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Police nab another robbery suspect

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Westland police have caught another suspected armed robber accused of stealing from a store Christmas Eve.

Police say they arrested Leroy Sloan, 42, of Inkster after he was suspected of committing an armed robbery at the Family Dollar at 1918 S. Venoy in Westland.

An officer on patrol in the area near the store spotted a vehicle parked in front that



Sloan

into the car, the officer began trailing him on the road. He then received a message from dispatch that the store had just been robbed.

Police then attempted to

matched the description of one believed to have been used in other area Family Dollar robberies. Once the suspect came out of the store and got

pull the suspect over, and a pursuit occurred. The suspect lost control of the vehicle, crashing into a garage near Grand Traverse and Bay Court, where he then got out of the car and began fleeing on foot, police said. He was caught and arrested without any further incident, according to a report.

Sloan is believed to be a suspect in several other robberies in the city, including a Payless Shoe Source at 6629 N. Wayne and a Dec. 23 robbery

at the Family Dollar at 1963 S. Wayne, police said.

Sloan was arraigned Monday on three charges of armed robbery, fleeing a police officer third degree, felony firearm (pneumatic gun) and three charges of being a habitual offender (fourth notice). His bond was set at \$225,000 cash or surety and he is scheduled to appear in at 9 a.m. next Thursday in Westland's 18th District Court.

Westland police said the arrest means someone has

been arrested in nine out of the last 10 armed robberies that have been reported at city businesses.

"If you intend on committing a robbery, you better think long and hard about whether it's worth committing that crime in the City of Westland," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said in a statement.

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I am an American We Are One Nation

Each week, this related series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. In the first installment, read about Meg Heubeck, who teaches kids how to settle differences through civil discourse, **Page A6**



Image No. 4 in Bill Bresler's "Americans in Our Communities" gallery shows Tajmann Kaur, 6, at the Gurdwara Sahib-Hidden Falls in Plymouth Township in August 2012. The occasion was a memorial vigil for victims of the Oak Creek Gurdwara shooting in Wisconsin. View the gallery at www.hometownlife.com.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S GALLERY SHOWS EVERYONE'S AN AMERICAN

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Bill Bresler watched as the 2016 presidential campaign turned nasty and divisive, and couldn't help but notice Americans are "a divided people."

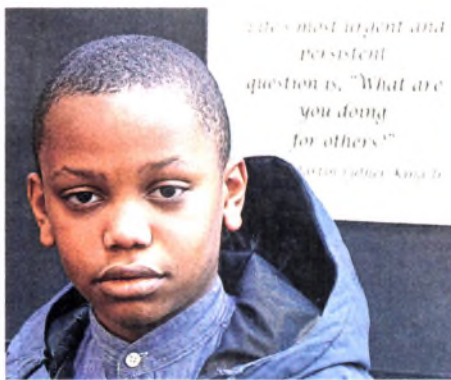
But Bresler also believes this reality: The U.S. is a big country, with widely divergent ideas.

"This has always been true," said Bresler, a long-time photographer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "Even the founding fathers who wrote the Constitution were a mix of contradictions."

In a time of heightened anger and divide, Bresler turned to what he knows best — photography — to show that everyone, despite their points of view, is an American.

"We are all Americans," he said. "Whether you're a politician running for president or a prisoner in custody, you're an American."

Bresler began compiling a gallery of photo-



life's most urgent and persistent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Image No. 8 shows Trevor Peterson at a MLK Day celebration at the Westland Friendship Center.



Image No. 10 shows an unidentified woman gathering flags at the conclusion of a Canton community celebration for Canton's Olympic athletes in late August 2016.



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Foster Closet of Michigan wins credit union grant

Community Choice Credit Union announced The Foster Closet of Michigan—Western Wayne County as the nonprofit winner of the Community Choice Foundation's third-quarter Give Big Grants program, awarding the organization \$2,793 to use toward cribs, mattresses and car seats for children in foster care. The grant was part of the Foundation's new Give Big Grants program, which awards quarterly grants to Michigan nonprofits that are influencing local communities.

"The Foster Closet meets the needs of foster children and families that sometimes even the state can't meet," said Steven Hernandez, foundation development coordinator of the Community Choice Foundation. "We couldn't be more eager to help them. Our Give Big Grants program allows us to not only build awareness for and financially support Michigan nonprofits, but to also create meaningful partnerships with them and volunteer at their organizations, which is in the planning stages with The Foster Closet."



Community Choice Credit Union presents The Foster Closet with an award.

The Foster Closet of Michigan began in 2012-13 by foster parents who saw a need for providing children in foster care with new and like-new clothing, toys, books, hygiene

products and baby equipment. They now have 21 branches throughout the state, all of which are 100-percent volunteer based and operate solely from donations.

In December 2014 the Western Wayne County branch (the location specifically receiving this grant) was opened by Livonia resident Allison Johnson, who says she's always had

a heart for foster children, realizing that "children are often placed into foster care with no personal items and in many cases, with only the clothes on their backs."

The Give Big Grants program is made possible through the Credit Union's voluntary payroll deduction program, in which more than half of Community Choice's 244 employees have elected to donate a portion of their pay to the Community Choice Foundation and the organizations it supports.

The Community Choice Foundation is currently accepting letters of inquiry for the grant program on a rolling basis. The next winner will be announced in quarter one of 2017. Interested organizations are asked to contact the manager at their nearest Community Choice Credit Union Member Center to ensure eligibility and begin the application process. Community Choice has 15 locations across Michigan.

For more information on Community Choice Credit Union, visit communitychoiceCU.com.

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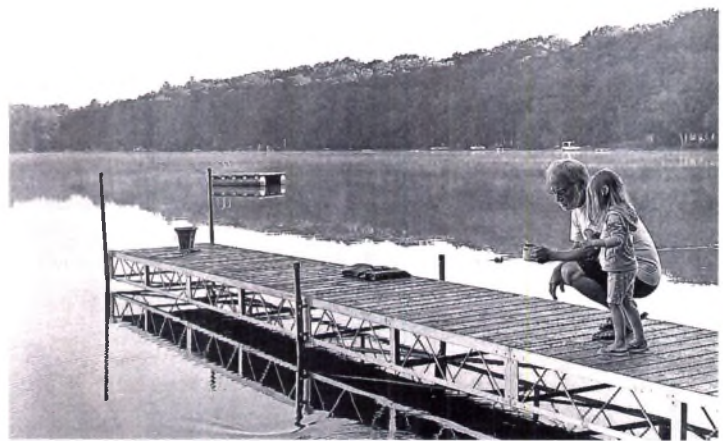
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graphs for his "Americans in Our Community" project. Many of the people in the gallery were photographed while Bresler was on assignment for the O&E; others are from his personal work or even photos taken on vacation. View the ongoing gallery www.hometownlife.com.

"When I'm on assignment, I'm obviously looking for photos to tell the story, but I'm also looking for other interesting photos that may have nothing to do with the assignment."

One of his favorites: A very quiet photograph of a friend of Bresler's on a dock with his 3-year-old granddaughter. The photo was taken in the early morning and there is mist rising from the water. They are feeding bread to the fish. He's holding a cup of morning



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Image No. 7 shows Jerry Kwasi of Livonia spending a quiet moment feeding bread to fish with granddaughter Charlotte Buckley, 3, at Blue Lake in Mason County.

coffee.

"It's about time well-spent with family and the link between different generations," Bresler said. "It's about love. To me, that photo is universal."

The people in this series are, Bresler notes, a diverse group. Not just their ethnic diversity, but politics, religion, and even worldview. But, he insists, they are all Americans.

"I hope that people who look at these photos stop and think when they see someone who is different from them," Bresler said. "I hope that they consider what we all have in common."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Image No. 33 shows Hurricane Katrina survivor Penny Klei who built a new life in Michigan.

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **January 9th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

DEVIN J. ADAMS
CITY CONTROLLER

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR ARBOR TRAIL ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed ASSESSMENT ROLL for the ARBOR TRAIL ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT, north of Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne Road and Newburgh Road, in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party of interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by the time and date of the hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Learn to fuse

Join The Three Cities Art Club at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at D&M Art Studio in Canton to learn how to handle, prepare and cut glass to create your own 4-inch fused dish or night light.

Lori Barry will explain the glass-fusing process from the type of glass and cutting supplies needed all the way through the kiln temperature schedule. Students will be able to use their own creativity to create their project. Inspirational examples will be brought to class.

Projects will be taken to be fired and available for delivery a week later.

For those creating their own piece, there will be a materials fee of \$25. Register by calling Marilyn at 313-231-3939 or emailing marilynmeredith@wowway.com. Fee to be paid the night of the event.

The public is welcome to attend this free event. D&M Art Studio is in the Golden Gate Shopping Center, 8691 N Lilley Road, Canton, 48187, south of Joy Road. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the art club, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Livonia Garden Club Meeting

The club will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 3, at the Livonia Senior Center. The program includes: How does a scholarship help a student? Kit Gunn, World Gardening Chairman of the Michigan Garden Clubs will talk about the project that funds a high school scholarship to students in Belize.

What's your story?

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer a three-day winter break workshop on making your own film with help from instructor Jenn Teed. Using a personality trait, anecdote or life event as inspiration, students will storyboard, narrate and film a short creative piece under the direction of film maker and writer Jenn Teed. Students will learn and employ filming techniques and tricks of the trade to make their finished product something to be proud of. The workshop is for kids ages 10-17. The cost is \$144 for members and \$154 for non-members.

Students should bring their own recording device with transfer USB cord or memory chip. Contact lisa@plymoutharts.com with questions. Students should pack a light lunch. The center is a nut-free facility. Online registration is available by clicking the green button on the homepage at www.plymoutharts.com or by calling 734-416-4278.

Blues and jazz at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, you will be amazed by the Alicia Marie Band with the extremely talented young lady Alicia Marie on guitar and vocals. She is joined by Dan Devins on harmonica and vocals, Kurt Krahnke on bass, and Ron Pangborn on drums. Alicia Marie is inspired by B. B. King and many of the legends in blues.

Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9:30 p.m. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, join The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio with the award-winning singer Emma-Lee Aboukasm, You-



Lori Barry will explain the glass fusing process at the Three Cities Art Club on Jan. 3.



Alicia Marie will perform at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge in Plymouth.

Tube's viral sensation The Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid and drummer Gary Stevens for a night of piano and song favorites from the swing dancing days of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Don't miss classics like "Women be Wise," "In the Mood," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Basin Street Blues," "Blue Moon" and many more! For a preview, visit www.boogiewoogiekid.com.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Strikes for freedom

MLK weekend has become a time for education, remembrance and celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Four years ago Printing Plus by United Sonz began "Bowl It Out" and annual event dedicated to continuing to spread Dr. King's message of love, equality, justice and peace for all persons. This year's theme "Strikes for Freedom" combines the fun of bowling with a message of hope, love and

prosperity. The message embodies freedom from discrimination, freedom from injustice, and freedom from all inequalities.

It all takes place at Wayne Bowl (36900 Michigan Ave.) from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday Jan. 15. Festivities include two games of bowling, shoes and a T-shirt. The team fee of \$100 covers a five-person team. Bowl It Out also features a Live DJ, full kitchen, mystery jackpots and portion of proceeds raised will be donated to local nonprofit African American Endowment Fund. For registration and more information, call 734-485-8889.

Great Lakes shipwrecks

At 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Historical Society will present a program on Great Lakes shipwrecks by David Trotter. He is a world renowned underwater explorer, lecturer and photographer featured on TV and newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

The society will meet at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile. For more information, call 734-464-0450. Public welcome at no charge.

Auto art workshop

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host an auto art workshop featuring "Old Truck No. 6," from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. Students will participate in a gallery tour and art-appreciation lesson using the diverse art

pieces in our January exhibit. Then, students will create their own 2D version of Tim Tonachella's photograph, "Old Truck No. 6," inspired by the work in the exhibit.

A variety of media will be available for students to use and they will be encouraged to be creative with paint, colored pencils, collage materials, and illustration marker. Photos of each piece will be exhibited on the website as part of the Interpretations Exhibit Artists' group. Instruction and all materials provided. The instructor is Lisa Howard. The program is for ages 7-18. The cost is \$24 per student. To register, call 734-416-4278 or visit www.plymoutharts.com. The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

3D Photography Club meeting

The club will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. The meeting will feature some of the best programs from the recent National Stereoscopic Association conventions. There will also be the first of three scheduled freebie drawings for free 3D items.

The public is invited to join the meeting to see many award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia features artist Gwendolyn Roth

Gwendolyn Roth will be the featured artist at the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery for the month of January. Her media is photography.

Roth's passion for photography has led her to creating encouraging viewpoints that consider our world in an uplifting or surprising new light. In her artist statement she states, "There is so much to see and capture,

and it's all real, and it is found all around us — we don't have to go far. Through my art I hope to transcend the indifferent and enrich our lives one picture at a time."

Visit the Gallery, located on the second floor of the Civic Center Library at 32777 Five Mile Road, between the Court House and City Hall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There is a new artist every month.

Secondhand Prose closes for renovations

Canton Public Library's Secondhand Prose Bookstore will be closed for renovations until Feb. 1.

Friends of the Canton Public Library support the library through advocacy and fundraising for resources beyond the scope of the operating budget.

Wayne Memorial Parent Night

Wayne Memorial High School will host an eighth-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities and much more.

All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

St. Edith open house

The public is invited to an open house set for 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29.

St. Edith Catholic School is a MANS accredited Catholic School for 4-year-old preschool and kindergarten through eighth grade.

For more information, visit www.stedithschool.com

Free open skate

The Redford Ice Arena offers a free open skate at the Redford Ice Arena or all residents and students from 6:05-7:05 p.m. every Sunday. All residents and Redford students are free. Cost for others is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children. Skate rental is \$3. The arena is at 12400 Beech Daly Road.

The annual Resident Appreciation Skate is set for 4:30-6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29. All Redford residents and students are free. Skate rental is free; however, the number of skates is limited.

Winter Survival Gear Drive for the Homeless

Crossroad Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, will host a drive for the homeless 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 12. The church is accepting donations of men's new/used work boots, men's new/gently used white socks, ladies new/gently used turtle-necks. For more information, visit www.crossroadsnow.org, email info@crossroadsnow.org or call 734-338-5149

Widowed Friends

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group for Widowed Men/Women hosting Bereavement Support Series. Widowed persons of all ages are encouraged to attend the bereavement support series to help deal with the emotions and other issues often experienced following the loss of a spouse.

This six-week session is facilitated by a trained member of Widowed Friends and will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. It begins 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. Registration is required. For more information, call Priscilla at 734-591-7879.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EX REL. KYM L. WORTHY WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR.

Plaintiff, 3rd Circuit case: 14-004907-CF Vs. Hon. Robert J. Colombo Jr.

REAL PROPERTY with all contents AT: 32413 MICHIGAN AVE., WAYNE, MI 48184 (D.B.A. THE WAYNE EXCHANGE); AND MISC. PROPERTY SEIZED IN MICHIGAN STATE POLICE - WESTERN WAYNE TASK FORCE CASE#: WWC-351-13, ET AL, Defendant Property, And CARLOS A. DAVILA: AND ANY UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR OWNERS, OR THE HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNEES THEREOF, ET, ALIA, Defendant/Claimants.

NOTICE OF ORDER AND CONSENT JUDGEMENT FOR RETURN OF CERTAIN DEFENDANT PERSONAL PROPERTY TO CERTAIN NON-PARTY PUTATIVE OWNERS

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2014, a search warrant was executed at the Defendant Real Property at 32413 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184, known and doing business as "The Wayne Exchange," resulting in the seizure from the Wayne Exchange of numerous items of personal property by the Michigan State Police - Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force (case WWC-351-13), held as the Defendant Personal Property for purposes of litigating this forfeiture and nuisance abatement matter and disposed of by the Court in this matter (Third Circuit case 14-004907-CF);

WHEREAS, there may be non-party putative claimants who still claim legal title to some items of the Defendant Personal Property held in this matter by seizing agency;

WHEREAS the herein described manner of service of process is reasonably calculated to give any non-party putative claimants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard and it is in the best interest of justice to bring resolution to this matter.

IT HAS BEEN HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COURT IN THIS MATTER that any person (non-party putative claimant) who may have claim and legal right to any item of Defendant personal Property seized on or about March 14, 2014, from the Wayne Exchange at the Defendant real Property at 32413 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184, and the remains held by the seizing agency as a result of this matter, may make their claim thereto within 30 days of the publishing of this Notice as follows:

- File your claim to said item(s) by contacting the Michigan State Police - Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force property manager regarding case WWC-351-13 (Third Circuit Court Case 14-004907-CF) at 734-397-0090 or P.O. Box 87921, Canton, MI 48187;
- Provide in filing your claim, as instructed by seizing agency:
 - Your name, address, phone number or other contact information.
 - Description and information to be able to sufficiently identify the claimed item(s).
 - Documentation to sufficiently show your legal right to the claimed item(s).
- Any person (non-party putative claimant) filing a claim within 30 days from the publication of this Notice and attached Order with the seizing agency as noted above may enter into an out of court settlement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office or consent judgement entered with the Court regarding their claims and the items within 30 days from the date of their claim with seizing agency.
- If you fail to file a claim within 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, you may file an answer to this action within 60 days thereof;
- If you fail to provide sufficient documentation to identify the item and substantiate your claim and right to it as informed by the seizing agency, you shall file an answer to this Third Circuit Court action with the Third Circuit Court under the case number 14-004907-CF within 30 days from the date you filed your claim with the seizing agency.
- Any person who fails to file a claim or file an answer to the Third Circuit Court action as set forth herein above shall be defaulted and lose or waive any rights to the items in this matter. Any items not claimed within 90 days from the date of the Order shall be FORFEITED to the seizing agency by default judgement or other order of the Court against any non-party putative claimant(s) who may have been able to claim ownership or rights thereto.
- A copy of the complaint and this corresponding order in this matter can be obtained at the Clerk's Office at the Wayne County Circuit Court, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or by contacting the Attorney for the Plaintiff as noted herein.

Approved as to form, content and substance on 10/31/2016 by: /s/ C.S. Davis

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State Of Michigan In The Circuit Court For The County Of Wayne Case No. 16-013231-NO; Present Hon. Sheila Ann Gibson Bert Haguewood, Plaintiff, Vs. JAMES Hasenau, Florence Hasenau, and Jim Hasenau Defendants.

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Exparte Order For Service Of Process By Substituted Means.

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne State of Michigan on 12/27/2016. This matter having come to be heard pursuant to Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motion for Substituted Service, and the Court being fully advised in the premises: **Now Therefore It Is Ordered And Adjudged** that service of process in this action may be made upon Defendants, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau And Jim Hasenau, by mailing a copy of the Amended Complaint, Summons, Demand for Trial and this Order to Defendants, JAMES HASENAU, FLORENCE HASENAU and JIM HASENAU, at their last known address by way of regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to wit: 34437 Cowan Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2344. Proof of Service for these mailings shall be filed with the court by The Sam Bernstein Law Firm. **It Is Further Ordered** that notice be given by posting, for a period of three weeks, this Order in the Wayne County Circuit Court by Plaintiff who shall file a proof of said posting with the Court. **It Is Further Ordered** That this Order shall be published in the Westland Observer newspaper once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks with proof of said publication to be filed with the Court by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm. **Notice is hereby given:** a. That this matter is pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court before the Hon. Sheila Ann Gibson. b. That the names of the parties to this Litigation Bert Haguewood, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau, Jim Hasenau. c. That the nature of these proceedings arise from the careless, reckless, and negligent maintenance of property owned by Defendants, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau and Jim Hasenau, on April 20, 2015, causing injuries and damages to Plaintiff, Bert Haguewood, and that Defendants were the owners of the said premises. d. That Defendants, having been served by substituted means, as set forth in this Order, must file an Answer or an Appearance within twenty-one (21) days of the service upon them with the Clerk of the Wayne County Circuit Court. e. If the Defendants served by substituted means fail to file an Answer or Appearance within twenty-one (21) days a default may be entered with the court. A default is a legal document declaring that the facts alleged by Plaintiff in the Complaint are admitted. Defendants may not proceed in the action unless and until the Default is lifted or set aside. After the Entry of a Default the Court, upon the filing of a Motion by Plaintiffs' may assess and award damages for the Plaintiffs and against the Defendants. Circuit Court Judge /s/ Sheila A. Gibson

19 abandoned puppies found by jogger in park



Nineteen puppies abandoned in a box in Hines Park have been taken to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Darrell Clem
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Nineteen puppies found abandoned in Hines Park in Plymouth are "doing well" after a jogger took them to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, an HSHV spokeswoman said Thursday.

"Some of them were in rough condition when we first got them," said Wendy Welch, HSHV communications director. "All of them are eating, so that's a positive sign."

The Humane Society has received numerous requests to adopt the puppies, which are described as a pit bull terrier mix. However, Welch said they will not be ready for adoption for another month or so.

Julie Newman was jogging on Northville

Road in Hines Park about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday when she heard "little yelps" and noticed movement inside a cardboard box.

She found 19 abandoned puppies climbing over each other and trying to escape a urine-soaked box. Newman, who has two rescue dogs of her own, called her sister and they took the puppies to the Humane Society.

"I'm just heartbroken," she said in a statement released through HSHV. "I just don't understand how anyone could do this."

Neither do HSHV officials. And they are seeking the public's help to learn where the puppies came from and who might have dumped them in the park.

The puppies, found near Wilcox Lake, are believed to be 4 weeks old and from multiple litters. Nine are males and 10 are females.

The puppies have received medical treatment at HSHV. Some of them were suffering from dehydration.

"It's hard to say why someone would dump puppies in a park. But there is no good reason for such a careless act," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV CEO and president. "This is exactly why animal shelters exist — to provide safety and care to animals in need."

"We don't ever want to see animals, especially babies, abandoned in the cold, left to fend for themselves. Thanks to a compassionate community member willing to take

action, these innocent puppies will get the help they deserve," Hilgendorf added. "When they're ready, they'll be adopted into loving homes — but first spayed or neutered to help ensure this doesn't happen again."

Anyone who has information about the puppies or who abandoned them — or witnessed them being dropped off — is asked to call HSHV's cruelty and rescue line at 734-661-3512 or submit a report at hshv.org/cruelty

Welch said donations to the puppies' care can be made by calling 734-661-3571 or visiting hshv.org.

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DOGS, OWNERS BOND DURING SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

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Julie Grinnell of Milford plays with her dog, talks to her dog and, on occasion, has climbed down a bridge on a rope with her dog Ava, a German shepherd.

For Kathryn Gordon of Farmington Hills, a day out with her border collie Gus might include coaching him over a pile of rubble.

And when Beverly Moody of Redford trains her Labrador retriever puppy Graziano, the session is likely to involve a toy, a mozzarella treat and buried human remains.

"I put out some placenta that someone gave me for Grazi. And I had a little blood in a Ziploc bag that I hid under landscaping under a tree, 10 inches off the ground," Moody said, recalling a recent training session. "I ask, is he ready to sniff? I say where is it? I let go of him and he took off like a rocket."

Welcome to the world of search and rescue training, where canine-handler teams practice finding missing persons or human remains.

The three women and their dogs are members of Michigan Search & Rescue, an all-volunteer nonprofit Michigan-based missing persons response team that serves the Great Lakes area and works side by side with law enforcement agencies. The group, including certified teams and trainees, practices once or twice weekly through all kinds of weather in a variety of environments, including buildings, forests and on water. Beginner training lasts one to three years and culminates in a certification test.

Some canine members, usually bloodhounds, specialize in following a specific person's scent. Others, like Grinnell's dog Ava, are air scent or wilderness specialists that sniff for any human scent, from living persons or the recently deceased. Graziano and Gus are training their noses to detect

human remains on land, in the water or underground.

Ava and Grinnell took their two-hour certification exam earlier this year. It included a search for living persons, human remains and a T-shirt on a 160-acre site marked by ravines, rivers and a marsh.

"These are our pets. They play at home and sleep in our beds. They also have specialized training and a very serious job to do and, when the call comes and that search collar is put on them, they know what is expected of them," Grinnell said.

When Ava finds her target, she rushes back to Grinnell and jumps on her, a signal for "follow me," and then leads the way back to her discovery.

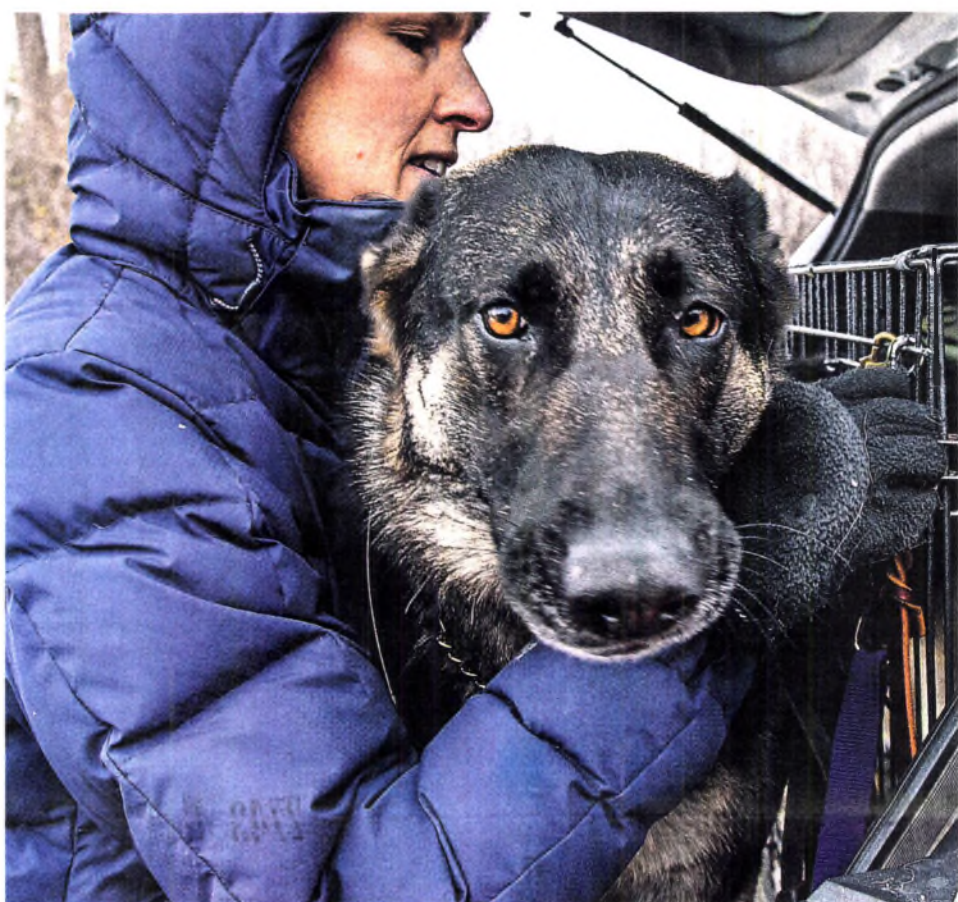
Like all Michigan Search & Rescue volunteers, Grinnell also trained as a field support specialist to accompany other dog and handler teams on missions. She learned how to use a map, compass, GPS and was schooled in lost person behavior, estimating distance and understanding how terrain and weather affect a search.

"When people think search and rescue, I don't think they realize how much the person has to learn. It's not all about the dog. You need to know how to put the dog into position to pick up a scent," said Grinnell, who became "hooked" on search and rescue after attending some training sessions.

Nose work

Handlers create search strategies for their dogs in the field and must be aware of scent — where it moves, what it clings to, how it reacts in rain, snow and sun. Moody got a head start in scent education by enrolling her older Lab, Guiseppi, in Gordon's nose class a few years ago at Wolverine Dog Training Club in Farmington Hills.

"I got bit by the bug. I love training in nose work," said Moody, who teaches obedience class-



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Kathryn Gordon takes Hexi from her crate and she's ready to work.



NICOLE GRAY

Ava brings Julie Grinnell back to her "find."

es at the club. "Everything I learned in nose work can be applied to human remains work."

Gordon invited Moody to search and rescue training sessions with her dogs: Hexi, who is certified and has been on two searches for human remains, and Gus, who is close to being certified.

"Guiseppi did so well in nose work in competition. I thought if I could do something that would make a difference in the

world, that was right up my alley," Moody said, explaining her interest in human remains detection.

But Guiseppi, 9, was too old to start training, so Moody began teaching her new puppy in his place.

Finding remains

Graziano became accustomed to the scent of human remains through positive association. For several weeks,

he ate his meal alongside smelly socks, bones and teeth.

Moody said handlers save blood on gauze, order bones through online sites and sometimes ask doctors or dentists for tissue, teeth or blood that can be used for training sessions. New moms sometimes donate placenta.

"The word spreads around," she said. "I thought dealing with human remains would bother me more than it does. I got the placenta last weekend and I was nervous about it, but I did fine."

Karen Wroblewski a veterinarian at Allen Animal Hospital in Livonia, is giving Graziano free medical care. She has sponsored other working dogs in the past.

"Dogs contribute to the community in a lot of ways that people don't even recognize," Wroblewski said. "Dogs prefer to go out and about and do different things. A lot of adult dogs get into misbehaving because they have a lot of smarts and it's not channeled in a constructive way."

Moody said hours spent training and then volunteering in human remains searches come with a "great payoff."

"You get to have an amazing bond with your dog, you get to do something for other people and you get to train in something you like," she said.

Gordon has been on 15

searches, mostly as a field specialist before Hexi was certified. They've worked two cases together, one still unconfirmed and the other solved.

"It was a drowning. We went out the night of the disappearance and, where she indicated, they sent a diver down and found the body," Gordon said.

Grinnell and Ava have responded to large and small searches, both local and a few hours away. Recently, they were called to search an abandoned building in Detroit.

"We've gotten to know families well that we've worked with on cold cases. If just one time I can hand a mother her child, it makes it all worthwhile," she said. "The ideal situation is to find a person alive, but even if the person is deceased, we've given them closure."

Grinnell has started a GoFundMe.com campaign to raise \$3,000 for GPS dog collars that will sync and send data to the handler's hand-held unit. Go to tinyurl.com/jcsn27c.

Michigan Search & Rescue also is selling 2017 calendars that feature some of its dogs, including Graziano. Cost is \$10. Find a link at the organization's Facebook page. Go to its website at michigansar.org.

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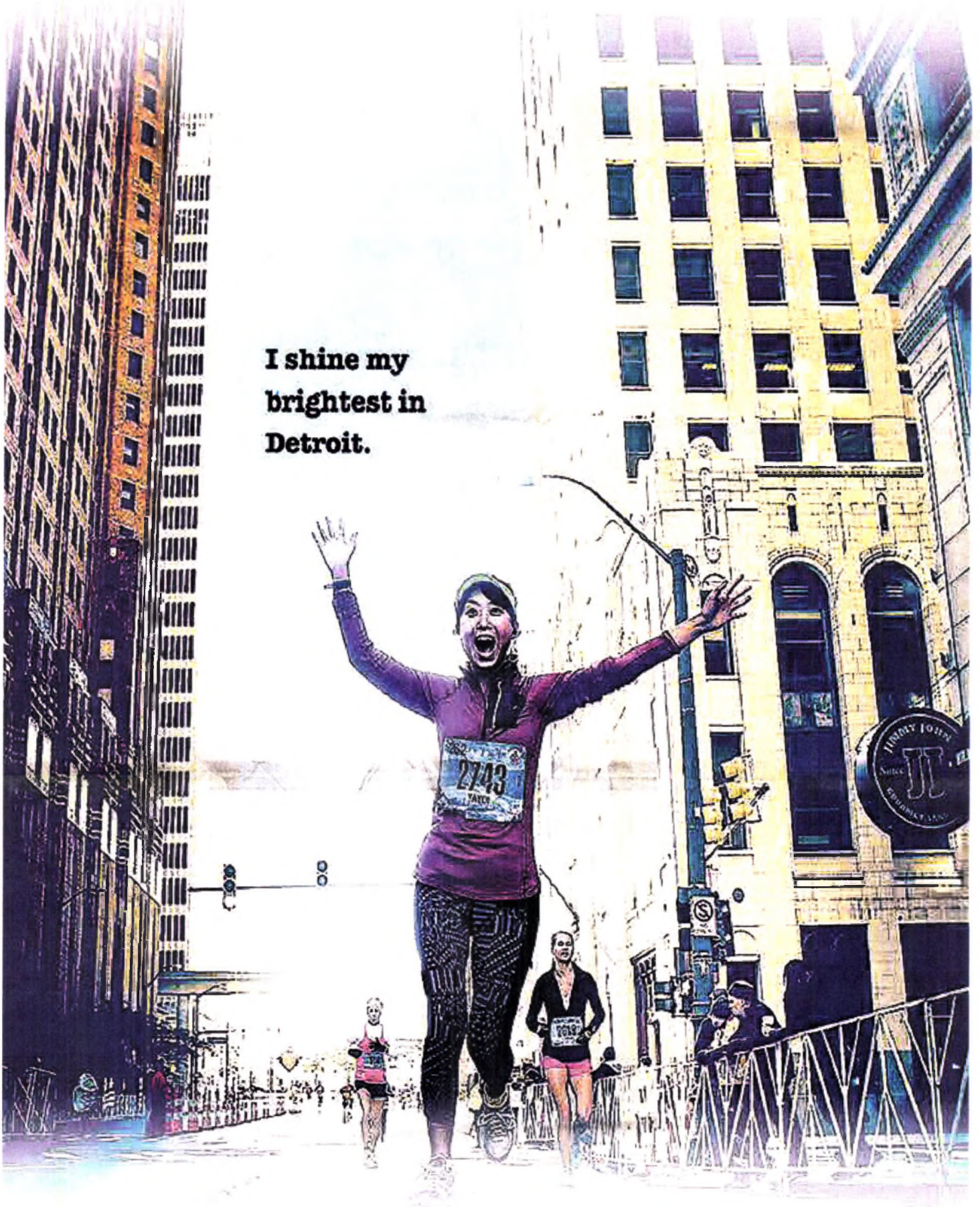
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What it means to be an American

Meg Heubeck of Waynesboro, Virginia, leads instruction projects for the Youth Leadership Initiative at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. The daughter of a teacher and a social worker, she grew up in the suburbs of Baltimore and later spent 12 years as a teacher herself.

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means that you have the ability to change things. It means that you have the power to make the country what you want it to be. It means the freedom to vote without worrying about going to jail. It means being able to discuss the challenges we face without fearing legal repercussions.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

The exact moment was when I heard one of my colleagues saying their family wasn't talking to each other at Thanksgiving because of the election. I had been working on this topic since the summer, but that's the instant I realized I had to do something. It's going to be really serious business. I want to start rebuilding those relationships. Let's start now.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

We've been through this before in American history. We've had elections that have been tumultuous. We've had candidates who have been unusual, like Andrew Jackson. The way our government is set up protects us from the volatility of strong personalities. We will be OK. But one thing that gives me concern is the sectionalism between the regions of America that don't talk and don't share experiences. It could cause a rift if we don't do something about it.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to bring back a spirit of discourse, debate and compromise that I think is missing. We can do that through civic education and working with students. I think that makes our democracy a lot stronger. ... These are required skills for the 21st century. I want them to internalize that they can make a difference. We need an increase in voter turnout among young people. That would be fabulous. And more young people running for office!

— William Ramsey



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Meg Heubeck is director of instruction for the Center for Politics' Youth Leadership Initiative at University of Virginia. She works with teachers nationally to help students respectfully deal with the divides of our society through civil discourse, debate and compromise.

A small effort that could help heal an election-fractured nation radiates from a center in Virginia

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -

On the campus of Thomas Jefferson's university and in the shadow of his home, Monticello, former social studies teacher Meg Heubeck channels the founding father who sought to unify a nation after a nasty, corrosive election in 1800.

Heubeck wants to resurrect civil discourse. She and her small project aim for a more cooperative America by focusing on those who have yet to vote.

Heubeck, 48, represents the many quiet leaders that the

USA TODAY Network will profile throughout 2017 in the wake of the divisive presidential election. She's an American taking real strides to make civic conversation comfortable again.

"We're Americans — that's the thing that holds us together," she says. "Politics shouldn't be something you lose friends and family over."

She has connected with 70,000 teachers across the country as director of instruction for the Youth Leadership Initiative at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, giving them full lesson plans. In one, students play a board game that forces them to understand the compromises it took to write the Constitution. Another uses a mock election and e-Congress simulations to model what actually happens in Congress.

It's meant to prepare students to be lifelong citizens and constructive participants in American democracy. "Discussion, debate and compromise — everything we do has an ele-

ment of that," Heubeck says.

She learned that lesson as a social studies teacher for 12 years in low-income areas of Baltimore and again in travels to post-civil war Sri Lanka in 2009 and to Afghanistan in 2011.

She says that sense of "them" and "us" — tribalism really — that she so often hears was a key determinant in 2016's schismatic course.

"You have to make a choice whether to engage or isolate, and I've made a choice to engage, to inspire other people because I see what it's done for me," says Heubeck, who grew up in Jarrettsville, Maryland, with a father who taught at-risk students.

She's also teaching her 10-year-old son, Remmer, to understand different points of view.

The earlier educators can teach children about the American political and civic system and help them understand the election process, the more likely they are to participate later, says Larry Sabato, director of

the Center for Politics.

The Youth Leadership materials are available for children as young as kindergarten age. Elementary school teachers can register online and access all the materials for free.

Heubeck's election resources have been used by Julie Strong, a social studies teacher at Albemarle High School in Virginia.

Seniors in Strong's AP Government class developed a better understanding of the political processes before casting their first ballots as new adults.

"We try to put everything in one spot so teachers can find it," says Heubeck, who joined the program in 2004. The program is operated by a mish-mosh of state funds, donations, partnerships, word-of-mouth and unpaid interns.

The next step for concerned citizens, Heubeck says, is to get involved. "We can't cry and hide in the basement. We've got to do something and have that faith in one another."

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On the trail of Bigfoot in U.P.

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SENEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Maybe Bigfoot did this. Maybe.

Rich Meyer stood in an Upper Peninsula forest, calling his friend over to a spot along a trail. He'd found something.

A tall, thin sapling had been bent into an arch over the path, high above everyone's heads. Its tip was wedged in the underbrush, holding it down. This, Meyer said, might be a sign. Bigfoots, he explained, often leave signals to each other using sticks or trees. Arches are common.

"It can be a marker of some kind, almost like a road map," said the 39-year-old.

Meyer is the founder of the Upper Peninsula Bigfoot/Sasquatch Research Organization, dedicated to finding proof that Bigfoot is real and living in the U.P.

On that fall afternoon, he and Shawn Mullins, a fellow Bigfoot investigator, were scouting the woods at the edge of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge, 95,000 dense acres of unspoiled wilderness in the central Upper Peninsula. If Sasquatch is real, the investigators thought, this would be a great place to hide. And a likely place to find proof that he exists.

"Look at this," Mullins said, walking over to a spot where about a dozen long sticks leaned upright on one another to form a vague "X" shape. This, too, is said to be common in Bigfoot stick language. "It's interesting because of how it's kind of interweaved like that," said Mullins. The 36-year-old looked it over carefully. "A lot of these branches were probably laying down right here, and it's almost like they were deliberately put up and weaved into an 'X' like this."

He wasn't convinced, though. "Could be something, could be nothing," he admitted.

It has been a busy year for the group. Bigfoot has been all over the news. First, there was a sighting in May of a possible Bigfoot seen on a camera mounted above an eagle's nest in a tree in Beulah, near the Platte River State Fish Hatchery in the northern Lower Peninsula. It made news all over the world.

Then there was the photo of a Bigfoot-looking something, taken by a trail cam mounted on a tree in the western Upper Peninsula this fall, as the mystery creature was combing through a campsite.

And the first-ever Upper Peninsula Bigfoot convention in August drew a hundred or so Yoopers to share their own Sasquatch stories, which many had kept to themselves for years.

"In the U.P., we're all pretty tight-lipped up here. We don't like to share a lot anyway," Meyer said. "And with the stigma that's been with Bigfoot over the years, you got a lot of older people who think, 'People are going to call me crazy,' so they don't like to share unless they see a bunch of other people sharing."

It's not for nothing his group's motto is "Bigfoot research and counseling without ridicule."

Mullins and Meyer were in the forest that afternoon because the wildlife refuge is known as a hot spot for Bigfoot encounters. The investigators had been here before, hoping to have a Bigfoot interaction of their own. Later that night, in these woods, they'd get that interaction. Maybe.

"It would be one of the best things that happened to me, other than meeting my wife and having my son," Meyer said of encountering Bigfoot. "It would validate all the



time and effort we've all put in."

Born to be wild

There are legends about a Bigfoot-type wild man in the folklore of just about every culture in the world. In North America, it's part of the mythology of several Indian tribes, and the name "Sasquatch" is derived from the term for "wild men" used by tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

The myth spread through popular culture after the 1967 appearance of the Patterson-Gimlin film, the most famous Bigfoot evidence so far, which shows a hairy creature on a leisurely stroll through the California woods. Ever since, there has been an explosion in reported sightings all over the country, including in most Michigan counties.

In general, Bigfoot is described as covered in fur, standing 8 feet tall or more, walking upright, making only fleeting appearances in eyewitness accounts, blurry photos and a lot of shaky videos. Some people believe it's a close relative of humans, something between man and ape with peculiar characteristics, like sometimes leaving woven stick gifts for homeowners near its habitat in exchange for things like marbles. He's said to communicate by howling or banging sticks on trees. And he reportedly stinks.

Concrete proof, though, has been elusive. "We don't have a body yet," Meyer said, summing up the plight of the Bigfoot believers community in general. "Once there's a body, or evidence where it shows someone being somewhere and a Bigfoot is right next to them — where it's irrefutable — then the scientific community will jump on board."

Until then, modern science generally regards the Bigfoot phenomenon as little more than a scam, hoax and mistaken identity by overexcited observers — like that Bigfoot supposedly spotted on a trail cam this summer. A frame taken seconds later showed it was just a bear bending over awkwardly. And that Bigfoot seen on the eagle cam this year? The truth turned out to be even more absurd. More on that later.

In general, scientists say there's no way a giant ape-man could survive this long without a huge breeding population to sustain it. That if Bigfoots were real, one of them should have been killed or captured by now. And, they ask: Why are all the photos and videos of Bigfoot so blurry and inconclusive?

But a few outspoken dissenters point to recent discoveries showing that different species of hominid, like the Neanderthal, have coexisted with humans more recently than previously believed, suggesting Bigfoot's parallel existence is not so unlikely.

"Some of these branches of this now-bushy family tree have existed alongside us until the recent past," said professor Jeffrey Meldrum, an anthropologist with Idaho State University and the closest thing to a national Bigfoot expert. "Why not into the present? Why presume they're all extinct in the face of all the evidence?"

The 58-year-old professor has spent years studying Bigfoot lore, collecting evidence, following up on eyewitness accounts and presenting his findings at confer-



A large Bigfoot statue stands outside Muldoon's Pasties in Munising. A lot of people in the U.P. have stories about Bigfoot encounters.

ences. He's determined to approach Bigfoot using scientific methods, and the lack of scientific validation so far is disappointing.

"Of course it's frustrating, having to deal with the skeptics and critics in the absence of definitive proof," he said. "My goal is not to convince people that Bigfoot exists. I would like to demonstrate that Bigfoot exists with that evidence."

The evidence so far consists of plaster castings of supposed Sasquatch footprints, supposed Sasquatch hair samples that are often traced back to common wildlife, and so-called stick structures in the woods, said to be deliberately created by Bigfoot.

The problem with those, Meldrum admitted, is that, as with much Bigfoot evidence, these stick creations could have been caused by something else — like the weather, or the chance arrangement of fallen timber, or kids just making a fort. When it comes to Bigfoot, the evidence is often just a "maybe," never a "for sure."

"I've been out with people for whom every overturned log or upturned tree is immediately attributed to Sasquatch," Meldrum said. "If you find what you think is a tree structure, you need to have some associative evidence; that is, a scat pile next to footprints, for example, that points to Sasquatch."

As if this pursuit wasn't already difficult, Bigfoot seekers have to deal with outright hoaxes. For some reason, a lot of people like to pretend they've seen Bigfoot and provide faked evidence, like some guy named Rick Dyer who announced to much publicity a few years ago that he had a dead Bigfoot. It turned out to be made of rubber and camel hair.

"I don't know if they do it to muddy the waters or they do it just to get some attention," said Meyer, noting the time he once wasted on a two-week investigation in the U.P. woods that ended when the witnesses admitted they just made it up.

And with Bigfoot hunting more popular than ever, there's always the possibility of two groups of Bigfoot hunters unwittingly directing knocks and howls to each other in the woods.

"That's always the danger these days, with people going out broadcasting vocalizations or making wood knocks, is there might be another enthusiast doing the same thing on the other side of the ridge," Meldrum said with a laugh.

Seeking answers

Yet they persevere. Most Bigfoot hunters say they're compelled by their own Sasquatch sighting at some point in their past, driven ever since to find an explanation.

Mullins wants an explanation for the thing he saw several years ago, standing on two legs and looking back at him from the woods with glowing eyes.

"I froze," he said. "I just couldn't believe it. And it just casually turned to the left, walked into the woods and it met up with like three others, 'cause we could hear three different locations a little bit further in,

converging. And at that point I was like OK, that solidified the belief in me that they're really real and they're out here."

Meyer has been a Bigfoot hunter all his life, without knowing. After his dad died, his mom told him his father had a secret, lifelong belief in Sasquatch.

"She said, 'That's part of the reason the entire time you were growing up, you guys were out in the woods all the time,'" Meyer explained. "I said, 'I thought we were just out hunting and fishing, 'cause I grew up out in the woods.' She's like, 'No, he always knew there was something else out there, but he really didn't say anything about it to anyone.'"

Since then, he has taken up his dad's cause. He, too, has seen their eyes glowing from the woods, he said.

Since founding the UPBSRO four years ago, the auto parts store manager has become a magnet for people's Bigfoot stories.

As he sat enjoying a snack of fried mushrooms at Tovey's Jolly Inn in Germfask, located at the edge of the wildlife refuge, waitress Glenda Bowler overheard him talking, and she came over to tell him that she, too, had possibly encountered Bigfoot, while hunting. One time, it was a wild howl from the forest. Another time, something tried talking to her using wood knocks.

"Something would go crack! crack! crack! like they were hitting something with a stick. Like a signal," said the 64-year-old. But she admitted that in isolated spaces like the U.P., Bigfoot can become a catchall for anything unexplained. "We never did figure it out, so it became Bigfoot," she said. "Like, 'It must be Bigfoot then.'"

Amateur Bigfoot hunting groups like the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization, or BFRO, which has 200 volunteer investigators nationwide; or Meyer's U.P. group, which collects these kinds of small-town eyewitness accounts, can be helpful if they approach their hunt scientifically, said Meldrum.

"The only harm that I think comes of it is if people are too enthusiastic, too eager and too quick to attribute questionable evidence to Sasquatch, because that dilutes the good, solid evidence we have, and that can be a distraction," he said.

"My goal is to try to raise the bar, to get them to cultivate skills as citizen-scientists rather than simply amateur investigators and enthusiasts, and, as citizen-scientists, learn how to analyze and collect and report data in a reliable fashion. Something as simple as placing a scale by a footprint so we can have an actual record of its size. Sometimes, it's a big hurdle."

Back to nature

Some people think Bigfoot is more than just a missing link. Some think he deserves to be worshipped.

Not long ago, Gawain MacGregor stitched some animal skins together, made a full body suit, put it on and went for a walk in a Michigan forest — looking a whole lot like Bigfoot.

That Bigfoot seen on the eagle cam earlier this

For more information on the Upper Peninsula Bigfoot/Sasquatch Research Organization, see facebook.com/UPBSRO.

Someone watching it spotted this bumbling, hairy figure struggling to get past a log in the woods. The video went viral. And suddenly, MacGregor and his fur suit were international news.

"Pretty quickly, I knew that was me," said MacGregor, who was reluctant to come forward. "I thought that I was going to get arrested and be on the news, and people would say I was crazy. And I didn't even want to get into explaining why I was doing that. I don't know if it's a protected site, so when I first saw the video, I was pretty nervous."

To him, Bigfoot is neither man nor ape. He's an angel. That's why nobody's ever caught one, or found a body, or gotten a clear photo, he said. He's not the only one.

"People have been reporting seeing these things forever, and they never find a body, they never catch it, they never get good photos or anything," he said. "So either thousands of people are lying, or there's an aspect of this they don't understand. To me, it's incredibly obvious it's not an animal. We're looking at an angel of the forest."

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MURRAY



JOHN ANTHONY JR., age 87, of Garden City, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 11th 2016. He was predeceased by his dear wife Iene Nancy (Popowicz) in 1998. He is survived by sons John III, Paul and Eric; brother Robert, and granddaughters Sherilyn and Jeanette Ganz. A 1947 graduate of Chadsey High School, he and his wife Iene were classmates and sweethearts and married in 1950. They were best friends and partners in life for 48 years. John was drafted into the US Army during the Korean War, and served in the Signal Corps while stationed at the Panama Canal. He rejoined civilian life and his career at Michigan Bell Telephone company where he worked his way from installer to manager over a career of 46 years. He was a proud member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Elks Club, the Yankee Air Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the German Club, and Historic Trinity Lutheran Church. His remains are to be combined with his beloved, and interred at the Veteran's columbarium at Great Lakes National Cemetery, better known as Little Arlington, in Holly, Michigan in the spring, Friday May 19th, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a Lutheran commitment rite as well as a military color guard. The family requests that instead of flowers, a donation in Mr. Ganz's memory be made to the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Detroit.

Please share a memory at www.cremationmichigan.com.



NINA JEAN A longtime resident of Michigan, most recently of Brighton, died Christmas night. Born in 1932 in Detroit, MI. Nina was the mother of six, grandmother of eight, and great grandmother of four. After spending 23 years as a stay at home mother, Nina received her Associate's degree in Nursing. She worked at Harper Grace Hospital, Wayne County General, and spent the last 25 years of her career working at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. Nina was a spectacular cook, who always sang in the kitchen (and everywhere really). She loved socializing and travel and had so many friends that will truly grieve her passing. To know her was to love her. She was habitually late, but so much fun, no one cared if she showed up late, just that she came. She loved to shop and was always the most beautifully dressed person in the room earning her the title of Nina Jean the Fashion Queen. Even dressing in scrubs could not dim her style, she would accessorize them into fashion. But most importantly she was the most wonderful mother who made every day special and everyone feel loved no matter what it took. Nina is survived by her children, Preston (Janet Berriman Murray), Mark, Michelle Urban, Kevin (Brenda Webster Murray), Paul (Ryan Jackson), and Kathryn Kzeski (Kent Kzeski). In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. Please leave a message of comfort for Nina's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

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ELAINE (BRZUCH) December 26, 2016, age 68 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Dennis who died May 19, 2016. Dear sister of Ron (Donna) Brzuch. Dear aunt of Nick (Jitra) Brzuch and Jim Brzuch. Visitation Saturday, January 7, 2017, 12 p.m. until the 1 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Rd., (Btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. or the American Heart Assoc. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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WARREN



WILLIAM "BILL" passed away at the age of 93. He is the beloved husband of Dorothy and the late Kay (Kathryn). Dear father of Brent (Kathleen), Scott (Tina), Lorie (Karl) Monroe and Todd (Maria). Loving grandfather of Chris, Michael and Jesse. Brother of the late Robert and Sara Lou. Bill was an administrator for 40 years for the Livonia Public Schools and founder and Past President of the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club. Services to be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia at a later date. Please share a memory with the family www.mansfuneralhome.com

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PREP FOOTBALL

Catholic Central QB Brown transferring to home district

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Austin Brown, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's starting quarterback both as a freshman and sophomore, is transferring back to his home school district.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound sophomore, who severely broke his leg in the Shamrocks' MHSAA Division 1 semifinal victory over Romeo, will enroll the next semester at Madison Heights Madison High where his father Jimmy Brown has been athletic director the past eight years.

Brown guided CC to a 13-0 record this season completing 61.5 percent of his passes (72 of 117) with 14 touchdowns and only two interceptions before

going down during the first half while trying to run for a touchdown near the goal line in a 17-0 win over Romeo.

Brown, who was replaced in that semifinal game by sophomore Marco Genrich, underwent surgery prior to CC's 49-20 state championship loss at Ford Field against Detroit Cass Tech where senior Dillon Dejong got the start.

"Obviously it wasn't football related," Jimmy Brown said. "They went 13-0 and made the finals, so it really didn't have anything to do with that. I mean you can't get any better than Division 1 and 13 wins in a row, so it really didn't come down to that."

Jimmy Brown said his son's



SCOTT CONFER

Quarterback Austin Brown led Catholic Central to 13 straight wins before going down in the state semifinals with a broken leg.

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Battle of the Fans VI

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council will host its sixth "Battle of the Fans" contest this winter to award the top high school student cheering section in Michigan and promote the opportunity for a fun, positive cheering experience for fans supporting their teams.

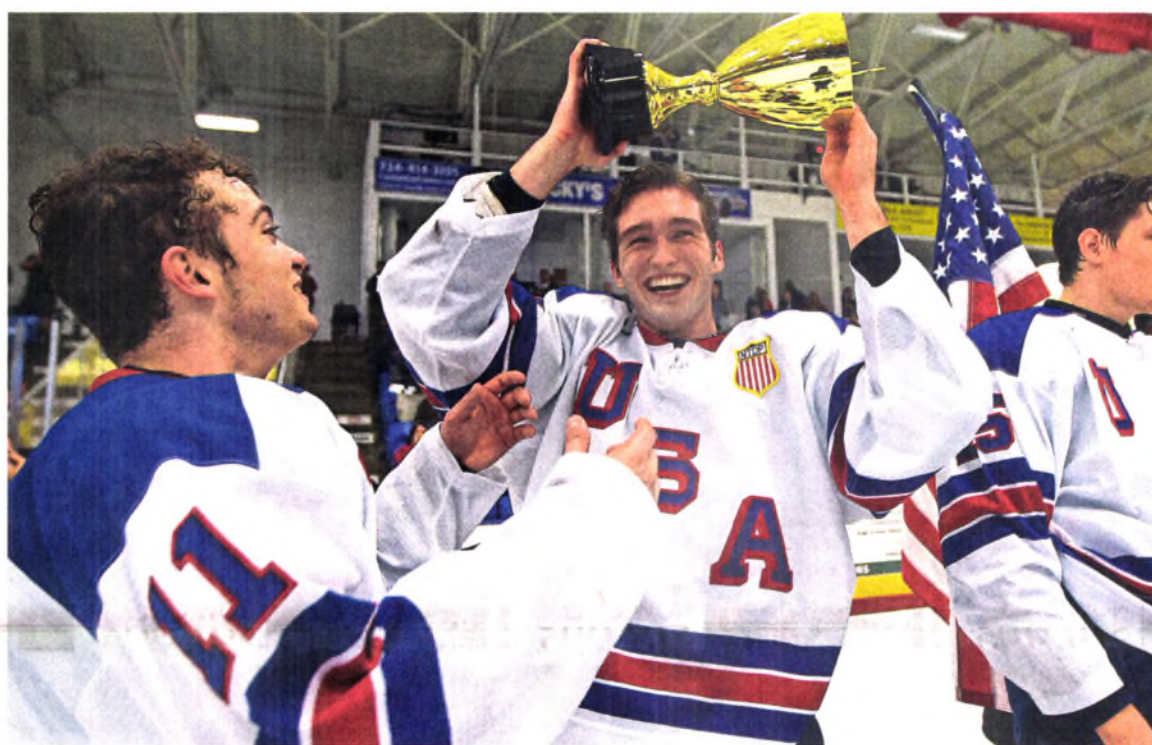
Traverse City West was named last year's champion and presented with a banner during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. Sections from Charlotte, Munising, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian and Yale also were finalists and recognized during the Breslin ceremony.

Schools are invited to submit a short video, via YouTube, of their cheering sections in action. Video submissions should be between 90 seconds and three minutes long and explain how that section meets the following contest criteria: positive sportsmanship, student body participation, school spirit, originality of cheers, organization of the group, student section leadership and fun.

The deadline for student-submitted video applications is noon Jan. 7. Five finalists including at least one Class C or D school then will be chosen and visited on a home game night by MHSAA staff and Advisory Council representatives. The MHSAA will produce a video of that finalist after each visit, with the champion being selected by the Student Advisory Council based in part on activity on the MHSAA's social media sites.

This year's winner will be announced Feb. 17 and recognized March 24 at the Breslin Center.

Rules, directions for submitting videos, plus links to coverage of finalists from the first five years of the contest can be found on the MHSAA website at www.mhsaa.com/BOTF. This year's finalist videos, plus the announcement of the 2016-17 winner, will be published at secondhalf.mhsaa.com.



RENA LAVERTY

Scott Reedy hoists the Five Nations trophy after Team USA defeated Finland 3-2 on Nov. 5 to win the 2016 U-18 Five Nations Tournament title at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. At left is Jacob Tortora.

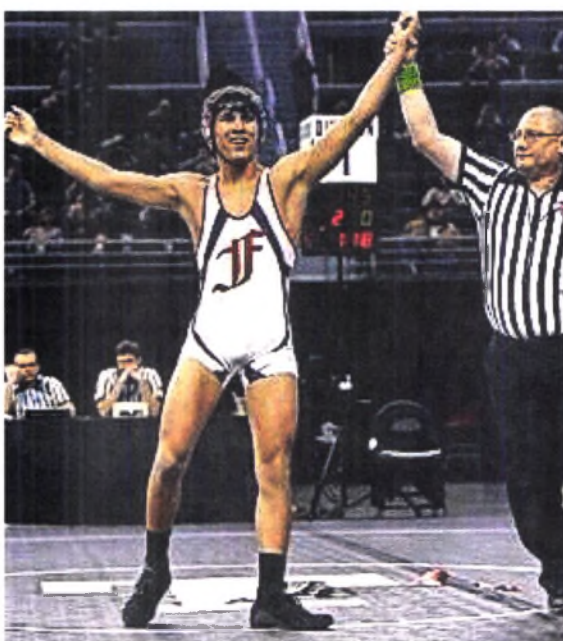
LOOKING BACK AT 2016

The drive to perform your best comes from a passion for achieving goals and an inner peace that no matter the outcome, everything you could give to the sport was exerted. It was a memorable year in local sports; enjoy some of our favorite photos and story lines from 2016. For more photos, turn to B2 or visit www.hometownlife.com/sports for a complete gallery.



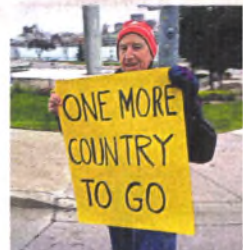
SUBMITTED

Sarah Monte is the first female to play varsity football at Livonia Stevenson.



SUBMITTED

Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza's arm is raised for the 58th time last season following his victory at 145-pounds in the state finals, concluding a perfect 58-0 season.



DAN DEAN

The marathon and international half include a run on the Ambassador Bridge and return to Detroit via the tunnel.

Run the tunnel

Your chance to cross the Ambassador Bridge and Windsor Tunnel on foot happens each October during the running of the Detroit Free Press Marathon.

Registration for the 40th anniversary race in 2017 begins at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1. Race events include the American Home Fitness 5K and Meijer Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 14. On Sunday, Oct. 15, the full marathon, international half-marathon and marathon relay kick off the international events followed by the U.S.-only half-marathon.

Go to www.freeparathon.com for more information and to register.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novice Pairs skaters maturing with age

Brad Emons
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It's a skating partnership still in its infant stages, but Cora DeWyre and Jacob Nussle have grown-up expectations and big-time dreams.

The Novice Pairs skaters, who have only been together for 18 months, will compete for the second straight year in the

2017 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Jan. 14-22, at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo.

And after placing 12th a year ago in the 2016 U.S. Nationals in St. Paul, Minn., DeWyre and Nussle have experience to draw and renewed confidence after taking fourth and qualifying for the second time following last month's

Sectionals in Colorado Springs. "This team got together last year and made it to nationals on a fluke," said coach Michelle Hunt, who trains the pair at the Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton. "They were alternates, but someone pulled out and they got to go; so all year long they've been working really, really hard and they're in a much better posi-

tion this year to end up in top half of the group, which we're really excited about. We're hoping they get some international assignments; so hopefully it's going to be a good year. Hopefully, I don't want to jinx myself, but they're doing well."

The partnership is unique to

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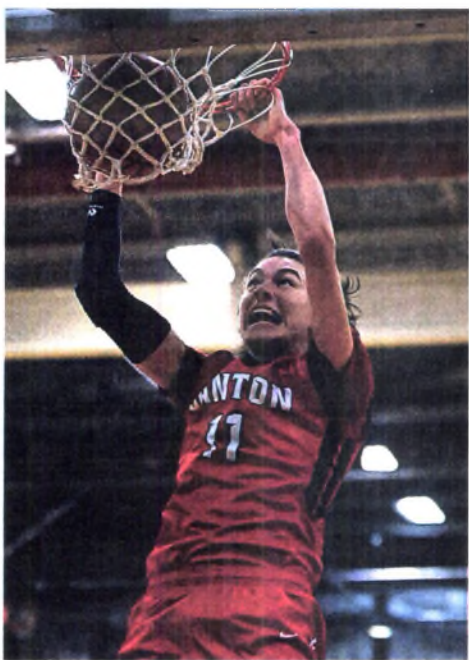
Plymouth Christian players jump for joy after winning the Class D girls volleyball title in Battle Creek.

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2016 year in sports photos

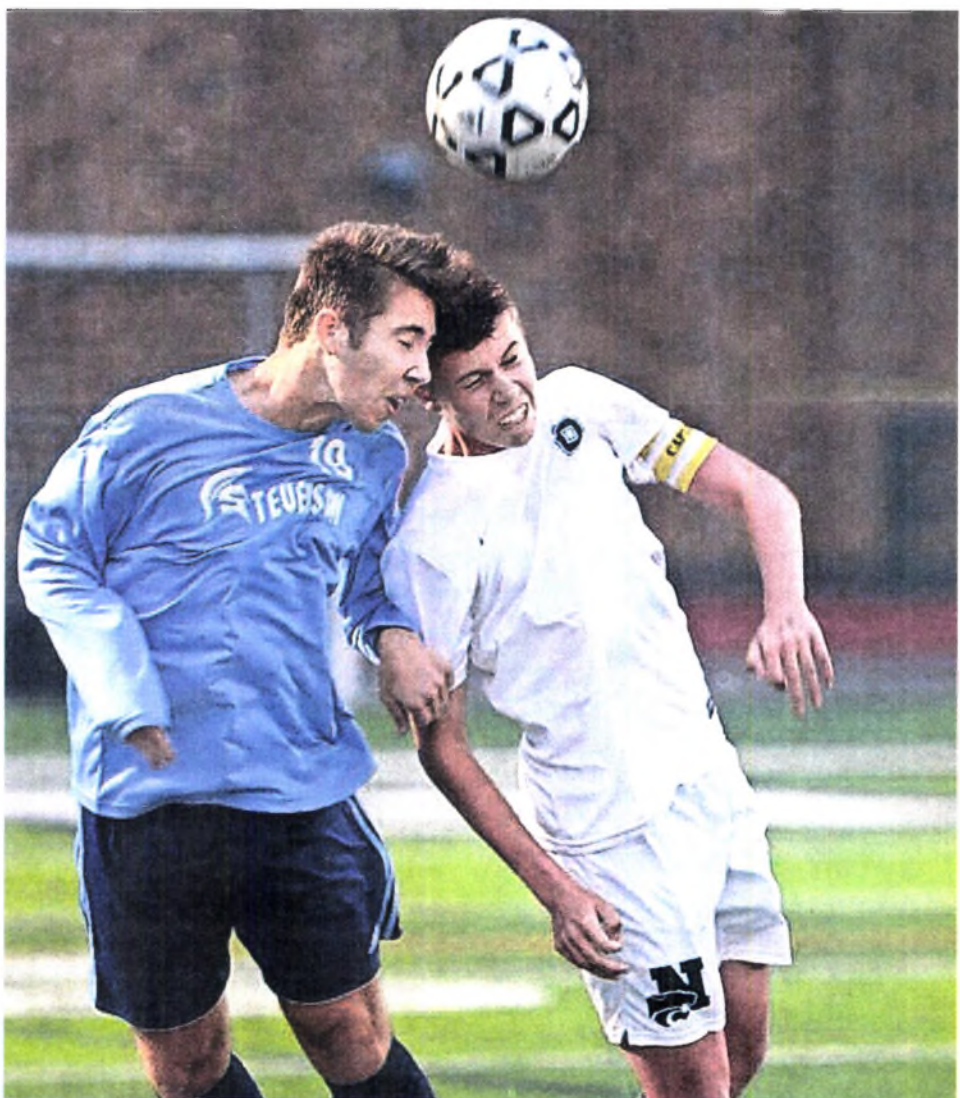
On fields, rinks, courts and tracks around the Observer & Eccentric area, local athletes and teams — and their families and fans — had many reasons to celebrate in 2016. These images capture their effort and glory.

For a complete gallery of photos, visit www.hometownlife.com/sports.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

These spectacular dunks by senior forward Logan Ryan did a lot to power the Canton Chiefs boys basketball machine in 2015-16. The Chiefs were the first team ever at the Park to go 20-0 in a regular season.



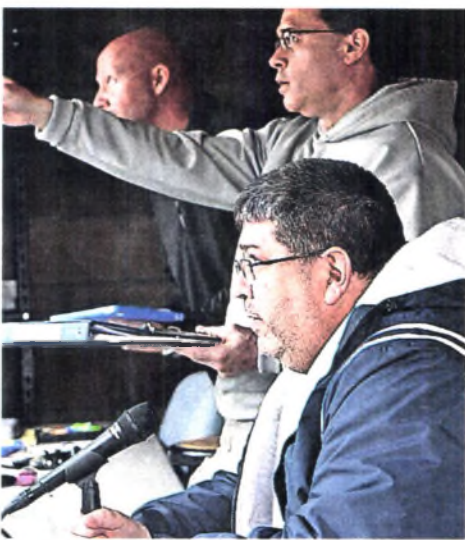
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Stevenson's Ryan Cox (left) battles a Novi player for a 50/50 ball during a 2016 match.



DAN DEAN

Franklin's Tony Floyd leads the pack in the 3200-meter run under the lights at Farmington High School to a first place Oberverland Invite finish in a time of 9:47:51.



SUBMITTED

The Livonia baseball community grieved the passing of longtime Westland resident and Livonia Franklin baseball announcer Tom Chinavare (foreground) who died Nov. 26 at the age of 52. For as long as anybody at Livonia Franklin can remember, his reliable voice could be heard at Patriots baseball games — announcing every batter in the lineup.



DAN DEAN

Canton's Steven Walker finished in fifth place in the long jump with a best jump of 19' 2 3/4" at the Oberverland Invite.

KELLEN WINSLOW SR.

Hall of Fame tight end recalls odd path to NFL

Tom Lang

Special to the Free Press

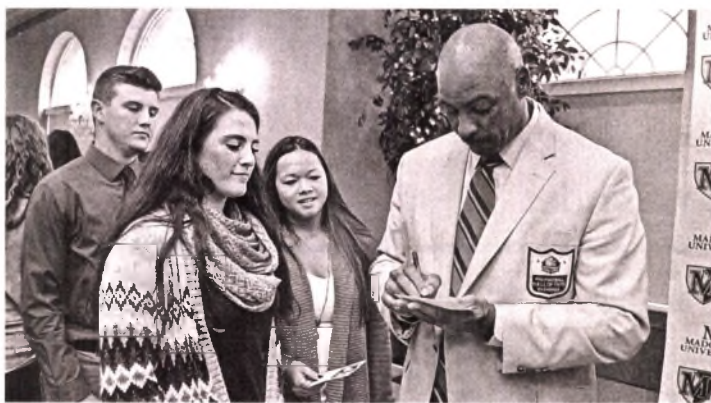
Kellen Winslow Sr.'s light-bulb moment came when he realized he was the knight on a chess board.

From then on, in the 1980s Winslow became one of the most prolific tight ends in NFL history with the San Diego Chargers, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1995 and has since followed a road that led to Livonia where he is now a special assistant to the president at Madonna.

"I learned football through chess," Winslow said in a recent talk at his Madonna office. "One day I was sitting in a meeting (sophomore year at Missouri) and the coach put something on the board, and I went, 'oh my gosh,' and the coach asked me what was wrong. I said, 'I'm the knight' and he looked at me like I was crazy. I said, 'I'm the knight, why didn't somebody tell me that?' Because before that I'm running here, we're doing this and doing that; you know time-space continuum and things like that."

"So when I realized I was the knight, it all made sense to me. That was the revelation. I knew my role and the importance of it. I know what everybody does; I know why they do it. My job is to dominate the middle of the field."

Winslow, 59, is articulate and bright — to which he joked smart people play offense. He eventually graduated from Missouri, then earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego. He was at Disney in sports business and has worked in athlet-



COURTESY MADONNA ATHLETICS

Winslow Sr. signing autographs for a group of scholar athletes.

ic administration at Florida A&M and Central State (near Dayton, Ohio) where he met new Madonna president Michael Grandillo. They stayed connected and worked together at Lakeland College in Wisconsin.

Winslow is at Madonna 4-5 days a week and commutes to his native roots outside St. Louis on week-ends to be near his parents. He grew up in East St. Louis and tried football as a sophomore in high school. He questioned the validity of two-a-days in the searing August heat and opted instead to work at United Parcel Service, where his 6-foot-3 athletic frame made him seem older than 15 to the hiring manager.

"This is where I thought my life was going to go," he said about a path that included attending junior college and a four-year school. "I was going to be at United Parcel Service and work my way up through the promotion ranks. I still go by (UPS in Livonia) and salute brown now and

then. To this day, I hear names and places and I think zip codes, and that was 41 years ago.

"But one day my gym teacher, who was also the football coach, came to my geometry class and told me I needed to play football. He saw me doing things in gym class and he needed a tight end, and it kind of worked out for both of us," Winslow said with a smile.

He played football only his senior season, in a wishbone offense, catching 17 passes and scoring one touchdown.

"Our defensive end scored more touchdowns than I did," Winslow said in reference to the player all the college scouts were coming to see: Cleveland Crosby, who played at Purdue and Arizona. Also on that East St. Louis Flyer team was former Michigan State wide receiver Eugene Byrd. Coaches watching those two found Winslow's natural athleticism at work in the trenches.

Winslow played in the NFL in 1979-87, making 541 receptions for 6,741

yards — although his total games played worked out to six seasons due to injuries and player strikes. He is credited with reinventing the position with speed and athleticism.

His best season, 1980, ranks at the top all-time for tight ends with 89 catches for 1,290 yards. In a game called the "Epic in Miami" in the 1982 playoffs, Winslow had 13 receptions for 166 yards and blocked a Dolphins' field goal try that secured a 41-38 win for the Chargers.

"I went through the complete changeover with the Chargers," he said. "When I came in I was the youngest player, I was the last piece of that puzzle of a great team. ... And then when it came to the point I was the oldest player on the squad, it was time to go. My knee was bothering me, and it was just time to go do something different."

Talking tight ends

Winslow feels a connection to Detroit native and NFL player Antonio

Gates for multiple reasons, including that football wasn't a main focus growing up. Gates is in his 14th season in San Diego as the Chargers' tight end after showing up at a tryout having played four years of basketball at Kent State. Gates has elevated his stature to rank No. 22 (and counting) all-time in the NFL for receptions with 884.

"Antonio's situation and mine were very similar," Winslow said. "You took an athlete and you put him in a situation where there's a mismatch. So what you do is put a bigger body on a smaller body, like his rebounding, that's what he does. He gets in great position, he understands space, he understands his cuts, and when he gets in close space he's able to use that body to get separation. And that's rebounding."

"For Antonio, it worked out real well. Not having played those four years (of football) in college just added those years onto the back end of his career," per less wear and tear.

Winslow had other longevity comments about receiver Anquan Boldin of the Lions and tight end Jason Witten of the Dallas Cowboys, who will both be on the field Monday night. Witten ranks seventh all-time with 1,086 catches and can jump to fourth with 16 more receptions. Boldin is 10, 19 receptions behind Witten.

"Part of it goes to being lucky, not to get hurt; relatively healthy is the way we describe it in football," Winslow said of Witten's longevity. "So, avoiding the major injuries, being in a great

organization which understands they want his productivity on Sunday, so we don't beat him up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He's a smart, intelligent and athletic guy who's been playing with good people."

"It's the same type of thing," Winslow said of Boldin. "His speed is no longer there, but the ability to run the routes and to make the plays is there; and they don't beat him up. I would imagine, just from the outside watching, they might get one day off a week, maybe two, because they want that productivity on Sunday. Back in my day, they only had days off for quarterbacks."

Winslow concluded former Lion Charlie Sanders got shorted on even more greatness due to the fact coaches in his era didn't believe in throwing the ball like his "Air Coryell" squad in San Diego.

"Charlie Sanders should be on any top-10 list," Winslow said about tight ends. "Charlie had to wait too long to get into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was just ahead of his time. He's that smooth athlete that was very intelligent, but at the time that wasn't what they were doing. The tight end was really an afterthought."

"You run for 3 yards, you do it three times and you might pick up a first down with a tall running back; keep moving the ball down the field. But with Al Davis and the AFL throwing the ball around. ... Charlie Sanders would have flourished in a system like that. He would have just tore it up."

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say the least because of a seven-year age gap.

DeWyre, 14, is an eighth-grader who attends Millenium Middle School in South Lyon, while Nussle, 21, resides in Linden, while juggling two jobs as an emergency medical technician and working part-time at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Neither skater believes the age differential will stand in the way.

"I feel it's kind of normal," Cora said.

"We kind of have a brother-sister relationship," Jacob said. "The girl is usually always younger. It depends on what pairs team you have. Some partners will swap around, but sometimes there's a big age difference."

For Hunt, it's been a good match on all fronts.

"It works really, really well for Jacob because it's like a big brother, little sister relationship, so he's really protective of her," Hunt said. "There's no bickering and actually they work really well together. Cora is beyond her years.



ROB DEWYRE

Area novice pairs skaters Jacob Nussle (left) and Cora DeWyre will compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships next month in Kansas City.

She's very mature for an eighth-grader, so that helps, too."

There's not only an age disparity, but physical differences as well.

Nussle stands 5-foot-10, while DeWyre weighs 100 pounds.

"She's pretty brave," Nussle said of DeWyre. "She lets me throw her in the air and spin her around. We do lifts where she's hanging up about 6 feet off the ice, and she's just up there with one hand."

Nussle has been skating for 12 years. He got

his start at age 9 with the idea of playing hockey in a learn-to-skate program, but a figure skating coach convinced him to go a different route.

"He's a pretty awesome skater ... he does pretty much everything, jumps and spins," Cora said.

Meanwhile, the chemistry between the two continues to evolve.

"You can't be a pairs skater if you have any sort of doubt or fear, and she doesn't," Hunt said. "And once she decides to do something, she'll do it

herself if he's not under her. And I think that's really motivating for him, too, because she's young and really in good shape. And it's hard to keep up with a 14-year-old. At 21 you're totally a different person, so it's good for him. She pushes him in a different way than he pushes her, but they're a good team."

The pair do their on-ice training at Kensington Valley and the Harland Sports Center, while their off-ice training consists of a lot of free weights, barbells and dumbbells, along with Olympic-style lifts at the Hamburg Fitness Center.

Their fitness training came in handy during the Sectionals, which were held in the high altitude of Colorado Springs.

"I think it's mostly your mindset," Cora said. "No matter what you can do, it's mostly your mind, which is the hard part about it. It (the altitude) makes you more tired and it makes the programs feel longer than they really are."

Hunt helped orchestrate the Novice Pairs short and long programs that they'll perform on stage in Kansas City.

And the key to a good performance?

"To focus and just to remember what we've been training for," Cora said. "We're doing the Lion King, then we're also doing a short film, like a black and white movie."

"It's like a silent movie, a Charlie Chaplin style," Jacob added. "We did a similar program, a theater on ice with a big team. And we used a couple of the same cuts of music and put together a pairs program for it."

The progression for DeWyre and Nussle is to move eventually from the Novice Pairs to Juniors, and eventually Seniors.

"I'd really like to finish on the podium at nationals, if not this year, but maybe next year if we keep on getting better every single year," Jacob said. "I'm really hoping we get on the podium. And if we get on the podium, and we look good in front of the red judges, they might assign us to international assignments and then we'll start competing against the world, which would be really cool."

If DeWyre and Nussle perform well in Kansas City, they could possibly gain some sponsorships. "He's paying his own

way and it's becoming really expensive, so we're hoping we can get a little bit of financial help, and then they'll stick together," Hunt said.

Getting to Senior Pairs status is the ultimate goal. The reigning U.S. Senior Pairs champions are Tarah Kayne and Daniel O'Shea.

"The first season we were pretty new and a lot of people had more experience than us, so it was kind of hard the first season, but we're catching up," Jacob said. "We're doing good."

Meanwhile, Cora admires last year's silver medalists, Alexis Scimeca and Chris Knierim, the 2015 U.S. Pairs Champions and three-time World Championship competitors. They are best known for their quad twist.

It's something DeWyre would like to perfect some time down the road. But for now, it's baby steps.

"I'm going to try my best," Cora said. "And we're going to try and get in the top half, top 10 maybe."

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transfer was based on staying closer to home and reconnecting with his family. The two schools are 25 miles apart. CC has an enrollment of 1,069 boys, while Madison has a total of 367 (boys and girls).

"He's got some younger siblings that are pretty close to him, one of them is going to be going to high school next year and he kind of wanted to be a little bit closer to home and be a little more supportive and spend more time with his younger siblings," Jimmy Brown said. "I think it was just being away from home. He was literally there from 6 in the morning until 8 at night,

and really wasn't spending a lot of time around here. With breaking his leg, I think it just kind of all hit him all at once and put him through another mindset mentally."

Jimmy Brown said he tried to convince his son to remain at CC.

"I wanted him to kind of think about it before he did it because I really didn't want him to go to be honest with you because I thought he was in a great position," Jimmy Brown said. "You got to appreciate the fact that he was looking out for his younger siblings, so it's kind of bittersweet the whole thing because CC was good to him, good to our family. I really don't have one bad thing to say about the whole thing. It was top-notch, the administration, coaches ... everybody was great, including (basketball)

coach (Bill) Dyer."

Brown also played significant varsity minutes during his freshman year as a point-guard on CC's basketball team.

"This is the first time he's ever had to sit out a sport since he was probably 6 years old and not being able to roll into basketball with coach Dyer and everybody else, I think that kind of crushed him," Jimmy Brown said. "It was a pretty big setback."

Jimmy Brown said Austin's recovery time remains uncertain.

"He had the surgery and the plate put in," Jimmy Brown said. "It's healing up nicely, but he'll still be in a boot for a couple of weeks, then he has to go through therapy and obviously you don't know how that's all going to pan out."

Once Brown is able to return, he'll be going to a Division 7 school that finished 6-4 and made the state playoffs under first-year coach James Rogers, a former cornerback at the University of Michigan. Madison lost its pre-district playoff opener to eventual state runner-up Detroit Loyola, 45-12.

As a ninth-grader for CC, Brown earned his first start in the third game of the 2015 season eventually leading the Shamrocks to a 9-3 record, a co-share of the Catholic League's Central Division title and district championship. CC's playoff run was ended in the regional final by Division 1 champ Romeo, 40-29. (Theo Day, who eventually transferred to Dearborn Divine Child and led the Falcons to a Division 3

state semifinal berth this season, was CC's starter for the first two games of the 2015 season before being replaced by Brown.)

CC coach Tom Mach, who just completed his 41st season, could not be reached for comment, but CC athletic director Aaron Babicz said in an email Tuesday night: "Austin Brown has decided to transfer to the school where his father works. His younger brother will be a freshman there in the fall as well. We are disappointed that he is leaving but wish him the best."

Jimmy Brown said the decision to transfer was difficult on many fronts.

"It was hard for him because of his relationship with Mr. Babicz," Jimmy Brown said. "He felt like he was letting coach (Tom) Mach down.

He and coach Mach talked it out. He's leaving on good terms and I'm happy about that. It's not like there was any animosity between him or anybody on that side of town because as far as I know the past two years I haven't heard of any kind of rift from any kind of coaches or anything like that, any players or any dissension."

"I know everybody's kind of upset, but honestly everybody we talked to — the A.D., coach Mach, the players — everybody kind of understands Austin's loyalty to his family. It came down to a personal thing with him and that was pretty much it. We wanted to make sure we did it respectfully, not leave and not say anything."

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Focus on getting a new job in the new year

BY MATT TARPEY
 CAREERBUILDER

Finding a new job is one of the most common New Year's resolutions — but not all resolutions come to fruition. If a new job is at the top of your list of goals, here are some tips to help you make it happen.

Get specific.

The most important step you can take is to make sure the resolution itself is clear and quantifiable.

"Those that deal in specifics seldom fail; those that deal in generalities seldom succeed," says Heather Monahan, a career and business expert and chief revenue officer for the Beasley Media Group. "This Jan. 1, be sure to create very specific goals in order to give yourself the chance to achieve them. A general goal like 'I want to find a new job' is setting yourself up for failure, versus a very specific goal like 'I want to get into the PR business, and I have targeted these three companies as my first choice.' The devil is in the details, and we all need the details in order to deliver on the resolution."

Have a plan.

Just as a very specific end goal is important, it's also crucial that you set a clear



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course for achieving that goal. A plan is an essential part of any New Year's resolution.

"Failing to plan is planning to fail. In order to achieve your goal, you are going to need a plan," Monahan says. "Many people tap a mentor or a friend that has had success in the area you are working on to build the plan. Building a comprehensive plan will ensure you are taking the next

right step toward achieving your goal."

Commit to a schedule.

One of the most common excuses people offer for giving up on their New Year's resolutions is that they simply didn't have the time to keep at it. Avoid this pitfall by designating a specific block of time each week to spend on reviewing job postings and

researching your industry.

"The most important part here is sticking to your allotted time," says professional development coach Laine Schmidt. "It might require giving up a leisure activity, but the outcome in the end will be well worth it. If it's something you've discovered you're truly passionate about, the time spent researching will be enjoyable."

Track your progress.

As part of your resolution to find a new job, be sure to include smaller goals linked to the number of jobs you apply for and new connections you build during the process. The satisfaction of meeting these smaller goals — or the guilt over falling short — can help keep you motivated beyond the first few weeks of the year.

"Keep a detailed spreadsheet or list of where you apply, whom you speak with, when résumés are sent and networking opportunities," says Heather Rothbauer-Wanish, owner of Feather Communications. "Even when the job search becomes difficult — and it can be — this list or tracking will show you how far you have come and what you have accomplished."

There are always external factors at play, but ultimately, whether you follow through on your New Year's resolutions or not comes down to how seriously you commit to them. Follow these tips, and there's no reason 2017 can't be the year you land that great new job.

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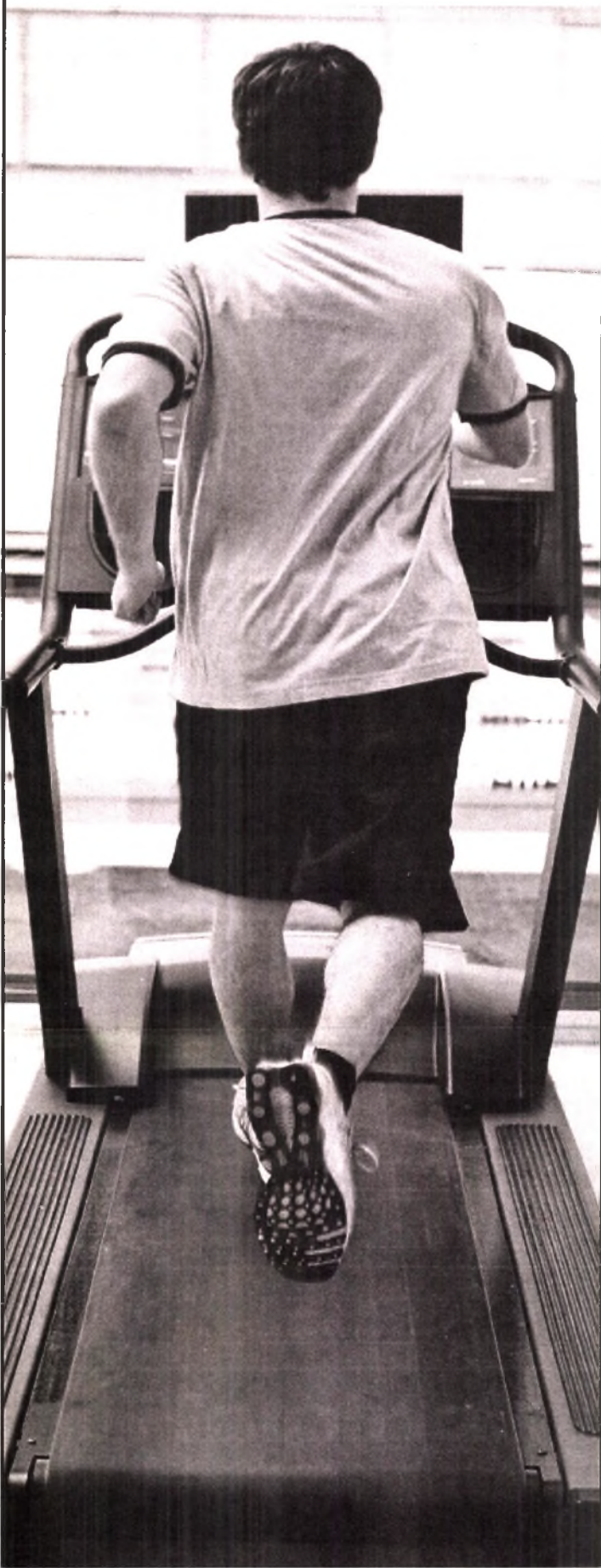
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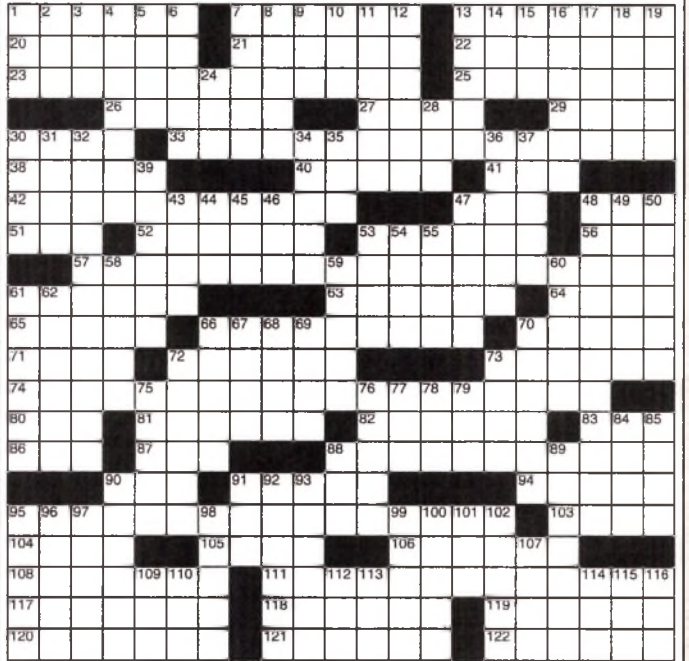
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 - 7 Bay on the Mass./R.I. border
 - 13 Had a nosh
 - 20 Realm of Menelaus
 - 21 Oscar Mayer rival
 - 22 "Godfather of Fitness" Jack
 - 23 Cruel carards
 - 25 Wise about
 - 26 Argentina's Juan and Eva
 - 27 Make moola
 - 29 French telephone greeting
 - 30 Part of IOC: Abbr.
 - 33 Old glory
 - 38 Quick laugh
 - 40 Chichi
 - 41 Crusty treat
 - 42 Odd sort
 - 47 Sailor's diary
 - 48 Gas Booster brand
 - 51 Enzyme name ending
 - 52 Linz's river
 - 53 "luck" ("It didn't happen")
 - 56 — anglis (English horn)
 - 57 Summer Ohio
 - 61 Some concerto movements
 - 63 Cowpokes' ropes
 - 64 "I'm treating for this"
 - 65 Bee-related
 - 66 Cottontail's coat
 - 70 "The — the Hat" (Mike Myers film)
 - 71 Neighbor of N. Dak.
 - 72 Conger
 - 73 Supporting forces
 - 74 The Tigers are part of it
 - 80 Letter two before iota
 - 81 Practitioner of total patient care
 - 82 Offers one's views
 - 83 Once around the track
 - 86 — Moines Register
 - 87 — for "Outlaw" (Grafton mystery)
 - 88 Lockhead P-3 Orion, e.g.
 - 90 Harris and Wynn
 - 91 Slushy drinks
 - 94 — voce (quietly)
 - 95 Libelous claims
 - 103 "It's — great" for this
 - 104 Fix typos, e.g.
 - 105 Old anti-communist org.
 - 106 Water nymphs of Greek myth
 - 108 Formal ban
 - 111 What the ends of eight long answers in this puzzle are
 - 117 More sullied
 - 118 Milk-curdling stuff in a calf's stomach
 - 119 Be creative
 - 120 Spire
 - 121 Tilleholders
 - 122 Streisand of "Yentl"
 - 2 News agcy since 1958
 - 3 Bodily pouch
 - 4 Like some small batteries, for short
 - 5 Chief Little Thief, e.g.
 - 6 Pacific island republic
 - 7 Singer Nixon
 - 8 Depend on
 - 9 "Very interesting"
 - 10 Hugs, symbolically
 - 11 Least sullied
 - 12 Artificial
 - 13 Tilt, as italics
 - 14 Rural "uh-uh"
 - 15 Taking after
 - 16 Wine bottle
 - 17 Funeral ring
 - 18 — Gay
 - 19 Clear up, as a windshield
 - 24 Mele delivery
 - 28 Glimmer
 - 30 "— deal!"
 - 31 NBA team
 - 32 1992 martial arts comedy
 - 34 Blundered
 - 35 Performed
 - 36 Periods in history
 - 37 Vision
 - 39 Closes with
 - 43 Hoods' rods
 - 44 Suffix with acetyl
 - 45 Prickly seed husk
 - 46 Arab "son of"
 - 47 Six-term Indiana senator Richard
 - 48 Emit sparks
 - 49 Center fielder Agee
 - 50 Beautifies
 - 53 Putin's veto
 - 54 Royal name in Norway
 - 55 In — (as placed)
 - 56 "A Bell for —"
 - 59 Come about
 - 60 "... and — a good-night"
 - 61 Bashed into
 - 62 Sedative
 - 66 Line winders
 - 67 Jai —
 - 68 Implores
 - 69 Like very dry champagne
 - 70 Holds tightly
 - 72 Pope's "— to Abelard"
 - 73 Cain's sibling
 - 75 Part of R.I. item:
 - 76 Crow
 - 77 Spot-on
 - 78 Tristan's title
 - 79 Brian of electronica
 - 84 Pot starter
 - 85 Low laborer
 - 88 Stir-fry tidbit
 - 89 Dined-upon decapod
 - 90 It may be left to an heir
 - 91 Critical hosp. setting
 - 92 Four, to Julio
 - 93 Shun
 - 95 Gives a bottle to
 - 96 Let enter
 - 97 Cuba — (cocktail)
 - 98 Tedious task
 - 99 Actress Stevens
 - 100 Hops-drying kilns
 - 101 Tiny criticism
 - 102 Polite title in India
 - 107 Art's art
 - 109 Tear apart
 - 110 Hair goop
 - 112 Motel's kin
 - 113 Certain dir.
 - 114 "Marvyl"
 - 115 Mailbox
 - 116 Vote to pass



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COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES: RAM PROMASTER, FORD TRANSIT FAMILIES STOKES HOT-SELLING CARGO VAN SEGMENT



By Dale Russ

Ask them to answer a multiple-choice question about what is the buzziest segment in the U.S. auto business these days, and most Americans probably wouldn't guess: It's cargo vans.

Arguably the most mundane of all vehicle types, commercial vans -- not aspirational Mustangs nor tough-talking F-150s -- were the vehicle Ford hyped most on the huge stage of World Series television broadcasts with its incessant promotion of the Transit.

And Ram has just launched a new marketing campaign into the swell, to try to capture more sales for its ProMaster and ProMaster City models.

Ram commercial sales overall are up more than 30 percent so far

this year compared with a year ago, and industry-wide commercial sales are more than 15 percent higher, representing 2.6 percent of the total vehicle market in North America, FCA said.

By contrast, after a record seven-year run, the total U.S. vehicle market is losing gas, as year-to-year sales are expected to fall in October for the third straight month.

Enter Ford's marquee positioning of Transit in the Fall Classic and Ram with a campaign that shows off the utility and versatility of ProMaster and ProMaster City with TV ads and digital elements that illustrate these qualities.

Ram's video includes "test drives" of a day for four different actual small businesses, such as Andrew's Honey, a beekeeper in New York City, and Vestro, a food-delivery company in Los Angeles.

"We're trying to reinforce that we're easy to do business with and respectful of [consumers'] time and

that we've got some great, efficient offerings for them to look at," Jim Morrison, head of the Ram brand, told me.

Ram introduced its new generation of commercial vans beginning in 2013 with ProMaster and followed with the smaller ProMaster City in 2014.

These vans are becoming more important. The segment has boomed in part because of a proliferation of offerings, with Ford Transit and Transit Connect, and the new Mercedes-Benz Metris, along with associated advertising, creating more interest. Plus, FCA's entire truck fleet has taken on even more responsibility as the company's biggest profit driver while sales of its cars dwindle.

"The [commercial] segment will sell around 450,000 units this year, which is a lot," Morrison said. "And also there's a lot of other volume linked to commercial-van sales. A business might have a fleet of 10 pickup trucks, and since we recently upgraded our fleet of vans, now we have a chassis cab for them."

"Before, if they had the trucks but needed a van, they had to go to two different dealerships. This way they can have one relationship, with one dealer, one guy who does their regular maintenance and service on the whole fleet, and one purchase order."

Right now is "commercial truck season" also, Morrison said. "Business owners are wrapping up their finances



A commercial featuring the 2017 Ram ProMaster City

for the year and taking advantage of tax breaks. They're upgrading fleets. So we're explaining what we have to offer them. For some people, it's just getting their recognition of our full line of commercial vehicles."

Morrison acknowledged statistics which continue to show a decline in the formation rate of new U.S. businesses over the last several years and an increase in the failure rate.

"But I think small businesses are getting more confidence in their wealth, so they're coming in and buying," Morrison insisted. "Also we're attracting them with our efficiency message, about having the most fuel-efficient work van and about total cost of ownership. Also ProMaster City is very easy to maneuver. And ProMaster is available in both gas and diesel. A lot of customers are trading in old rear-wheel-drive V8 vans, so they can both upgrade and

save money."

Ford seems to encourage a certain amount of non-commercial consumer interest in its Transit Connect small commercial van, even offering it in a seven-passenger version. Why doesn't Ram do likewise?

"Well, that's a function of the fact that Ford doesn't have a minivan," Morrison explained. "Whereas FCA has minivan leadership for consumers with the new Chrysler Pacifica. We don't try to stuff people into cargo vans."

Morrison also dismissed the fact that there's been a crescendo of discussion about declining viewership of NFL games on TV, where Ram -- per the industry norm for trucks -- launched its ProMaster campaign. But he insisted he's not concerned overall.

"There are still a lot of people watching football," he said, "and they're not DVR-ing it."



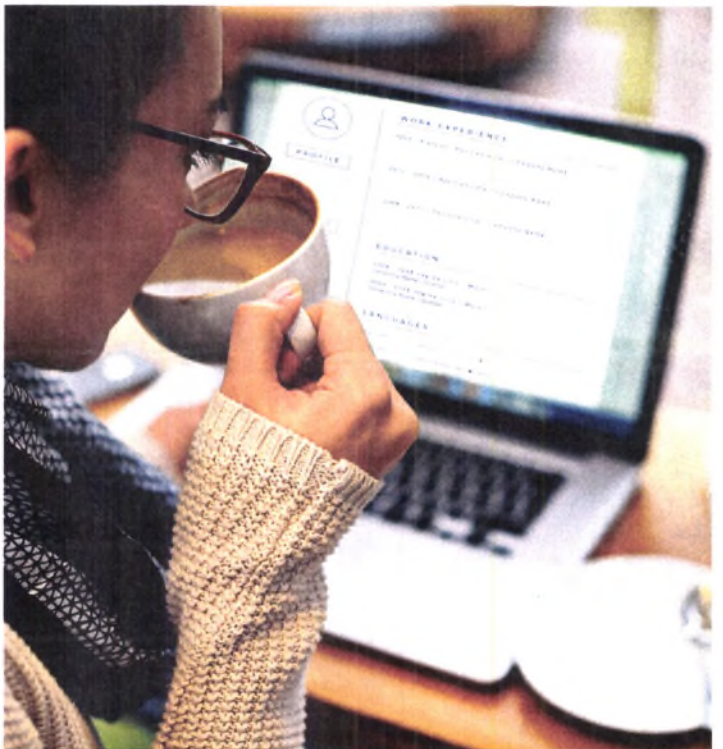
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