr. Kuester retired from his work in Industrial Energy & Automation Sales. He was a devoted and loyal husband, father, and grandfather who always put his family first. He was a hardworking man but still found time to spend with the ones he loved. A lifelong tinkerer, his hobbies included boating and refurbishing stereos. Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, Heidi Kuester of Boiling Spring Lakes; three children, Erika Galloway and husband Ian of Charlotte, North Carolina, Krista Larsen and husband Isaac of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Geoffrey Kuester and wife Elizabeth of Indianapolis, Indiana; brother Kurt Kuester and wife Deb of Cocoa, Florida; three grandchildren, Carl Larsen, August Larsen, and Axel Galloway; and his dearly loved father and mother-in-law, Fritz and Inge Wackernagel of Boiling Spring Lakes. Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to SECU Hospice of Brunswick, 955 Mercy Lane, Bolivia, North Carolina 28422, and also online at <http://www.hospiceandlifecarecenter.org/lcfh-foundation/memorials-and-tributes/> Online condolences may be made at [www.peacocknewnamwhite.com](http://www.peacocknewnamwhite.com). Peacock - Newnam & White Funeral and Cremation Service, Southport.



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# Sports

PREP BASEBALL

## Berryman reaches milestone

Stevenson coach gets win No. 500 of stellar career

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Rick Berryman responded without hesitation when asked about what he remembered about the first high school varsity baseball game he ever coached.

"I haven't got a clue," said Berryman, who began his 25-year journey in 1992 at Redford Union.

But 25 years later, the 70-year-old Berryman is still at it and still going strong.

After 11 seasons at RU and now entering his 14th at Livonia Stevenson, Berry-

man reached a coaching milestone May 5 in the Livonia city tournament when he notched his 500th career win with a 17-0 semifinal victory over Clarenceville.

Just prior to Monday's game against Plymouth, Berryman was recognized by Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman with a plaque commemorating his 500 wins.

"I love working with the kids," said Berryman, who is 501-327 overall. "The Livonia Stevenson community ... it's good kids, helpful parents and I have

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Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman (with plaque) was honored after winning his 500th game. On hand for the pregame ceremony Monday against Plymouth were (from left) assistant coaches Mike Macek and Glenn Scala, athletic director Lori Hyman and assistant coach Nate Hoffman. BRAD EMONS

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## THIRD TIME AROUND

USPBL's success is fruit of Appleby's founding vision

**Marty Budner**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Baseball is back at Jimmy John's Field.

The bright sunshine and warm temperature provided perfect conditions Monday for media day at the \$12 million Utica-based stadium, home to the United Shore Professional Baseball League.

League administrators, managers and players representing the four teams that comprise the independent league were gathered around the home plate area. It wasn't long before a group of the college-aged players began smacking a baseball around and the sweet sound of ball-hitting-bat only added to the atmosphere.

This year marks the third year of minor league baseball at Jimmy John's.

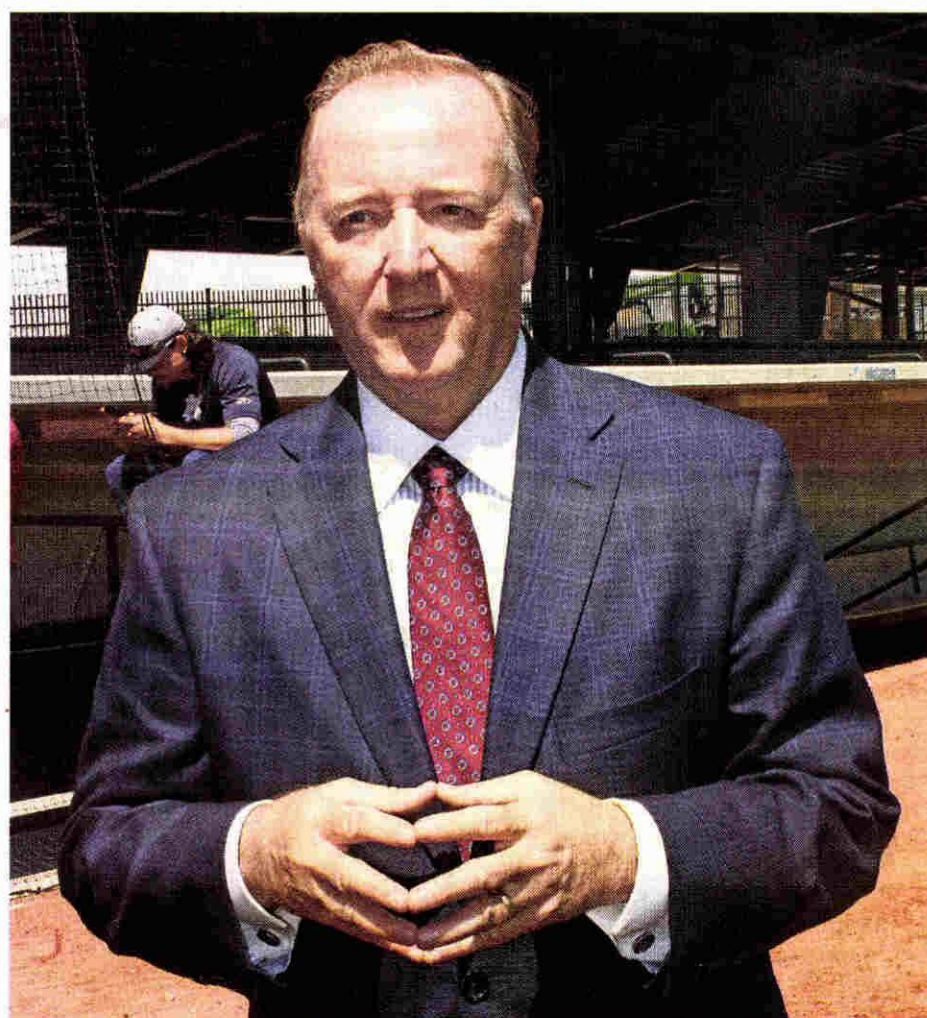
While USBPL commissioner, chairman and founder Andy Appleby is not shocked by the early success, he is a bit amazed at how quickly the USPBL has met its main mission of developing young baseball players while providing affordable family entertainment.

"I really couldn't be happier," Appleby said. "It's exciting to get the third season going. It's a lot of work but, at the same time, it's very fulfilling. The best part for me is that we've really just scratched the surface. We know that we can get better in every aspect of this ballpark."

"As much of a dream as I had to build this ballpark, there is no way on Earth I would have been able to conceive of something quite as grand and as nice and as beautiful as this. Virtually every single day since I opened this, we've made this ballpark better. So someone coming today, it's beautiful and it was two years ago, too, but it is just better now. It's just continuously getting better."

"Really what this is, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. When you do everything the right way and in a first-class way for these players, we in turn get more and more players signed and we take really good care of these players," he added. "They tell their underclassmen at their

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USPBL Commissioner, Chairman and Founder Andy Appleby is "excited" to get the third season of minor league baseball started at Jimmy John's Field. MARTY BUDNER



The independent United Shore Professional Baseball League begins its third season of play this weekend at fan-friendly Jimmy John's Field in Utica. MARTY BUDNER

U.S. OPEN CUP

## Detroit City FC upends Bucks in shootout

**Brad Emons**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Jimmy Fiscus said Detroit City FC will be his last hurrah as a soccer player.

The four-year standout defender from Michigan State was back on the pitch Wednesday night at Hamtramck in another marathon match, this time against the Michigan Bucks in the first leg of North America's longest running soccer tournament, the U.S. Open Cup.

The last collegiate game during Fiscus's four-year MSU career ended in a 1-1 shootout loss to Indiana in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

But this time, the shootout went in favor of Fiscus and his Detroit City FC teammates, who prevailed over the Bucks, a perennial Premier Development League power, in another 1-1

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The Michigan Bucks' Marcelo Borges (left) takes on a Detroit City FC defender during the U.S. Open Cup. WAYNE STEWART | MICHIGAN BUCKS



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## PREP BASEBALL

## Plymouth sweep bid foiled by late Canton HR

**Tim Smith**  
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The districts are less than a month away, but campus rivals Canton and Plymouth already are in tournament mode.

Wednesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association baseball doubleheader at Plymouth High School demonstrated that both the Chiefs and Wildcats give as well as they take.

After Plymouth defeated Canton 5-1 in the opener, behind a complete game and three hits by Evan Good (and a two-run homer by Kyle Aniol), the Chiefs needed to dig deep to avoid getting swept.

It took a two-run blast to left field in the top of the seventh by senior catcher Preston Sokol, to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 lead.

The Chiefs added an unearned run when the Wildcats made their second miscue of the inning and Even Petersen recorded the final out of the game (in relief of senior starter Seth Marano) to complete the 4-2 win and doubleheader split.

"It's a dream," Sokol said, shortly before being doused with a bucket of ice water. "That's all you dream of when you're playing baseball, is just hitting a ball like that against a big team and breaking a team's heart."

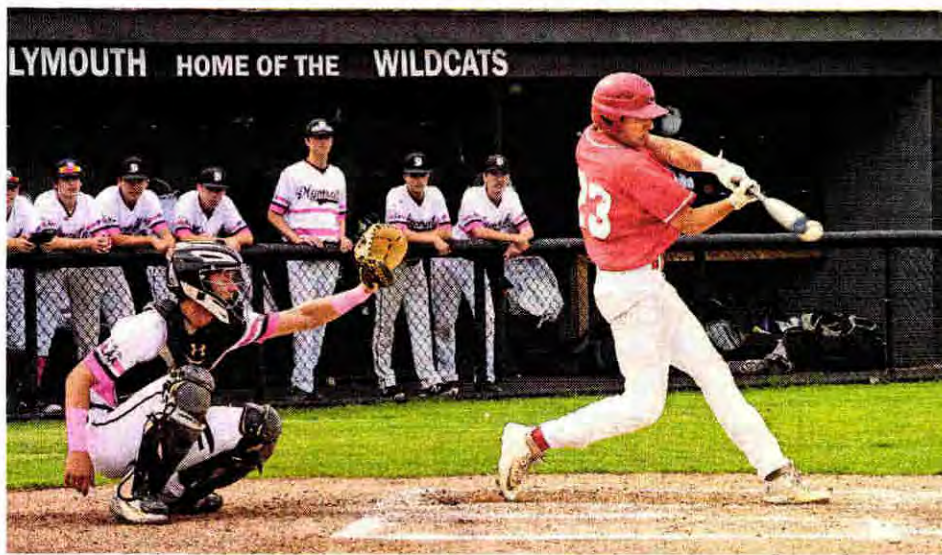
"(Junior Dylan Brown) was giving me a first-pitch curve ball all game long and I watched that first pitch. And then he served me up a fastball belt high and I just took advantage."

The left-handed Marano kept Plymouth batters off-balance with a dazzling mix of pitches. But he trailed after six following Nolen Dingeldey's towering two-run homer to left.

"I missed high with the change-up one time and that stuck with me," Marano said. "But luckily, my boys had my back, Preston hit that dinger. Unreal. Every game against them is crazy."

"That win was huge. If we would have lost, it would have been a heart-breaker for our season. But we pulled through."

Canton needed to win Game 2 to stay in front of Plymouth in the KLAA Black Division standings. Following Wednes-



Canton's Preston Sokol takes a cut during the opener. Sokol hit a two-run homer in the nightcap to give the Chiefs a split. At left for Plymouth is catcher Zach Beadle. TOM BEAUDOIN

day's action, Canton improved to 6-1, while Plymouth dropped to 8-2.

"Our goal coming in was to split and that's why I started Seth the second game," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "He's a bulldog, he's a warrior. He doesn't overpower you, but he throws a lot of strikes. He's a crafty lefty. He's done a heck of a job the last two years."

About Sokol's dramatic clout, Blomshield called it "once-in-a-lifetime stuff right there. That's absolutely amazing. I'm really happy for the kid."

Canton went up 1-0 in the sixth, playing some small ball to perfection. Ryan Cassidy walked and shortstop Andrew Krafft laid down a sacrifice bunt to move courtesy runner Cole Skaisgir to second.

Nate Blain then roped a base hit to left to score Skaisgir. The Chiefs nearly made it 2-0, when senior first baseman Lou Baechler singled up the middle, but Plymouth center fielder Anthony Sarkas gunned down Blain with a strong peg to catcher Zach Beadle.

The Wildcats answered with two in the bottom half. On the first pitch of the inning, Logan Dziadzio singled to left and was moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Rob Begley.

One out later, Dingeldey cleared the fence and Plymouth was three outs

away from what would have been a crushing sweep of the Chiefs.

Thanks to Sokol, that wasn't to be the case.

## String 'em along

In the opener, Plymouth strung together seven hits in a row to start the fifth and scored five times in the process. That was all the offense the Wildcats needed.

"We do some of these percentages," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "I think it's 1 in 27 that you get three (hits) in a row. And to get six in a row, that's real rare. Guys were swinging it."

The big blow of the rally was Aniol's two-run homer to left, over the Jimmy John's sign.

"It felt amazing," Aniol said. "The first plate appearance I bailed one out, got a little bit under it. Next time up, I was just trying to stay on top of the ball. Got a little under that one, too, but it carried out."

"It felt great off the bat I knew it had a chance right when I hit it."

Aniol said the string of hits is great for team confidence.

"Especially against rivals, a good team like Canton, momentum's huge," Aniol said. "Back to back hits, me and Nolen got everybody fired up. Then the



Rounding the bases after crushing a two-run homer during Wednesday's opener is Plymouth's Kyle Aniol. TOM BEAUDOIN

confidence level goes up. Overall performance is just outstanding after that."

Making sure the runs held up was Good, who was all that and more both on the mound and at the plate.

"It's a good feeling, a very good feeling," Good said. "We get to see these guys once a year and we have classes with them and everything. They were talking, we were talking. Just put together a 'W' today."

Good added that his performance on the mound meant more to him than his three hits.

"I'd say pitching, because that's a good hitting team over there," Good said. "Today, I just needed to hit Beadle's glove, where he wanted the ball."

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## PREP BASEBALL

## Plymouth in the pink to help fight breast cancer

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Wearing snazzy uniforms with striking pink stripes and a pink ribbon on the front, the Plymouth varsity baseball team looked sharp and played sharp for a good cause Wednesday.

The host Wildcats won the first game of a Kensington Lakes Activities Association doubleheader against Canton, 5-1, but the Chiefs rallied in the seventh of Game 2 to earn a 4-2 victory and a split.

Through the efforts of Plymouth Baseball Boosters, which worked behind the counter and flipped hefty cheeseburgers for the cause, all concession sales during the doubleheader were earmarked for breast cancer awareness, Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said.

"This is Mother's Day week, so we thought it's a perfect time to do that and donate to a great cause," Crain said. "It was the boys' idea, honestly."

Plymouth pitcher Evan Good, who threw a complete game and also racked up a double and two singles in the victory, said he liked his team's fashion statement. But there won't be any uniform auction anytime soon.

"These, we get to keep," Good said with a smile. "But we have camo ones we'll be wearing soon. They're pretty cool."

Plymouth will don camouflage uniforms and hats for a Memorial Day weekend tournament in Grosse Pointe, Crain said.

"We do talk about doing things for other people," Crain said. "Being servant leaders is a huge thing to us, it's a huge thing to me and our coaching staff."

"We try to not only build baseball players, but young men. That's something they'll have to do forever and ever, be good people."

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Plymouth's Evan Good collected three hits and threw a complete game during Wednesday's opener, a 5-1 win over Canton. TOM BEAUDOIN

## Berryman

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wonderful A.D. It's a great place to coach and I still love working with kids. I'm as excited now to put on my uniform as I was when I was (age) 7 when I was going to a game."

Berryman, who retired as an administrator from the Redford Union School District in 2003, has been a fixture at area diamonds for more than four decades.

The former Eastern Michigan University pitcher (1966-69) and RU grad went 215-135 during his 11 seasons with the Panthers, capturing five league, five district and one regional title.

He moved in 2005 to Stevenson, where he has compiled a 286-192 record, including four league, seven district and one regional crown.

Berryman was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2013. He

"I love working with the kids. ... I'm as excited now to put on my uniform as I was when I was (age) 7 when I was going to a game."

**Rick Berryman**  
Stevenson baseball coach

was also a head coach in the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game in 2000.

He's been District Coach of the Year 12 times and was Regional Coach of the Year in 2012. He also earned Observerland Coach of the Year honors twice (1994 and 2012).

This season, Stevenson is off to an impressive 17-5 start.

"He's one of the best. He's been around for so long, he knows every trick in the book," said Stevenson senior shortstop Devin Dunn, who has played under Berryman for four varsity seasons. "He just knows how to win. You do everything his way and it will work out. He's a great guy. He always wants us to

do better in life, do better on the baseball field, succeed on and off the field."

During his time at RU, Berryman coached his son Brian, who pitched at the University of Michigan before being drafted and playing in the minor league system of the San Diego Padres.

Another one of his former players at RU, Mike Macek (1996-2000), is now an assistant coach under Berryman, along with Nate Hoffman and Glenn Scala.

"He's very eccentric in what he wants to teach," said Macek, who is also the freshman football coach at Stevenson. "He does everything by the book and wants everyone to learn and you'll become better each day."

Macek, who also played summer baseball under Berryman, has noticed a few changes in Berryman's coaching style.

"He's a little more laid back," said Macek, who played football at Wayne State and Saginaw Valley. "He's getting up there, so he doesn't get bothered by little stuff as much anymore, so he's more about the baseball than worrying about things don't matter anymore."

After the Stevenson season ends, Berryman usually would jump right into the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with the Michigan Rams.

It would have been his 23rd summer sandlot season, but the league recently disbanded, leaving a huge void in Berryman's baseball itinerary. And now he's searching for clues.

"Don't know what I'm going to do this summer," Berryman said reluctantly.

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## League

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schools and, suddenly, some of the biggest Division I players in the country that maybe didn't get drafted will want to come here vs. two years ago, where we had a really good crop of players. Players came here (then) not knowing what to expect, but now they do."

The USPBL already has sent 20 players to Major League Baseball organizations. It expanded from three to four teams last year, giving more players the opportunity to realize the dreams. Last year, the league's 90 players represented 44 different states.

It seems to be catching on with fans, as 102 of its first 150 games played over the first two years were sold out, including 60 of 75 last year. The league's mid-season all-star game and home run derby have proven to be popular events, as is base-running for the kids. The post-season playoffs have been memorable.

Also, the USPBL will be showcased nationwide for the first time this season, as 10 of its games will be aired on ESPN3.

Along the third base sideline, Appleby was the center of an impromptu news conference. Dressed in a blue suit and red tie, the Bloomfield Township resident addressed a number of items regarding what's new this year, player development, expansion and weather.

Following are a few of his observations heading into the 2018 season, which begins Friday when the defending champion and charter member Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers take on the expansion Westside Woolly Mammoths in the televised opener scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

### New plans

"This year, from a marketing perspective, we actually have a new bat dog called J.J. He actually goes out and gets the bats during the game," Appleby said. "He'll be a great ambassador for us as well and all the kids will get a chance to pet him. He'll be our own resident bat dog. There are a lot of those bat dogs in America that just go for one game here or there, but we actually invested in getting him trained the last 14 months. So he can be one of our big stars this year.

"We've also created a whole new dance team. We had over 200, young girls mostly, some boys, come and audition. We have 170 of them who made the team — there are four different teams, depending on their ages.

"We have a new bandstand," he added.



Kids who attend games at Jimmy John's Field will have a new speed pitch machine, complete with batting and catching mannequins, to test their skills with this season. MARTY BUDNER

ed. "From a ballpark perspective, we've refaced all of our concession stands. We have a new team store. We have a new speed pitch machine in the Kids Zone with an actual mannequin batter. It costs us, like, 10 times more than the typical speed pitch machine, but I thought we've got to have that. The kids will be down there all day long throwing against the batter and catcher."

### Player development

"We have, really, some of the finest sabermetrics and analytics," Appleby said. "We actually have something called Flightscope that we just invested in. Most leagues like us anywhere in the country wouldn't invest \$100 on player development. We literally spent \$1 mil-

lion on our baseball operations — every year.

"What's wonderful about it is that my hope was to get one or two players signed to MLB organizations. Now we're up to 20 already. That is really, clearly, the result of not only Justin (Orenduff) running our baseball operations, but also the whole philosophy of making every single player better vs. just being theater performers, which they are in most leagues like ours.

"When we can manage to make a player just even a little bit better, suddenly they are totally different prospects to major league teams. And one of the things that we've really developed here is we really are truly a Major League Baseball development league and to have scouts here every single

night from major league teams.

"Most of the players here — and even the 20 players that were signed — virtually none of those kids would even be playing baseball today without the advent of this opportunity. Having these players here now, they get to experience the best of all worlds, they get to play in front of sold-out crowds, sign autographs and get to chase their dreams."

### Expansion plans

"Pretty much all weekend long, I am talking to mayors of various communities across America," he said. "It is not for lack of want. All 40 different communities that have called us, they all want this. Who wouldn't want this ballpark in their town?"

"But they have to kind of help us, too, in terms of financing. We're not asking for a free-lunch tab, but we just want what 99 percent of the other ballparks in America are, where they are publicly financed, but then we pay all or most of the debt service for the next 30 years by paying rent.

"(Jimmy John's Field) was a little more unique here, because we had to prove the concept so we privately funded everything. But this is not something that I can just do in communities that I am not as familiar with.

"I would say, easily within the next six months, that we will have a decision on this, possibly as early as three months. The next ballpark will bring at least one, maybe as many as two or three more new teams, into the league. So we're hoping to have five or six teams in the next two years.

"We are more leaning towards the Midwest for our second ballpark... there are lots of wonderful communities in the Midwest."

### Considering the weather

"What is so unique about our league is that we play all of our games in the best weather Michigan... has to offer, mid-May to mid-September, and that's a huge advantage," he said. "But as big as an advantage, I think, is that we play all of our games on weekends.

"It was much more important for me to make sure we play during the best weather. Over the last few years, people have sort of understood that, but nowhere like they do this year, when it's been such a terrible experience for baseball fans over the past six weeks."

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## U.S. Open Cup

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shootout.

"I'm tired, I haven't done much, I just tried to have the college life for a semester and it really hit me today and I wasn't prepared to play 120 minutes," said Fiscus, who made all-Big Ten and first team all-Midwest Region his senior year for the Spartans (13-3-4). "But I gave it my all and I'm just proud of these guys for coming out and working their butts off just as much as I did."

Fiscus, who hails from Novi and graduated from Northville High in 2014, was coaxed into playing for Detroit City FC by head coach Ben Pirmann, an assistant at MSU.

An academic all-Big Ten honoree, Fiscus will continue his soccer career until July 9, when he'll be reporting to his new job with Bosch's supply chain rotational program.

Because of NCAA rules while he was playing for MSU, Fiscus was unable to play for Pirmann and Detroit City FC, a member of the National Premier Soccer League, until he had used up all of his college eligibility.

"Yeah, I'd love it there," Fiscus said. "The fans, the culture, the family and everything about this place is special and I'm glad to be a part of it. My first rotation (with Bosch) will be in South Carolina, so come July I won't be able to play in the playoffs if they make it, but just happy to be a part of it while I can."

Fiscus also turned down a chance to showcase his skills to MLS teams and the USL.

"Even though I'm here now, my soccer days are over," Fiscus said. "I felt pretty burnt out by the end of it and I was ready to move on to the next part of my life. Obviously, soccer is the here and now, but I still think I'm ready to move on."

Here some other takeaways:

### THE SHOOTOUT

Former Detroit Mercy goalkeeper Nate Steinwascher was the hero for Detroit City FC as he stopped two of the Bucks' PK attempts, including the final one against Ivo Cerda.



The Michigan Bucks' Matt Vasquez (left) takes on Detroit City FC's Elliot Bentley during the U.S. Open Cup. WAYNE STEWART | MICHIGAN BUCKS

"Even during the save, it's a guessing game," Steinwascher said. "I saw his hips close the whole time while he's approaching the ball at the goal. I was telling a couple of guys I actually closed my eyes for a second, because I thought it was past me. And I just left my hand as far as I could and I felt the touch, looked back and it was an inch wide of the post. The feeling... it's something that you can't describe. It's a great feeling."

Detroit City's then Roddy Green scored the game-winning PK against Bucks goalie Jimmy Hague (MSU), who made two stops himself to start the shootout round.

"You're going to get scored on with penalties," Steinwascher said. "Some you save, some you don't and that's just life of a goalkeeper. You've got to deal with those. Sometimes you can't do

anything about it. You just move on."

### DEFENSIVE BATTLE

Following a scoreless opening half, Detroit City FC's Shawn Lawson broke the deadlock when he pounced on a rebound in the 57th minute after teammate Brogan Shrimpton rang a shot off the crossbar.

But the Bucks tied it at 1-1 in the 84th minute, when Alfonso Pineirho Neto converted a PK after Detroit City FC defender Stephen Carroll was whistled for a foul in the box against the Bucks' David Goldsmith.

But despite the Bucks controlling the midfield for long stretches of the match, they couldn't convert on their final third of the field.

"We dominated possession, I would say," first-year Bucks coach Paul Thom-

as said. "Obviously, we played a well-organized team on a tight field and that proved to be the case tonight. They made it difficult for us. They made it hard. They were good. We had some great performances. On another day, we get a goal before the penalty shots."

### MAN DOWN

During the first 15-minute OT, Detroit's Greg Janicki was whistled for a red card on a dangerous high kick while contesting a 50/50 ball with the Bucks' Cerda.

Detroit City managed to hold off the Bucks despite playing a man short.

"We were prepared for it," Pirmann said. "It was more of the disappointment, because I didn't think we deserved to be a man down. It is what it is, that's the way the game was called. I do think the fair team won on the day. It just wasn't probably the way we thought it was going to happen. With that being said, and the 10, that finish was tremendous."

### HAPPY CAMPERS

Although the match was delayed almost 30 minutes because of a storm that rolled through, Detroit City FC sent its Northern Guard fan base of 3,416 home happy after Steinwascher's save and Green's game-winning PK.

"The guys went nuts with Nate in the locker room," Pirmann said. "He is without a doubt the most selfless citizen that we have. He's all about the team and cares about this club more than anything. So for him to be able to do that and win it, that was great for him."

And there were plenty of dog-tired players afterward.

"My biggest disappointment in the preseason was the fitness level," Pirmann said. "We had injuries, so it's no surprise. That was gutsy by those guys. They worked their tails off. They played for the club. That's what it's about."

And by virtue of winning its opening round match, Detroit City FC travels Wednesday to face Cincinnati FC of the United Soccer League, which made a Cinderella run to the U.S. Open Cup semifinals last season.

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USPBL BASEBALL

# Newell looks to defend league championship

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The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers have enjoyed mixed results in the United Shore Professional Baseball League championship game.

In the league's 2016 debut season, the Beavers' quest to capture the league's inaugural championship was spoiled by the Utica Unicorns. Birmingham-Bloomfield returned to the title game last season with much better results, defeating the Westside Woolly Mammoths, 5-2, for the crown.

Beavers manager Chris Newell is driven to get his franchise into the championship game for the third straight season.

"Anytime you win a championship, it's special," said Newell, who won a state title during his senior season at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes High School in 1991. "It's hard. It's hard to win a ballgame, let alone a championship."

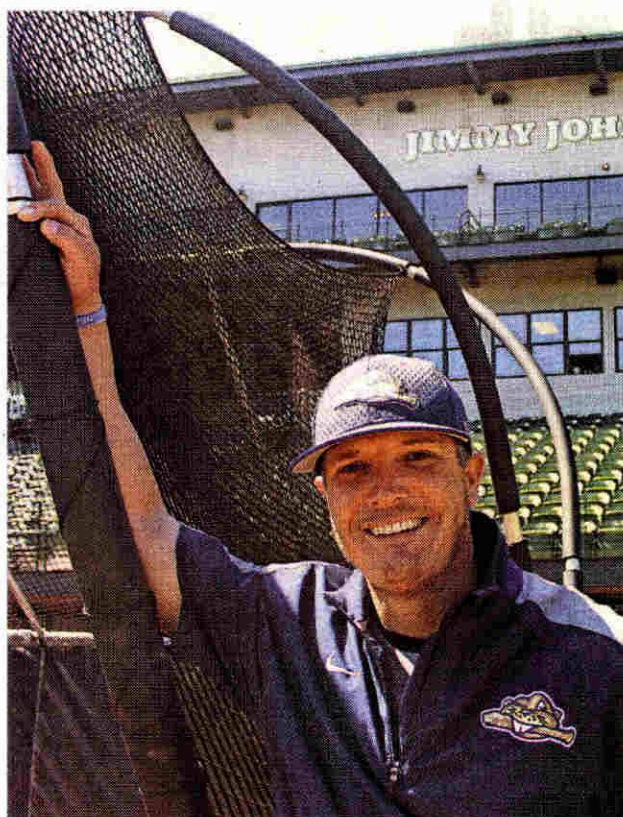
"In that first season, we had the best record, but lost in the championship game. That drove me the entire off-season. Now, after winning it and enjoying it all off-season, I still haven't lost my focus and my drive."

"When you have that target on your back, that means people want what you have," he added. "I don't plan on giving it away."

**A proud manager**

Newell is proud of the fact he's been able to get the Beavers into the title game in each of the league's first two seasons. He's even prouder that he's coached eight — the most of any USPBL team — of the 20 players who have moved on to Major League Baseball organizations.

Kevin Marnon (Minnesota Twins), Kevin Matthews (Atlanta Braves) and Alex Maloney (Chicago White



Chris Newell happily returns for his third season as manager of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, the 2018 USPBL champions. MARTY BUDNER

Sox) are three players from last year's team who advanced to the next level. Players from the first Beavers team in 2016 now playing in MLB organizations include Ross Vance (St. Louis Cardinals), Aaron Bossi (New York Yankees), Hawtin Buchanan (Cincinnati Reds), Fernelys Sanchez (Washington Nationals) and Austin Leyritz (Baltimore Orioles).

"After the third year, I want to be the guy who has the most championships and the most guys signed (to Major League Baseball contracts)," Newell said.

The Beavers return this year with eight players from the 2017 title team.

Thomas Roulis, a third baseman from Hyde Park, N.Y., and Robert Paller, a second baseman from Brooklyn, are two of Newell's top returnees.

Roulis, who played at Dartmouth College, batted a hefty .397 last year and won the league batting championship. He had 62 hits, scored 35 runs and notched 23 RBIs. In the league championship game, he was 2-for-3.

Paller batted .356 last year with 35 walks and 21 RBIs after coming in halfway through last season. The 5-foot-11, 205-pound former Columbia University

player was named the championship game MVP after going 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and two walks.

Daniel Oliveri (outfielder), Hunter Wood (catcher), Cameron MacKenzie (pitcher), Christian Heisell (infielder), Brian Heldman (pitcher) and Brandon Mad-dern (pitcher) are the other returning Beavers.

Newcomer Mark Seyler from California and San Diego State University figures to be Birmingham-Bloomfield's ace on the mound. The New York Yankees draftee is the scheduled opening night starter.

"They know how much fun we had and they know how much work we had to do last year to get to where we are putting those rings on," said Newell, who is assisted by Ricky Castro. "They're locked and loaded on 2018 and we're pretty excited about it."

"I think we're going to score some runs and I think we're going to pitch the ball. Our defense has a little question mark on the infield, but I think with hard work we're going to be on track to where we need to be."

"2017 was great, but now that's over," he added. "We have a new group of guys in here that I want to do everything in my power to let these new guys experience what my old guys did last year."

**A huge USPBL fan**

Newell, who has had offers to coach at other levels, is a big USPBL fan, a huge believer in its mission to develop baseball players and send them on to Major League Baseball organizations.

The USPBL is experiencing marvelous success as it offers quality baseball at the fan-friendly, three-year-old ballpark in historic downtown Utica. Newell is happy to still be involved with the burgeoning independent league as one of its four managers.

"I think it's a combination of a lot of things (which have led to the league's success). I think, first and foremost, it's the staff that Andy (Appleby, USPBL founder and commissioner) has brought in on the marketing side," Newell said. "And obviously, with the on-field staff, everybody is in place and everybody is on board in pulling in the right direction for the common goal."

"With all the activities around the stadium being a big draw, the consensus was the product on the field was what brought everybody back. I take a lot of pride in that. That's what I signed up for. I think year three will be even better and I'm really looking forward to it."

"It's been great. I'm truly blessed to be part of this operation," he added. "I've had opportunities to go to other places, but there's no place like home. This is something I believe in 100 percent and I couldn't even imagine something else."

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**PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

## CLARE MCNAMARA

**SOPHOMORE TRACK & FIELD**  
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If there's such a thing as the so-called "sophomore jinx," then Northville's Clare McNamara isn't having anything to do with it.

The track and field standout has already parlayed a strong freshman season into some eye-popping performances this spring as a 10th-grader.

And for her efforts, McNamara was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week as she garnered a total of 4,500 votes (46.71 percent) among the six nominees, which also included Novi soccer player Jessie Bandyk, who took runner-up honors with 3,440 votes (35.71 percent).

On May 4-5, McNamara figured in five first-place finishes at the Golden Triangle Invitational held at Saline, winning the long jump (18 feet, 1 inch) and 400-meter dash (56.47). She was also on three first-place relay teams: the sprint medley (1:49.02), 800 (1:45.74) and 1,600 (3:58.34).

"The 400, I've been trying to PR all season," McNamara said. "I thought I did it at MSU (Spartan Classic) with the hand time and then I didn't and I was kind of disappointed. But to go out at Golden Triangle and not only win, but PR, it felt really good. In the long jump, I didn't PR, but I had one jump that I defaulted on a little bit, but that would have been a PR, so it was a good day overall. My legs felt fresh and it was nice."

Northville track coach Tim Dalton says McNamara's competitiveness is what separates her from the rest of the field.

"The 4 by 400 at Saline this weekend reminded me of a 4 by 4 of a couple of years ago, when Chloe Abbott (Purdue All-American) got the baton and she's three seconds down on the Ann Arbor Pioneer girl and Chloe came back and beat her at the finish line," Dalton said. "And if you watched the video from this past weekend, it was almost an exact repeat of that scenario. Clare got the baton, three seconds down and, in the last 100 meters, passed the Pioneer girl and our girl finished first."

In a 125-12 dual meet win May 1 over Livonia Stevenson, McNamara broke her own school record in the long jump (18-4¼) and set a new Northville stadium record in the 200-meter dash (25.47). She also won the high jump and was on a Northville stadium record 800 relay (1:44.56).

**SO WHAT DRIVES HER?**

"A lot of it is my family. They push me to be the best I can be," McNamara said. "And a lot of it is my sister (Gina) and her running in college (at Michigan). I want to live up to that, try to be like her, I guess. She texts me after every meet and she always calls."

Dalton not only likes McNamara's drive and desire, but also her willingness to be a team player.

"Last year at the state meet, we put her on our 4 by 800 (relay)," Dalton said. "Those girls aren't all-state without her and, ultimately, she came out of her open event, she gave up the open 400 to do that, but not a worry out of her. She said, 'Coach, I'll do what's best for the team.' So that's very assuring and nice to have as a coach where she says, 'Coach, you show me where you need me and I'll go out and give me best effort.'"

McNamara, who also carries a 4.0 grade-point average, not only excels

on the track, but also in volleyball and soccer.

She's been a two-year varsity player for the Mustangs volleyball team and has already had Division I college interest. And when she's not playing club volleyball, McNamara fits high-level club soccer with the Michigan Hawks into her already busy schedule.

"I've looked into a lot of colleges," McNamara said. "I've gotten offers for every sport and it's deciding what I want to do and what seems best for me, what college, what coaches fit."

McNamara's versatility also makes her a prime candidate for the heptathlon, where there are seven different events, in college track and field.

"I was talking to the U-M jumps coach this weekend at Saline and they felt the same way," Dalton said. "Clare can high jump, she can long jump, she can sprint and she can run the half-mile. I can definitely see her making the transition in college. I would say this and volleyball have got to be her top two, absolutely. She's a Division I, big-time track runner and she'll have her choices, her pick on where she wants to go."

McNamara isn't opposed to the thought of trying the heptathlon, which includes 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200, long jump, javelin and 800.

"I talked to my sister about it before," McNamara said. "I think it would be really fun, it would be nice because the variety of events would be really fun. I think I could work on it."

And just think, she has two more high school seasons to go before she even gets to college.

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PREP TRACK

# High-quality New Balance meet provides thrills

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Outside of a late-meet glitch, the second annual New Balance Invitational track meet was declared another positive event.

The boys and girls meet, hosted jointly by Farmington and Salem high schools and held May 5, proved to be a high-quality affair featuring 41 schools. While it was a long day — field events and prelims started 11 a.m. and the final event ended by 9 p.m. — there was no shortage of exciting races.

"We're pleased overall. We had one snafu (a seeding sheet failed to get updated, which caused a 15-minute delay), but that won't happen again," said Farmington head coach Chip Bridges, who was co-meet manager along with Salem assistant Steve Aspinall and his assistant Kim Adams. "Other than that, everything went pretty smoothly.

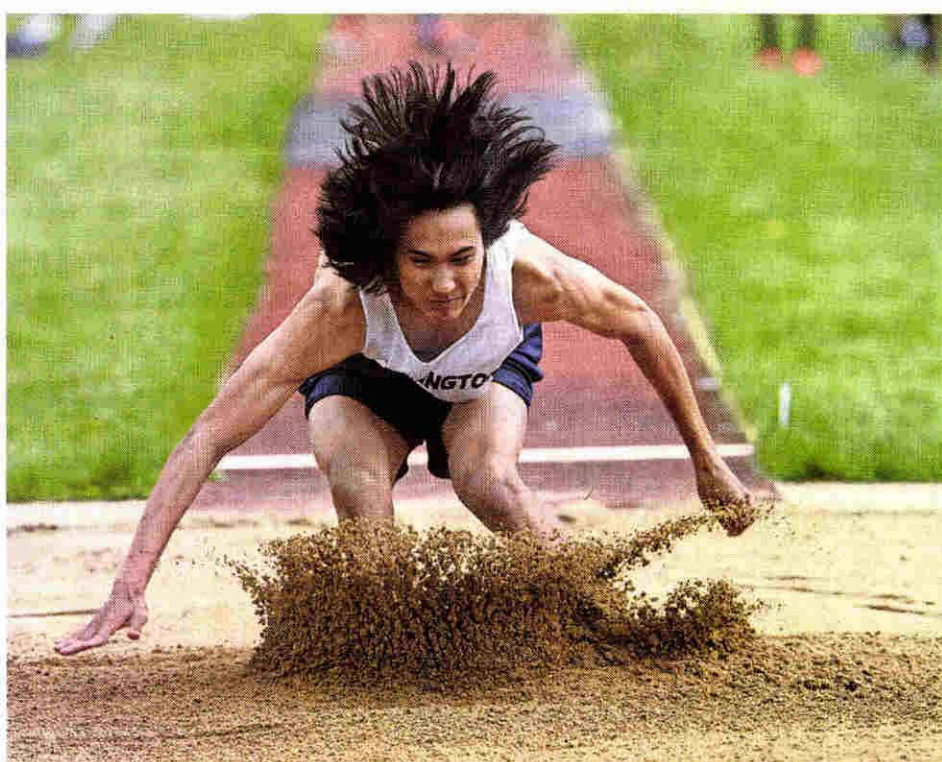
"The feedback we've gotten has been positive," he added. "We want this to be a high-quality meet where people can come here and say, 'Hey, we can go run a time' and leave here with confidence going into their league meets and stuff like that. We want to provide that kind of experience."

Salem's boys team captured the team championship for the second straight season with 97 points. Lake Orion won the girls meet with 78.5 points, while Salem took runner-up honors with 52.5 points.

**Individual standouts**

There were some excellent individual performances that had the crowd cheering loudly, none more so than Evanston (Ill.) High School distance runner Enyaeva Michelin. The senior lapped multiple runners in the 3,200-meter run and cruised to a 51-second victory over West Bloomfield's Kyla Christopher-Moody in 10:16.58. Michelin's time would have won last year's Michigan state championship meet by three seconds.

In other local girls results, Bloomfield Hills senior Olivia Lopez produced a stellar showing in the long jump. The



Farmington's Nolan Mohr took fourth place in the long jump with 20 feet, 10.25 inches, at the second annual New Balance Invitational track and field meet. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Michigan State-bound Lopez won in a meet- and school-record leap of 17 feet, 9½ inches.

"At first I was kind of skeptical, because I hadn't been feeling good this past week," said Lopez, who also holds six other school track and field records. "But I think what helped was the weather and the pit was really nice. So I was able to get a lot of bounce on the board.



Lopez

"I think with all the work I've done the past two or three years, everything just came together today," she added. "It's been a good four years all-around for me."

Bloomfield Hills head coach Nick Stratton indicated Lopez, a two-year team captain, has certainly made her mark in the Black Hawks program.

"There are 16 track and field events and, when you have seven records, that tells you she is a very valuable piece to

our program," Stratton said. "This is the fifth year for our school, so some of the records are still just kind of coming along. But those records she has are very competitive ones. They would stack up at any school.

"Since her freshman year, she's improved on the versatility of the events she's in," he added. "She really kind of specialized in the 400 as a freshman to qualifying for states in the 200, long jump, 4-by-100, 4-by-200 (relays) and, with all those records, it shows you she has a lot of range."

**Pallett's big tosses**

Farmington freshman Valadian Pallett also had an outstanding performance, winning the shot put with a toss of 42-7. She was second in the discus at 131-6. Birmingham Seaholm junior Makayla Rawls took the discus with a toss of 133-4.

"She won the shot put, but her big throw of the day was in the discus,"

Bridges said about Pallett. "I believe the discus was a school record. And she already owns the shot put record."

Plymouth junior Reghan Draper took the 100-meter dash in 12.29 and the school's 400-meter relay team won in 49.73, just breaking the tape ahead of Bloomfield Hills (49.88).

Seaholm's 3,200-meter girls relay won in 9:28.16, more than nine seconds ahead of second-place Lake Orion (9:37.35). Salem freshman Macayla Harris won the high jump (5-2).

On the boys side, Salem's winners were Andrew Davis (100), Sharriff Dyer (300 hurdles) and the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams. Churchill's Martell Cooley won the long jump (21-0), Canton's Evan Carter took the pole vault (13-0), Seaholm's Ben Barton won the 400 (50.29) and Groves sophomore Ralph Donaldson won the 200 (personal-record of 22.89).

"Going into (the 200), I felt a little nervous not knowing what was going to happen," Donaldson said. "It was kind of shocking that I won. I was looking at some of the times and they were all so close. I don't know what I was expecting, but it was my best race of the season."

The field athletes of the meet were Southfield's Jalen Edwards (discus winner at 147-4) and Waterford Kettering pole vaulter Jessica Mercier (winner in 13-3). The track athletes of the meet were Salem's Davis and Evanston's Michelin.

Bridges said the New Balance meet is timed so that teams can prepare for the upcoming league and state championship meets. The goal is to make it as high quality as possible.

"New Balance does great sponsorship with their Athlete of the Meet awards and medals that they have," Bridges said. "We hope it's stuff that the kids appreciate which will want them to come back year after year.

"Our hope is to have a third one," he added. "We want to provide a quality experience, for sure."

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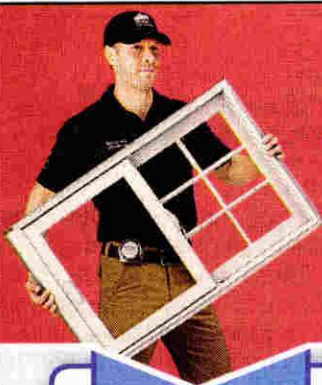
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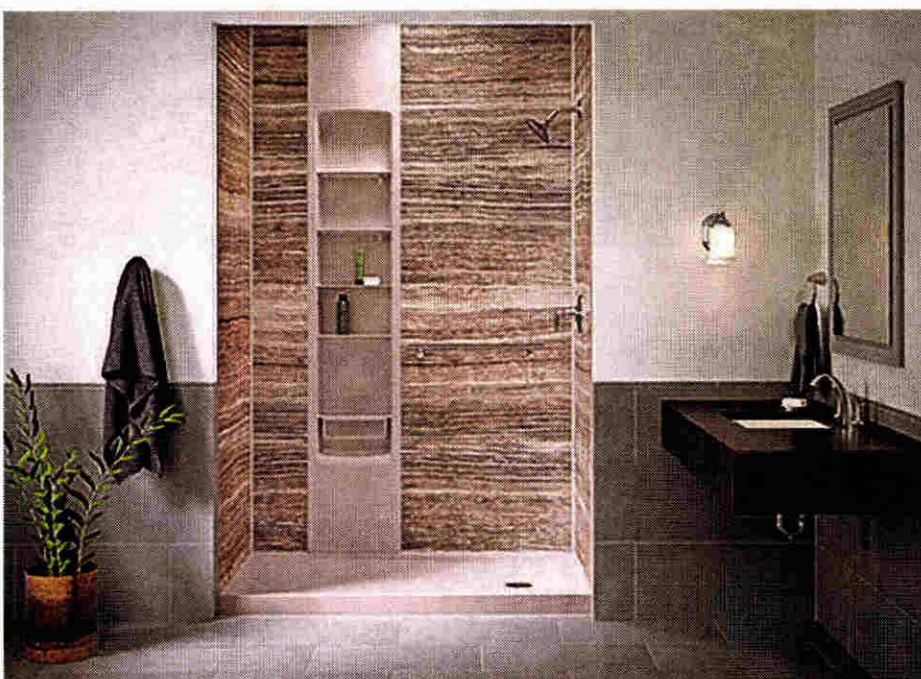
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**Jefferson Barns Community Center - POD Storm Drainage Project**

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Devin J. Adams  
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**32657 Ann Arbor Trail Renovation Project**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETINGS  
MARCH AND APRIL 2018**



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the months of March and April 2018 are posted at the following public places within the Township.

Community Center, 12121 Hemingway  
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Library, 25320 Six Mile Road  
Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly  
Police Department, 25833 Elsinore  
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GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Redford

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**REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS - 2018 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

May 21, 2018

Redford Union Schools (also referred to as "District" in these documents) will accept sealed bids for "Redford Union Schools - 2018 Paving Improvements" as described in the attached specifications at:

Redford Union Schools  
Administration Building  
Attn: Greg R. McIntyre  
17715 Brady Street  
Redford, MI 48240

until 1:00 PM local time on Monday, May 21, 2018 (bid closing) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Facilities Department will make a recommendation to the Board of Education who will award or reject the bids at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, e-mail, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. No proposals will be considered after the time of closing of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all items in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids; to award the bid in part or in total; to waive any informalities therein; or for any reason, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

Bid documents will be available online and may be obtained by visiting the District's web site, [www.redfordu.k12.mi.us](http://www.redfordu.k12.mi.us) and browsing to the District / Business and Finance / Request for Proposal link (<http://www.redfordu.k12.mi.us/district/business-and-finance/request-for-proposal/>). Bid documents may also be obtained by contacting Jake Ensley at Spalding DeDecker via email ([jensley@sda-eng.com](mailto:jensley@sda-eng.com)) and requesting electronic documents. There will not be a pre-bid meeting for this project. However, Bidders are encouraged to visit the work sites for observation and review prior to submitting a bid.

The contents of the RFP and the Bidder's (also referred to as "Contractor" in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The bid shall also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing whether the bidder is an Iran Linked Business in compliance with PA 517 of 2012. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

A certified check or bid bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the attached Bid Proposal Form, signed by the bidder, in a sealed envelope clearly marked. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form shall be addressed to the attention of:

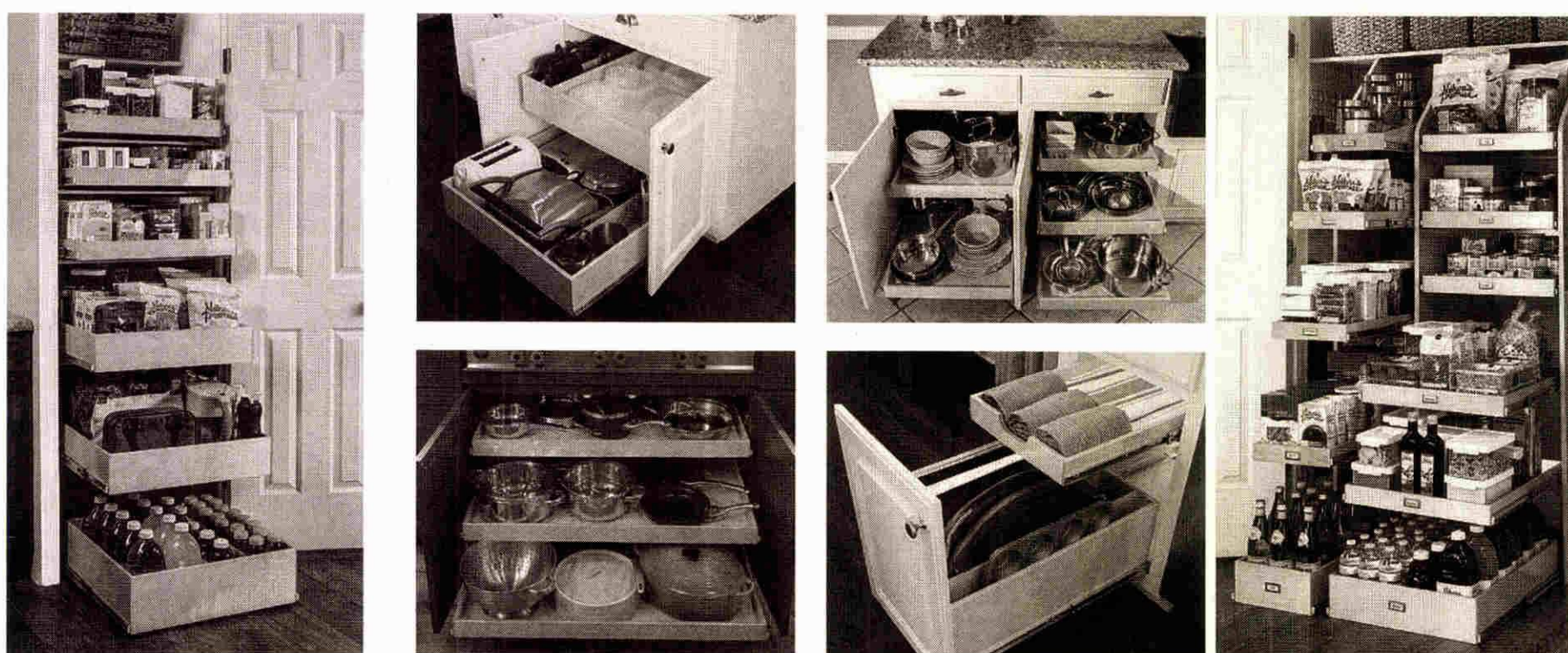
Mr. Greg R. McIntyre, CFO  
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
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## 8 steps to take the night before your job interview

BY KATE LOPAZE  
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

**P**op quiz, hotshot: it's the night before your big job interview. What should you be doing to get yourself ready?

### Figure out where you're going

This is probably the most important thing you can do before your job interview. Nothing sends your brain into panic mode (and gets the interview off on the wrong foot) like feeling lost and worrying you're going to be late. The night before, make sure you've got a planned route ready to go in your favorite navigation app. If you're going to be using public transportation, check the schedules and look for notifications about planned changes, updated timetables, etc. If you're driving, look for signs of construction or traffic delays. That way you can plan to leave earlier if necessary.

### Get your paperwork together

You should bring a copy of your resume, as well as any notes that might be helpful. If they're assembled the night before and placed with your bag or your keys, you're less likely to forget to bring something important.



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### Assemble your interview outfit

If you have a go-to interview outfit that is clean, pressed and ready to go, you're ahead of the game. If you're not sure yet what you're going to wear — well, it's a little late, but you've still got time. Take a few minutes to review your outfit and your shoes, and make sure that a) everything is clean, and b) there are no hanging threads or wrinkles.

### Practice your body language

If you have a trusted audience (a significant other, a family member, a friend), run through your best handshake-and-smile routine. Have the other person ask you a few test run questions, and ask them to note any posture or demeanor issues — bonus points if you get the person to engage in some generic small talk/banter to get you ready for

that as well.

Even if you don't have a trusted audience, you can use a mirror to practice your easy interview smile and your "ask me about my accomplishments" sitting posture. Just putting some thought into where you put your hands or how you cross your legs can help you feel more at ease the next day.

### Rehearse your talking points

Sure, the interviewer is going to have your resume, but neither of you wants you to just run verbatim through the document.

Come up with specific, real-world examples for the points on your resume and be prepared to talk about them. You probably already did some practice questions, but take the time to review the points you really want to hit in the interview.

### Do more research about the company

Visit the company's website and social media profiles to see what's happening there in real time. It can give you background information to use during your interview ("Ah yes, I saw that you just had an intriguing breakthrough in widget production last week!"). But it can also save you from making an awkward mistake

("Good thing your own CEO hasn't been indicted for insider trading. What? Oh, I didn't see that news last night.")

### Set your alarm

I'm setting this as a separate to-do because it's so important if you have a morning interview. You want to make sure you have time to get ready in the morning without being late.

If you have to be up at a specific time to allow for preparation and travel, set your alarm. Set two alarms. (Don't mess around here — especially if you're not a morning person.)

### Get plenty of sleep

It's a cliché, but it's true. More sleep leads to better cognitive function, and you want to be at your very best. Coffee can help, but not nearly as much as genuine rest. Go to bed as early as you can.

At every step of your night-before prep, don't forget to be positive about the whole thing. You've got this, and every proactive thing you do will make your interview even better.

*Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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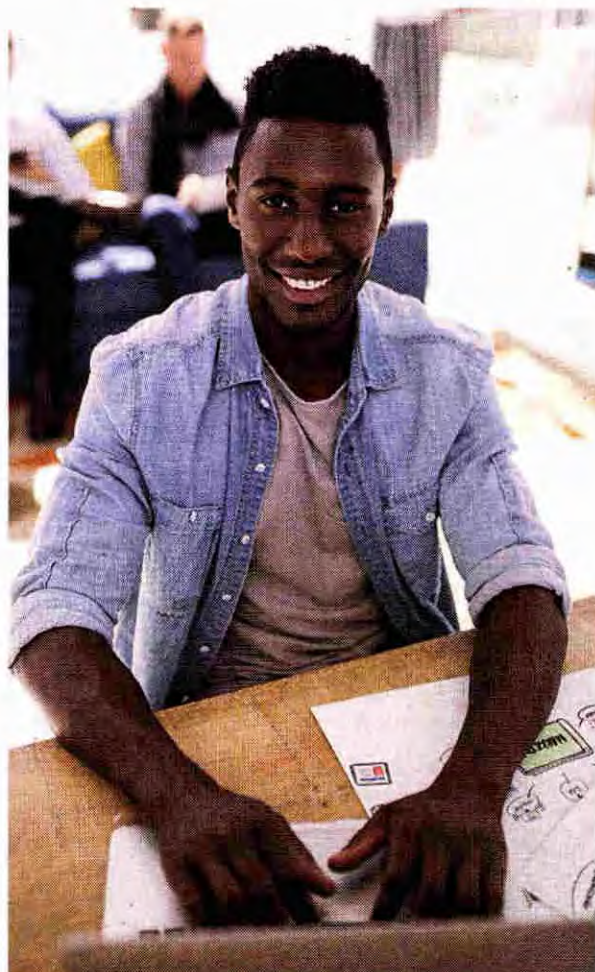
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- 6 Yank's Civil War foe
- 9 "View of Toledo" artist
- 16 Road sign no.
- 19 — Haute, Indiana
- 20 Fruit eater in Genesis
- 21 "Naked" rodent
- 22 Byronic "before"
- 23 A second time
- 25 When you get there
- 27 Flat-topped rise
- 28 Choose to participate
- 30 Nosh, say
- 31 Like a desert
- 32 "Sister Wives" ailer
- 34 Lots of
- 38 Greater than
- 40 President Nixon
- 44 Snatch
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- 47 Love of Lennon
- 48 What jailbirds are behind
- 50 Color akin to navy
- 54 Pop singer Lovato
- 56 Journalist Paula
- 58 Dimwit
- 59 Lock plates
- 60 Cold, cloudy conditions, say
- 64 See
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- 65 Declaration at the door
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- 67 Has a printed price of
- 72 Secretive U.S. org.
- 73 "Since the subject has come up ..."
- 77 With
- 64-Across, of equal status
- 78 Olympic skater Witt
- 80 Packaging abbr.
- 81 Ugly beasts
- 83 Puppy's bite
- 84 "Seems suspect to me"
- 87 Dimwit
- 90 Singer with the 2001 hit "Thank You"
- 92 Kemo — (the Lone Ranger)
- 93 Simon or Diamond
- 94 Meditated on

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- 135 See 134-Across
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- 3 Oval portions
- 4 Respiration
- 5 Briny deep
- 6 Lop a crop
- 7 Best Musical of 1980
- 8 Gentle
- 9 Kiwi relative
- 10 Trotted
- 11 Twilight, old-style
- 12 1995 Leslie Nielsen comedy
- 13 Long span
- 14 Avis offering
- 15 Other, in Peru
- 16 Restorations
- 17 Exchanged for the better?
- 18 Slippery sort
- 24 Flip out
- 26 Jail cell parts
- 29 Linguist Chomsky
- 33 Testing spot
- 35 Osaka sash
- 36 Off-limits
- 37 Slangy "OK"
- 39 Actress Charlotte and others
- 40 Tennis champ Andy
- 41 Notion about motion
- 42 Charges
- 43 Enticed
- 49 Aussie miss
- 51 Post-WWII prez
- 52 Fish-fowl link
- 53 "Yes, it's also included"
- 55 "— so sure!"
- 57 Put a label on
- 61 Second draft
- 62 Pull along
- 63 "Laughing" mammal
- 64 Greek letter
- 67 Guy keeping the peace
- 68 Smidgen
- 69 Refrain
- 70 Former
- 71 Grappled, in dialect
- 74 In the know
- 75 Amp (up)
- 76 Summers, in French
- 79 Painkillers
- 82 Fired thing
- 84 Altar words
- 85 Carpooling lane abbr.
- 86 Misleading sort
- 87 Apple debut of 2010
- 88 Person with a pet pooch
- 89 No longer fazed by
- 90 Editor's mark
- 91 Pin-ons worn by staffers
- 95 Not refined
- 96 East ender?
- 97 Repents of
- 99 — Lankan
- 104 Not stay dry
- 106 Queasiness
- 109 Norway's currency unit
- 110 Wails in lamentation
- 111 Performs, in the Bible
- 114 Virgil, e.g.
- 117 Indy 500, e.g.
- 119 Tube fan's punishment
- 120 Desert hill
- 121 "The Good Earth" wife
- 122 87-Down user's buy
- 123 Suffix with Seattle
- 124 Pewter part
- 125 In place
- 127 Lt. Tasha on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"

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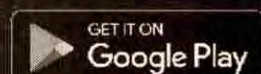
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**Car Report**

**TOYOTA YARIS HOLDS DOWN THE POSITION OF TOYOTA'S MOST AFFORDABLE CAR AS SEDAN MARKET FACES GREAT UPHEAVAL**

Don't look now, but the fundamental proposition behind the Toyota Yaris and all other subcompact cars - whompin' fuel economy - is rapidly becoming more fashionable.

Pump prices gain are pushing \$3 a gallon these days, thanks to macroeconomic factors including synchronized global economic growth and the success of OPEC's coordinated production cuts. These days, America's fracking infrastructure looms as the ultimate trump card in the way of a repeat of the "oil crisis" of the 1970s, but Michigan drivers could be facing a summer of the highest tabs for gasoline they've seen in years.

The other important part of the context here is that sedans big and small have fallen out of favor rapidly over the last two years, as Americans put fear of subpar mileage - and cargo space and versatility - ahead

of the advantages of cars and buy SUVs and trucks instead. The split now is about two-thirds trucks, SUVs and crossovers about about one-third sedans, the flip of five years ago. And Ford soon will become the first major automaker to practically eliminate cars from its product lineup.

But Toyota plans to take advantage of both the exit of competing brands from the sedan market, and of higher gasoline prices that still favor sedan purchases. And while its high-volume, higher-profile Camry full-size model, America's best-selling car, and its compact Corolla will play primary roles in Toyota's strategy, Yaris and its up-to-36mpg on the highway will be a player as well.

Toyota actually has two models now that it calls



Toyota Yaris is the brand's most affordable car.

Yaris: the Yaris iA, which is an adaptation of an old Scion model from the youth-oriented brand that the company deep-sixed a couple of years ago, and the original hatchback Yaris. The iA is selling OK, with sales of 10,569 units this year through April, down about 14 percent from a year earlier. Sales of the original Yaris, however, have tanked, perhaps because its attributes are so closely identified with fuel economy.

That is unfortunate. It's not like Toyota is discontinuing the car: plans for the 2019 Yaris model included a production launch this spring. Toyota's even planning to discontinue the manual-transmission option on the car, according to CarsDirect.com.

Anyway, when it comes to the 1.5-liter naturally aspirated engine that drives Yaris, rated at 105 horsepower with 103 pound-feet of torque, there's not a lot of competition. While getting 36 mpg on the highway, Yaris rates 30 mpg in the city and a combined 33 mpg for the

manual-transmission version I drove - one mpg higher than the combined mpg for the automatic transmission.

You can traverse a lot of mileage with that kind of fuel economy and in an affordable fashion with prices that start in the mid-\$15,000s. The five-door SE liftback version I drove was priced at a suggested \$18,260.

Another big attribute of Yaris is its handling, including excellent steering and reasonable grip. Toyota has managed to mate the kind of quickness, nimbleness and overall control you'd expect from a tiny car with a powertrain that provides just enough burst to make the most of its handling ability.

Available in two- or four-door body styles, Yaris also is very easy and fast to park not only because of its small footprint but also because it has small overhangs and a standard rearview camera.

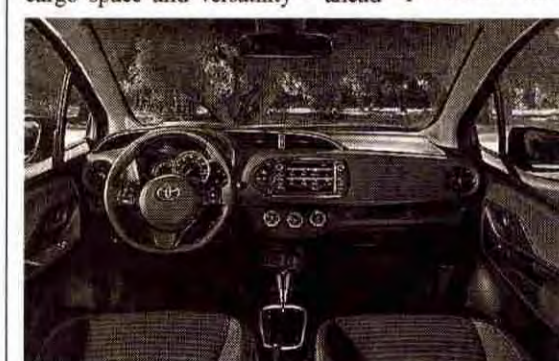
And unusually for a car in its category, Yaris offers the latest in advanced driver aids under the

Toyota Safety Sense system, including lane-departure warning, high-beam automatic activation, and forward collision warning and mitigation.

Yaris also optimizes its interior cargo space because it's a hatchback, giving the car a versatility that a standard sedan of that size just couldn't match.

Given its size, customer target and other constraints, Yaris does lack in, ahem, creature comforts. Its driver seat is difficult to find comfortable on longer drives, though for daily commutes, it's fine. The lack of a telescoping steering wheel and center arm rest are ergonomic debits as well.

Yet in terms of getting in and out of the tiny Yaris, Toyota designers have done something very well: It's got big front doors, a relatively tall roof and a high hip point, making the process much easier than you'd presume. Even the rear doors are decently sized, and rear legroom is relatively generous.



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