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Westland buys a new fire truck

Department replaces 2002 truck with new \$791,000 vehicle

The Westland City Council has approved the purchase of a new EONE fire truck with a 75-foot aerial ladder in the amount of \$791,893. The purchase will be financed through the city's cap-

ital improvement fund.

The new truck will replace Engine No. 1, which is a 2002 ladder truck with more than 11,550 hours of service, according to a press release.

This new addition to the fire departments fleet offers a 2,000gallon-per-minute pump and carries 500 gallons of water on board to provide for a quick fire attack as additional water supplies are being connected. The new design allows for multiple lines to be deployed in conjunction with the use of the aerial device for fire extinguishment.

The truck is also equipped with three pre-connected attack lines for rapid deployment and fire extinguish-



Stradtner

ment, in addition to various sized ground ladders to access windows and roofs. The unit being replaced had limited reach and ability and the new truck will provide greater coverage of high-rise buildings.
"With the recent approval of a

new 75-foot ladder truck, our firefighters are better able to serve our community, with aerial de-

vices located in the north and south ends of our city," Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "This ladder will have a greater reach and ability than the current unit it is replacing.

"The approval of this purchase comes on the heels of the purchase of two new EMS vehicles," Mayor William Wild said. "The city of Westland understands the importance of providing our firefighters with the tools necessary to provide for the life safety needs of the community and this new purchase is one more example of that commitment.



Families will have a chance to visit Wednesday with Westland Police dogs at the Community Gathering in Corrado Park.

5 reasons to visit Corrado Park on Wednesday

LeAnne Rogers

Celebrate the end of summer at a community gathering 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Westland's Corrado Park

Here are five things about the

event: 1. It's a free family-friendly outdoors event in Corrado Park, at the corner of Gladys and Flamingo, with a hot dog barbecue for dinner. City staff will be manning the grills.

2. The Westland fire, police and public services departments will be on hand showing off

equipment. Families can get an up-close look at equipment and talk to staff who put the equipment to use. Firefighters will offer sidewalk CPR lessons. Police dogs Narco and Bella will be on hand, too.

3. As part of Westland's Mission: Green initiative, free tree seedlings will be given to the first 100 guests. Information will also be available on the neighborhood makeover program, parks and recreation, Mission: Green initiative, tree planting program, historic park



FILE PHOTO The late Sam Corrado (center) with Wayne Councilman John Rhaesa (left) and Westland Mayor William Wild.

and how to stay connected with

4. There will be bounce houses on-site and basketball games, the latter with prizes.

5. The late Samuel Corrado, the park's namesake, will be remembered with a special tree planting dedication. Known for his slogan, "Westland is the Be-stland," Corrado died at 82 in October 2016.

"Sam was known as 'Mr. West-land' and for good reason," May-or William Wild said. "Sam was always a positive advocate for his city and could be seen at almost every city event with a big smile

and, usually, with his giant red, white and blue top hat. Corrado Park was named in his honor and Sam took great pride in the park. We are happy to honor his memory this year with a special tree planting cere-

The rain date is same time Thursday, Sept. 14.

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Trial set for defendant in Hines Park sexual assault

David Veselenak

The man accused of sexually assaulting a runner in Hines Park last

year will go before a jury later this fall.
Floyd Galloway, 30, of Berkley will
go before a Wayne County Circuit
Court jury Nov. 29 in Detroit's Frank
Murphy Hall of Justice, according to
online court records. He is set to be tried for several criminal counts, including kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, assault with intent to great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation and assault with intent

A final conference in his case will take place Oct. 29 before Circuit Judge Mark Slavens.

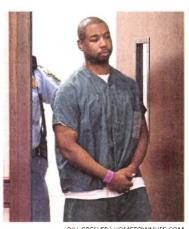
Galloway is accused of attempting to sexually assault a runner last September in Hines Park in Livonia. The victim in the case testified in an August hearing in Livonia's 16th District Court that she was running over Labor Day weekend last year when she was grabbed and assaulted by a suspect, who told her he wanted sex and tried to

lift up her shorts.
Galloway, who has been named as a person of interest in the disappearance of Farmington Hills resident Danielle Stislicki, was arrested earlier this summer as a suspect in the Hines Park sexual assault case. He has not been charged with anything in relation the Stislicki case.

The charge of assault with intent to murder was added a few weeks after Galloway was bound over on the other three charges.

If convicted in the sexual assault case, Galloway faces a maximum of life in prison. He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$750,000 cash

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BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Floyd Galloway enters 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann's courtroom.



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Firefighter to honor 9/11 victims through blood drive at speedway

Nearly 16 years ago at a police academy in northern Michigan, Officer Jan Ganzel was learning the ropes in every aspect of public service firefighting, emergen-

tech and

Ganzel

Those skills would all become useful to him in his future, but

cy medical

police

work.

one Tuesday during September of that year, Ganzel was unsure of how he could use them. "I'll never forget that sound — that sound of nothing," Ganzel said as he recalled the atmos-

phere of his campus Sept. 11, 2001. The World Trade Center was gone, the Penta-

gon had been hit and

hundreds of people were

Ganzel said he and his fellow trainees all did what they could from their northern Michigan campus — donate blood, put together care packages, etc. — but there was little more that could

be done. In the months and years to follow, more would be learned about the terrorist attacks, but the Long Island native's thoughts always went back to the first respond-

ers.
"Some of them walked in with 60 pounds of gear, not knowing whether or not they'd come out," he said. "And 400 of them didn't."

The thoughts of the first responders stayed with Ganzel as he continued on his career path. eventually taking him to the Blackman-Leoni

Township Department of Public Safety, near Jack-

Ganzel worked in his own way to save people in the community, another group worked to ensure there was always enough blood for the hospitals in the area.

The Spirit of America Blood Drive began Sept. 11, 2002, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The event was put together to honor those lost in the 9/11 attacks, while helping people across the company's namesake state.

Michigan Blood then teamed up with MIS to ensure the blood collected at the event stayed

in Michigan. "Every blood donation we collect stays here in Michigan," said Alicia Barry, community relations manager for Michigan Blood, "So when it comes to hospital patients, we put Michigan first."

It would be another 15 years before the Spirit of America organizers and Ganzel would meet, but it would be with the same purpose in mind: honoring the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks through acts of service in the community.
"We need to do good

by people. So how do we honor the sacrifices our military and first responders make? By doing good," Ganzel said.

This year, the officer's 'good' is with the continued efforts to get blood to the people who

need it across Michigan. The Spirit of America Blood Drive, now in its 16th year, is working to get 911 appointments for its Sept. 11 event. Ganzel is on board to help get to that number and plans to take part himself.

"This is my opportuni-ty to get other people aware of how important this one little thing donating blood - can be," Ganzel said.

The Spirit of America Blood Drive takes place at the Michigan International Speedway from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Blood donors will be able to ride around the racetrack. receive a free lunch in the Champions Club and get a behind-the-scenes look at MIS, among other

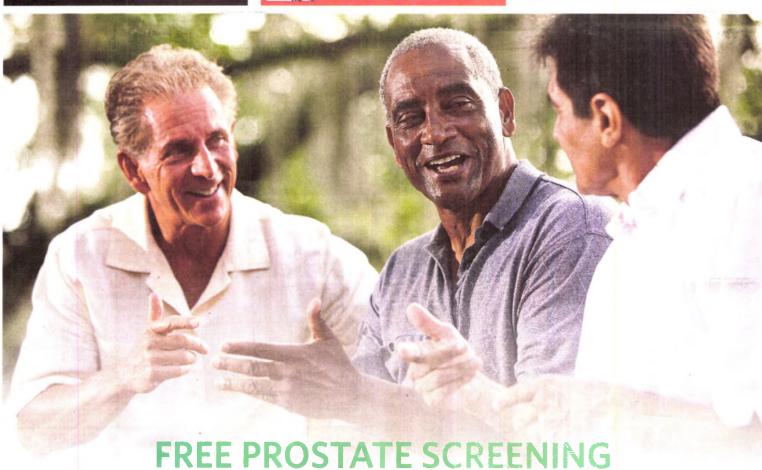
To participate in the event, you must have an appointment to donate blood. Appointments can be made by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) or at www.SpiritofAmericaBloodDrive.com.

Michigan Blood is the primary provider of blood and blood products for more than 60 hospi-

tals in Michigan. Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more. Blood donors should bring photo ID. The group is currently in urgent need of O negative blood donations







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Couple charged in Merri-Bowl, Skatin' Station robberies

David Veselenak

Livonia police have arrested a Westland couple accused of breaking into a bowling alley last month.

Michael Kowalski and Rita Cracchiolo, both 43, were charged this week with breaking and entering, larceny in a building and possession of burglary tools. Police say the two broke into Merri-Bowl, 30950 Five Mile, back on Aug. 15. Police say an ATM was attacked in the break-in and they were later able to gather evidence to connect the

couple to the incident.
After the burglary, police were able to link the two to the burglary after an officer pulled over Cracchiolo's vehicle the next day. Police were able to connect the two later to other business



Kowalski

Cracchiolo

break-ins in the region, then saw Kowalski on Sept. 1 break into the Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda Dr., in Canton, where he was later arrested.

Cracchiolo was arrested at a later date at the couple's Westland apartment after police executed a search warrant on the residence.

If convicted, the pair face different maximum sentences: Cracchiolo faces up to 10 years in prison, while Kowalski faces up to 20 years in prison. Kowalski was charged as a habitual fourth offender, which carries stricter sentenc-

Kowalski received a \$1 million bond, while Crac-chiolo received a \$50,000 bond, both cash or surety. Online jail records showed Kowalski re-

mained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Tuesday afternoon, while the online database listed no data for Cracchiolo.

The two will return Sept. 14 to Livonia's 16th District Court for a probable cause conference and Sept. 21 for a preliminary examination.

Online court records also show Kowalski facing criminal charges out of 35th District Court; he was charged Sept. 3 with two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent and one count of larceny in a building.

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Suspected drunken driver takes car into Livonia home

David Veselenak

It was a busy Labor Day weekend for Livonia police officers on road patrol.

Several vehicles needed to be towed out of places they aren't usually found at, including the side of a house.

Police were called the night of Aug. 31 to a home near Bell Creek Lane and Bloomfield after a driver of a 2016 Land Rover plowed into a home, sending the front two wheels inside the residents' home office.

Capt. Robert Nenciari-ni of the Livonia Police Department said the man, a 31-year-old Livonia resident, drove the vehicle along Bell Creek Lane before crashing into the side of the house, sending the vehicle through the brick siding, living the house uninhabitable for the time being.

The home's three occu-pants, who were home at the time, were not injured, "though one was narrowly missed," Nenciarini said

Police believe alcohol was a factor in the incident and arrested the man under the suspicion of drunken driving.



LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police say this vehicle was driven into a house near Bell Creek Lane and Bloomfield in Livonia over Labor Day weekend.

Car in a pond

The Bell Creek Lane incident wasn't the only vehicle that ended up in an odd place the holiday weekend.

Police were called at about 11 p.m. Aug. 31 to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, after a caller reported a vehicle had driven into a pond on the Livonia Marketplace

property.
Police say the driver, a 27-year-old Farmington Hills man, went to the shopping complex and came back out to his car. He started the vehicle and put it into gear, believing it was in reverse. It was actually in drive, which sent the driver through some steel fencing and dropping down a six-foot embankment. It proceeded to then end up in a pond, where the car

stopped. There were no injuries to the man or the passenger that was also in the car. Livonia Towing came to take the vehicle out of the water, and needed to cut a whole in the chain fencing to access it.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Bike taken

A Wayne resident who lives in the 3900 block of Grace filed a police re port Aug. 30 to report the theft of a bike.

The victim said a

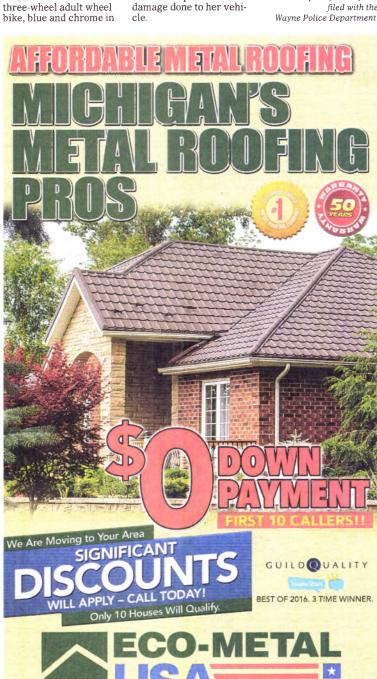
color, was taken.

Car handle damaged

An online report was filed with police Aug. 28 from a resident in the 34400 block of John Street to report some damage done to her vehi-

She said she noticed the handle to the vehicle would just fall off when she tried to use it. She noticed it Sunday eve-

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Marecki office hours Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, has announced she will be conducting office hours in the District 9 community of Livo-nia from 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington

Constituents can meet with Marecki and discuss matters of concern within the commu-

nity.
"I am delighted to once again have the opportunity of sitting down and meeting with my Livonia constituents on a one-to-one basis and listening to their concerns regarding Wayne County," Marecki said.
"The exchange of information is always beneficial, and necessary, in continuing the progress we seek in our communi-

For more information, contact the commissioner office at 313-224-0946.

'Mockingbird' auditions

Livonia Community Theater is holding auditions for "To Kill A Mockingbird," a play by Christopher Sergel based on the award-winning novel by Harper Lee. Auditions will be from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 12-13, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road.

Auditions are open you may come anytime during that time. Readings will be provided. Patricia Hutchison will direct the production which runs Nov. 17-19. Hutchison notes the group is not auditioning for the parts of Tom Rob-inson or Mayella Ewell. Particularly needed are male actors, and a young female actress who can play the part of Scout, a 9-year-old girl who is a leading character in the show.

For more information, email livoniacommunitytheatre @gmail.com, go to livoniacommunitytheatre.org or call 248-252-1940.

Westland community gathering

WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS



Westland will celebrate the end of summer with a community gathering from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Corrado Park, 8500 Flamingo

The free family-friendly event will include a hot dog barbecue manned by the city administration, bounce houses, sidewalk CPR taught by the Westland Fire Department, Police, Fire and Public Service Equipment on display, Narco and Bella, the Police and Fire dogs, and basketball games with prizes. As part of Westland's Mission: Green initiative, free tree seedlings will be given to the first 100 guests. Information will also be available on the neighborhood makeover program, parks and recreation, Mission: Green initiative, tree planting program, historic park and how to stay connected with the city.

The event will also include a special tree planting dedication in memory of the late Samuel J. Corrado.

Family Fun Festival

The St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Merriman Road north of Ford Road in Garden City is having its annual Family Fun Festival on Sept. 15-17, including music, a classic car show, free entertainment (rain or shine), garage sale, Vegas games, Texas hold-em, dinners, rides, bake sale, games, raffles and bingo.

Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton com-munity. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior

experience.
Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for 1.5–2 hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held on the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training. materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

'Understanding Islam'

The Citizens for Peace invite the public to a lecture on "Understanding Islam" at its meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Dr. Saeed Khan will share his extensive knowledge of Islam: a 14-centuries-old religion and

North West Detroit Coin Club will hold its meetings again, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m. the second anf fourth Tuesday of each month. The club has numismatic talks and information, raffles, coffee and doughnuts and an auction, where members can sell their coins/currency or other

After a summer hiatus, the

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numismatic items. The club has members of all ages and is family friendly, so everyone is

invited and welcome to attend.

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Dr. Khan teaches courses on Islamic and Middle East History, Politics and Culture at Wayne State University. He is a founding member and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy & Understanding: a Michiganbased Think Tank promoting the study and analysis of US social and domestic policy.

He is a regular contributor to C-Span, NPR, Voice of Amer ica and the National Press Club, and is also a consultant on Islamic and Middle East

affairs for the BBC and CBC. "Understanding Islam" will help unpack the beliefs, history and complexities of this global phenomenon. All are welcome.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

PARC Social Event

PARC-Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex o an nounced its inaugural PARC Social Event, a day of free activities for ages 55-plus,

Tuesday, Sept. 12. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a multitude of fun and exciting activities to choose from and experience such as line dancing, cooking demonstration, pickleball, aquatic classes and much more. Some activities require preregistra-

For more information, call 734-927-4090 or go to plymouthparc.com

2017 Citizens Academy

The 2017 Wayne County Prosecutor's Citizens Academy is a free seven-week program that seeks to educate and inspire citizens by providing insight into the criminal justice system in Wayne County. The program will explore some of the emerging threats to individuals, families and the community at large and provide a look at what is being done to address them. The academy will include discussions on crime investigation, specialized units designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our county, and the opportunity to weigh in with experts in the criminal justice system. Topics include sexual assault, child abuse, illegal drugs, forensics and homicide.

The academy will be held set for 6:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday at Henry Ford College in Dearborn. The course runs from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24. The number of participants is capped at 120 and Wayne County residents are preferred. The goal for the Citizen Academy is that graduates will help to create a safer and stronger community-based response to crime.

To apply online, go to http://www.waynecounty.com/ prosecutor/citizens-academy.

Stinson Aircraft program

The Wayne Historical Society will present a program about the Stinson Aircraft Co. that had factories in Detroit, Northville and Wayne. Aircraft historian Carl Shemwell and members of the Stinson Family will share their history of Eddie Stinson, his life and ac-complishments Wednesday Sept. 13, at the Wayne Public Library.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. but come early to view an artifact table and enjoy refreshments; doors open at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge to attend. Books from the Wayne Historical Museum store will be for



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at State Wayne theater

For brothers Bryce and Devin Cameron, it has been a wild year that will peak in mid-September at the premiere of their locally produced feature film "Kid Brother."

What began as an idea and a dream has blossomed into a reality bigger than the Dearborn brothers could have ever hoped for: the chance to release their movie in theaters. The Camerons began writing the dramatic comedy early last year with a kind of creative pragmatism that has served them well in the past.

Bryce and Devin developed "Kid Brothwith every intention of keeping the project

centered in Michigan. The film's three leads Tonya Hawkins, Peter Hérold and Alan Long-street, all hail from metro Detroit.

"The goal was simple: make a great movie, make it on a small budget and make it at home," said Devin Cameron, co-writer, director and younger of the two siblings

The national premiere will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Phoenix Theatre State Wayne on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, the same location several scenes were filmed.

Cast members and crew will be on-site to welcome the public and

be available for photographs at a meet-andgreet beginning at 6 p.m. before the film plays on all four screens at State Wayne.

Champions of Wayne, an innovative and unique educational program for students that involve adult mentoring, customized academic goals and financial incentives at Wayne Memorial High School, will be the charity benefactor of the premiere.

Additional multiple showings of "Kid Broth er" will begin Sept. 15 at the Phoenix Theatre Laurel Park in Livonia and at the end of the month at Phoenix Theatre Mall of Monroe

Film with local ties to debut Livonia man named CEO of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

ities of Southeast Michigan has chosen its chief operating officer, Dave Bartek, to take the helm of the human services agency as chief executive officer. CCSEM board chairman the Rev. Msgr. Charles Kosanke, pastor of Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity parishes in Detroit, made the announcement, according to a press re-

Bartek replaces CCSEM's first CEO Jason Shanks, who accepted a new position as president of the Our Sundav Visitor Institute based in Huntington, Ind.

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Bartek was chosen

from among 44 applicants in a national search He joined CCSEM in early 2016 as director of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Programs,

which at the time was experiencing a significant increase in clients. Shanks added to Bartek's responsibilities the management of the agency's All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in southwest Detroit and then appointed him to

the position of COO.
"Dave is blessed with excellent leadership skills and possesses the spiritual depth to oversee this agency as an intentional disciple of Christ," Kosanke said.

his steady hand and his experience gained during challenging circumstances when our refugee relocations soared in October last year, then plummeted upon the administration's travel and refugee bans. We are confident he will guide CCSEM in its mission to bring help and hope to those in need in our community."

Prior to joining CCSEM, Bartek served in leadership roles at United Way for Southeastern Michigan. He and his wife are residents of Livonia. They have three adult children and a son-in-law and are registered parishioners at St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Wheel covers taken from **Rolls Royce**

A resident who lives in the 16000 block of Riverside came into the police station to report the wheel covers had been taken from his classic Rolls Royce.

The resident said he parked the car in his driveway Aug. 23. He came out the next day and found the wheel covers missing from the vehi-cle. He said he spoke to his neighbor, who said he may have heard some noises the night before that could have been related to the theft. No suspect information was available and no other damage was reported.

Yu-Gi-Oh cards stolen

Police were called Monday to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a shoplifting incident that was in progress An employee told police

the suspect was seen selecting several packs of Yu-Gi-Oh trading cards and concealing them in his backpack. Police arrived and saw the suspect leave the bathroom and begin to talk out of the store without paying. He was stopped at the doors and detained without incident. Eight packs of cards were recovered and police issued the man a citation before releasing him at the scene.

Retail fraud suspect flees

Police were called Sept. 2 to Dollar General, 29119 Eight Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who fled the store

An employee told police the suspect was seen running out of the store toward Eight Mile and Middlebelt with two garbage bags full of items.
Police went out and were able to recover the items outside,

which were worth about \$250 An employee told police they would try to access the store's security footage and provide it to them at a later

Gym bag taken

A resident came into the police station Sept. 1 to report a larceny from auto in the 14300 block of Yale. She said her son had

parked in the parking lot nearby the day before and left the doors unlocked. He went out to it the next day and found his gym bag missing from the back seat of the car. Taken were items such as his bag, gym shoes, a jump rope, water bottles and a cellphone arm band. No damage was reported to the vehicle and no suspect information was available

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department

Wayne Main Street awarded placemaking grant

Wayne Main Street was recently awarded a grant from the Greater Metropolitan Area Relators Association for capital improvements in an under utilized alleyway in downtown Wayne — Derby's Alley, at 35005 W. Michigan Ave. The funding for this project comes from GMAR's Placemaking Grant, which supports capital improvement projects that are aimed at enhancing the built environment of cities located in southeast Michigan, accord-

ing to a press release. In 2015, Wayne Main Street identified the site as a potential pocket park/community gathering space. In 2016, WMS secured a planning grant from the Wayne Rotary Foundation to work on redevelopment planning for the space

Funding provided by GMAR will allow Wayne Main Street to move forward with the implementation of the redevelopment plan for the space. With this funding,

Wayne Main Street plans to install overhead festooned lighting and permanent seating in Derby's Alley.
Juan Bradford, Wayne

Main Street Board president, said: "Our goal is to create a friendly, welcoming space that all Wayne residents and visitors to our downtown can en-

Pat Rice, board member of Wayne Main Street and Real-tor with Re/Max Classic-Canton, said: "It's so great to see the real estate community stepping up to support worthy projects like Derby's Alley.'

"Transforming this space into community assets helps promote the vibrancy of downtown Wayne and posi-tively impact the livability and marketability of Wayne," said Karen Greenwood, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of

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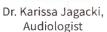


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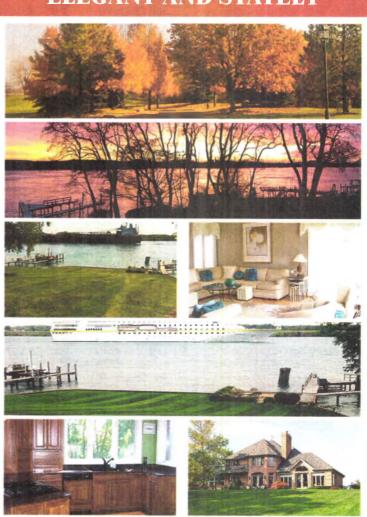
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Q: After being married for more than 15 years, a few years ago I got divorced. The divorce was bitter and costly and left me in debt. Over the last few years, I have struggled with my finances and have watched the balance of charge cards grow and grow. I've reached the point where I just can't keep going on this way and I need help. I heard an ad on the radio about settling your debts with the charge card companies and I sat down with one of these debt settlement companies. They explained how they work and they were very confi-dent that I would be able to settle my debt at a fraction of the cost. When I mentioned bankruptcy to them, they immediately told me that I was not a candidate for bankruptcy and that bankruptcy could not help me. A friend of mine told me that I should just stop making my charge card pay-ments, because he said the charge card companies wouldn't come after me. My question to you is, what would you do in my situation? A: The first thing I recommend is to not to listen to your friend. Charge card

companies do go after debtors all the time. I always prefer to be proactive, as opposed to reactive. If you stop making your payments, there is a very good chance the charge card company will come after you and, as a result, they could get a court order garnishing your wages, which could cause issues at your job. In addition, let's not forget the emotional cost to you as you will be constantly worrying what the charge card company might do. I would automatically dismiss this alternative.

Debt settlement companies can settle debt for less than the total outstanding debt, but the process is not short and can be very expensive. Typically, these debt settlement companies charge upward of 20 percent of your original debt. In addition, with the debt settlement companies, you are still going to owe a significant portion of your debt. The instances where some of these companies get your debt settled for pennies on the dollar are rare. In many situations, you could still be left with at least 50 percent of your debt. That doesn't mean that using a debt settlement company is not an option; I also believe that you owe it to yourself to discuss your situation with a bankruptcy attorney.

I recognize that the debt settlement company said you were not a candidate for bankruptcy, I would not take its word. It certainly is not a bankruptcy expert and, in fact, my experience has been that most debt settlement companies hate bankruptcy. I'm not sure it

gave you an impartial opinion. Bankruptcy may be a very viable option for you. One of the benefits of bankruptcy is that, unlike a debt settle ment company, where you are still left owing a portion of your debt, it is possible that your debt would be totally extinguished. Furthermore, where debt settlements take years to resolve, bankruptcy can be much shorter. Depending upon your situation, it is possible that in bankruptcy your debts will be totally written off without you having to make any payments. Bankruptcy is meant to give an individual a fresh start; that may be your best option.

My advice is to sit down with a bank-ruptcy attorney to discuss your individual situation. Only after discussing your situation will you have all the information necessary to make the right deci-

Many people believe that bankruptcy is always the last option and that you should only pursue it if nothing else works. I don't believe that. Bankruptcy is meant to give someone a fresh start and individuals should use the law to their benefit. Corporations, such as General Motors, used bankruptcy laws to their advantage and so should you. I am not saying that every time you run into financial difficulty you should pursue bankruptcy. What I am saying is, when you're in severe financial difficul-ty, bankruptcy is a viable option and you owe it to yourself to sit down with an expert to understand your rights.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com

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MIXING BASKETBALL AND OUTREACH

Dwayne Jackson works on awareness, education for Fort Myers black youths

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FORT MYERS, Florida - Even when discussing the poverty, the abundance of single-parent homes and the education gap in his hometown community, Dwayne Jackson does so with a smile

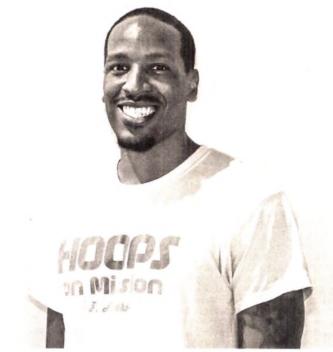
The 33-year-old Christian mission-ary and former Mariner High School basketball star returned home to the historically segregated black community of Fort Myers known as Dunbar because he saw hope amid hopelessness.

Jackson made a leap of faith, resigning from his fourth-grade teaching job at Unity Charter School of Fort Myers two years ago. He formed Hoops On Mission, a nonprofit with one employ-

ee — him — and one goal.

Jackson wants to educate and empower Fort Myers youths through basketball and Christian outreach. His annual event happens just before Christmas, when he distributes Bibles and basketballs to at least 200 children. But he works year-round, putting on summer basketball camps in order to make a living while seeking donations.

'What I've found out is people aren't aware of what's going on in Dunbar," Jackson said. "They're not aware of kids who aren't eating. They aren't aware of kids who are suffering from mental illness. They're not aware of a boy or girl who's being sexually abused. ... So I make people aware, from social media or to meeting people at Starbucks. If someone wants to support us financially, I'll keep them aware of what's going on in Dunbar. We have a lot of volunteers, a lot of people



ANDREA MELENDEZ/USA TODAY NETWORK

Owayne Jackson, founder of Hoops On Mission, works to educate and empower youths in the Dunbar community of Fort Myers, Fla., with his Bibles and basketball program.

who support us."

Unity Charter recently granted Jackson access to its basketball court. "He's a kid magnet," said Stephen Terebieniec, dean of students at the

E.J. English, 14, met Jackson two years ago and has been a fan ever

since.
"He's the best trainer in southwest Florida, and he gives back to the community," English said.

Jackson strives to do so with a

"My goal is to make 50 people smile every day," Jackson said. "I learned that people read body language. So I always have a smile. Even when things are going bad, because you never know who's watching."

Dwavne Jackson

Profession: Christian missionary

Home: Fort Myers, Florida

Mission: To empower and educate local youths through the Bible and basketball

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Q&A WITH DWAYNE JACKSON

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means putting others before yourself. When I started putting others before myself, opportunities started to

What moment touched and motivated you to become involved in this ef-

Two years ago, two of my cousins were murdered right in Dunbar. One was 18, and one was 36.

At that time, I was a fourth-grade teacher at Unity Charter School of Fort Myers. I felt like God was calling me to be a missionary — an African-American person in my community who graduated from college, who is a Christian, who is also married. I wanted the kids to be able to say: "Look at Dwayne."

So I go out into the streets, and I build a relationship with them. The kids started hanging out with me. Then I started playing basketball with them. The kids

What gives you hope and what con-

cerns you? It's really frustrating. But if I don't do it, who's going to do it?

How many missionaries do you know who are in Dunbar? How many people do you know who does go into the projects at night and try to help out? Who else does this?

My hopes going forward are involving African-Americans, whites, Hispanics, Mexicans, all of these kids, and getting them involved in life together. I feel like Fort Myers is still so segregated. If you grow up on the other side of the tracks, they don't know any other kids

growing up.
Kids in our community get labeled whether or not they're black or white. With Hoops On Mission, we bring all of these kids together. We don't have any

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I want to empower and educate the children in our community. I want to give them hope for a better future.





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Heartfulness Meditation

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 19 and 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Job Seeker Lab

Thursday, Sept. 14, 21 and 28, 3-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 18

and 25, 6-8 p.m.

Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an e-mail address or searching job boards and websites? We can help!

Chess Club

Thursday, Sept. 14, 21 and 28, 6-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16, 23 and 30, 1-4:30 p.m.
Come to the Westland Chess Group and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

ESL Weekly Conversations

Friday, Sept. 15, 22 and 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

Practice your English skills in a classroom setting with an emphasis on conversation. This 10-week session will be conducted by Auralie Messenger and will continue through Nov. 17.

Friday Night Movie

Fridays, Sept. 22, 6:30-9 p.m.

Doors open 6:30 p.m and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks/refreshments are provided Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Leo's AM Book **Discussion**

Monday, Sept. 11, 10

a.m. to noon Leo's Coney Island, 36595 Warren Road, will be the site for our new AM discussion. Sept. Title: "Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk

Coloring for Calm

Monday, Sept. 11, 2-3 p.m.

Coloring books and supplies will be available for your use, but feel free to bring supplies from home

DIY Home Movie Help

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Compile family or vacation photos and movies into an edited video with music and effects. Bring your digital files and Patrick Currie, seasoned filmmaker, will walk you through the process using editing software. Please meet at the Multimedia Computer in Adult Reference.

Writers Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

The Writers Workshop critiques an individûal's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, please contact workshop leader Denise Sedman, dasedman@yahoo.com.

Intro to Excel

Monday, Sept. 18, 2-3

p.m. The class covers basic terminology, formatting cells, and creating lists. Basic computer knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

WESTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Job Search in the **Digital Age**

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to noon

Join AARP for a free interactive workshop, and discover the best websites and apps to connect you to job resources. Learn how to network online and get noticed by hiring man-agers! You must register with AARP at 1-866-591-8105 or online at aarp.cvent.com/aarpjobsearchdetroit

Adult Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 20,

7-8 p.m. A discussion of "I Shall Be Near To You" by Erin Lindsay McCabe. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

Explore Art for Adults: Bath Fizzies

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7-8 p.m.

Make your own fizzies using simple herbs and other ingredients. You will want to dress for a mess as there will be colored powders and glitter.

Careversation

Thursday, Sept. 21, 6-8

p.m. Connect with other family caregivers around your table, enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks, and learn more about how to build a support network, tips to care for yourself and where to find local resources. You must register with AARP at 1-866-591-8105 or online at aarp.cvent.com/aarp-careversationsdetroit

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Risak



Edward P. born November 28, 1950, passed on to the next phase of his life Sept 5th 2017 at his home surrounded 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. Professional artist Edward Peter Risak was a professor and Master of Ceramics, but he was also a beloved husband, exemplary dedicated Father, incredible Grandfather and exemplary dedicated Father, incredible Grandfather and friend to many. Ed is survived by his wife of 36 years Julie C. Risak, Son and Daughter-in-law Jonas and Ann Clark (Marquette), Son Chase Risak and Malia Cole (Marquette) and Daughter Thea Risak of (Marquette). Grandchildren: Jesse Loveland (Traverse City) Alexander Fuller (Jenison) Aden and Jada Clark (Marquette) Additionally, Brothers Paul Risak (Milford) Charles Risak (Hollywood Florida) and sisters Judy Apple (South Bend, Indiana) Molly Risak (Long Beach, California). Ed was born in Park Forest, Illinois to Frank and Anne Risak, and later lived in Birmingham Michigan with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. In his youth ne developed a love of ht rods and music with 2 protners and 2 sisters. In his youth he developed a love of hot rods and music from living near the motor city, and he performed in a band as a drummer. He stumbled as a drummer. He stumbled into a pottery career when a sculpture class was too full, and discovered his true passion: ceramics. Upon graduating from Northern Michigan University with a BFA and MAE, Ed pursued an illustrious career as an artist in Fine Ceramics. His career in the arts exterted from 1974. Fine Ceramics. His career in the arts stretched from 1974-2017 where he participated in numerous exhibits, art shows, museums, and galleries across the country. His works are on display in the Smithsonian and the Whitehouse as well and the Whitehouse as well as numerous other private and corporate collections. Ed and his wife have owned and operated several studios and galleries in Marquette since 1981, and used Marquette as 1981, and used Marquette as a base of operations to raise their family. They traveled across the country selling their pottery for more than 40 years. Their current gallery is located at 2909 Island Beach Road at the entrance to Presque Isle. the entrance to Presque Isla. Ed developed a specialized metallic glaze which, when fired in the traditional Raku technique, produces incredibly colorful and dynamic pattern. From 2005-2015 he was an assistant professor at Northern Michigan University where he petard his unique. where he shared his unique where he shared his unique knowledge and creativity with his students. Generous, kind, self-determined, exceptionally creative, and with an infectious sense of humor. Ed will be forever humor, Ed will be forever missed by his family, many friends, students, collectors of his work and fellow artists. Memorial services open to the public will be held Thursday Sept. 14th 2017 at the Presque Isle Pavilion in Marquette from 6-9pm.

In lieu of flowers or gifts

In lieu of flowers or gitts Edward's family is suggesting donations in his honor to the hurricane relief funds. www. uppermichiganssource.com/ content/news/Hurricane-Harvey-Relief-442380083.html Links for suggested donation sights are aggisted at on Ed's

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City of Livonia - 08/09/2017 1,830th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Meakin, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, and McIntyre

Items were received and filed.

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#272-17 Approving minutes of the 1,829th Regular Meeting of the Council – July 24, 2017.

#273-17 Waiving the sidewalk requirement at 18551 Laurel Drive.

#274-17 No further action regarding a request to operate a medical marihuana business.

#275-17 Approve addendum to the Specialized Services Vehicle Agreement with SMART.

#276-17 Approve purchase of stormwater, water main and sanitary manhole-related items.

#277-17 Authorize an increase of the contract Etna Supply Co. for water meters and supplies.

#278-17 Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with County of Wayne for the resurfacing of Farmington Road from Seven Mile Road to Base Line Road.

#279-17 Approve expansion of easement at 36600 Ann Arbor Trail, 36622 and 36664 Angeline Circle, 36585 and 36586 Pinetree.

#280-17 Authorize an expenditure for the construction and construction engineering for the Amrhein Reconstruction Project. #281-17 Approve assessment roll for Saville Row Site Condominiums.
#282-17 Approve Special Assessment Street Lighting Project, to determine necessity in the

Washington Park Site Condominiums. #283-17 Approve Petition 2017-05-01

washington Park Site Condominiums.
#283-17 Approve Petition 2017-05-01-02 to rezone property located at 18761 Farmington Road, from OS (Office Services) to R-1 (One Family Residential – 60' x 120' Lot).
#284-17 Approve Petition 2017-05-01-03 to rezone the properties located on the west side of Farmington Road between Pickford and Curtis Roads (18491, 18489, 18481, 18477, 18451, 18431, 18421 and 18363 Farmington Road) from OS (Office Services) to R-1 (One Family Residential – 60'

x 120' Lot). #285-17 Accepting a quit claim deed from Brian Gielow, for 60' Right-of-Way for Ann Arbor Trail.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash

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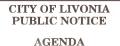












Zoning Board of Appeals September 26, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) 33000 Civic Center Drive

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-39 (Tabled on August 15, 2017): Frederick Thurston, east side of Fairlane (14760) between Five Mile and Lyndon, seeking to remove the existing garage and replace it with a larger garage, while maintaining the attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area. The Petitioner also proposes a wall height of eleven (11) feet tall where only ten (10) feet is allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-08-47 (Tabled on August 29, 2017): William and Gail Zhmendak, east side of Fairway (17830) between Bennett and Brookview, seeking to maintain a double fence along the rear property line. The new chain link fence was erected without a permit, also, the adjoining property has not given written approval for the chain

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-08-49 (Tabled on August 29, 2017): Robert Jaber, Jr., east side of Floral (18704) between Seven Mile and Clarita, seeking to remove the existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage, resulting in excess garage area and

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-09-55: AEI Fund Managements, Inc., 1300 Wells Fargo Place, 30 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, seeking to erect wall signs on four (4) elevations of a new restaurant building on property located on the east side of Haggerty (19470) between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

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BOYS TENNIS

Top-ranked Zhang throws zingers at foes

Andrew Zhang is one of the coun-

try's top junior tennis players.

A hard-hitting southpaw, Zhang is ranked No. 1 in southeast Michigan, No. 4 in the Midwest and No. 12 nationally in the latest United States Tennis Asso-ciation junior rankings. He is ranked 27th in his recruiting class. Fortunately for Bloomfield Hills, Zhang opted to play high school tennis

in lieu of focusing exclusively on the

Now in his third varsity season, the 16-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident helped lead the Black Hawks to a Division 1 state championship as a freshman and to the state runner-up trophy last year as a sophomore. He's back for another crack at a state title and couldn't be happier to be a member of the loaded Bloomfield Hills squad, which enters the 2017 season as the state's No. 1-ranked team.
"I love playing high school tennis,"

said Zhang, who's been playing since he

was 8 years old. "It's just a great new different environment from the USTA, where it is kind of just yourself. You get a whole new scenery playing high school. You have a bunch of great guys out there cheering for you and it's just a great time, a great bonding experience.

"I like both forms of competition a lot, but even though the competition might not be as strong for high school tennis, it is a lot more fun," he added. "The team aspect makes it that way."

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JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Nationally-ranked Andrew Zhang is playing No. 1 singles for the powerful Bloomfield Hills tennis team

PICKING UP THE PACE FOR SEASON



Power skating instructor Kim Muir demonstrates for goalie Ivan Kulbakov how he should move on his skates during an Aug. 28 session at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Kulbakov is a prospect in the Columbus Blue Jackets system.

Power skating with the (NHL) stars

Kim Muir teaches and reaches hockey players of all ages, sizes, shapes and skill levels

Tim Smith

Pro hockey camps are getting ready

to open all over North America and former Detroit Red Wings forward Drew Miller is still trying to find out where he might fit in.

But as long as power skating guru Kim Muir is running sessions in metro Detroit ice rinks, Miller and other pro and college players make sure to bookmark those valuable time slots in their cellphone calendars.

And it doesn't matter that Muir teaches then while wearing figure

"As long as I'm not wearing them,"

Matt Roy, a Canton native and defenseman who this summer signed with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, said with a

laugh.
"When you play in the NHL, you want to stay there," Miller, 33, said during Aug. 28 an afternoon session with Muir and stickhandling coach Kenny Brandt at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "So you do anything you can to get better and stay at that level. So every year, you got to prove yourself. Any way you can kind of find that edge or improve yourself, you want to find that way to be better.

"Right now, you got young guys

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BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIEF COM Longtime Detroit Red Wings player Drew Miller, an MSU alum, pays homage to both of those programs during Kim Muir's training

PREP FOOTBALL



Harrison senior Ovie Oghoufo committed to Notre Dame prior to his junior year and is working hard to develop his game

Irish-bound Oghoufo is key weapon for Harrison

Star doesn't let allegiance to U-M sway his college choice

Marty Budner

Ovie Oghoufo was a University of

Michigan fan growing up. Come next spring, however, Far-mington Harrison's highly-touted out-side linebacker will be playing college

football in South Bend, not Ann Arbor. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound student-athlete verbally committed to play at the University of Notre Dame last sum-mer prior to his junior season. Oghoufo is one of at least a dozen recruits head coach Brian Kelly has landed from the 2018 class and he's looking forward to playing for the Fighting Irish.

"I wasn't really a Notre Dame fan as a kid. I was a Michigan fan," Oghouto said during a break in Harrison's practice session Monday afternoon. "When I went to Notre Dame for a visit, I just felt like, academically and athletically, I can do the stuff I need to get it done

"I just liked the visit and I feel like I have a lot of opportunities over there and that's why I ultimately made the decision to go there," he added. "One of my main goals coming into high school was to go to college for free, so that has worked out well."

Developed under John Herrington,

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SKATING

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coming up and trying to take your spot. So I'm always trying to improve every day."

Edging ahead

Miller, sporting a combination of Red Wings and Michigan State University gear (he is an MSU alum), started skating with Muir in 2016 after he came off knee surgery. As of last week, the unrestricted free agent was waiting for an NHL team to offer him a tryout.

tryout.

"It's the little things,"
Miller said. "She helps
you find that little bit of
extra speed or, really,
work on getting back on
your edges, just feeling
comfortable again after a
summer off."

Muir's proactive, animated teaching style was in full swing as Miller and a handful of others got in some work on how to get faster, quicker and smoother on their blades.

They constantly shifted gears between forward and backward during so-called "mohawk" drills.

"We were doing a lot of edge work, opening up your hips, mohawk turns we call them," said Mike Ferrantino, another MSU alum who last year played for the ECHL's Florida Everblades. "It's just another way to skate and create space for yourself. Hockey is played so fast today, everyone's such good skaters."

Direct approach

The wide-ranging mix of talent levels that Muir easily instructs is a testament to her ability to communicate, demonstrate and have a friendly rapport with the players.

"She's pretty proactive when she teaches," Roy said. "So she'll point where she wants you to go. If you're not going that way, then she'll start physically moving you that way; she makes you aware.

aware.
"I think my skating's becoming a little bit more smooth. I think that will just help me playing with the NHL guys, because they're all smooth skaters and they're really fast. You can never improve too much on your skating, so that's what I've heep working on."

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Last week, Roy traveled to the Los Angeles area to begin Kings rookie camp.

"Plan A, obviously, is to make the Kings," Roy said. "But you know professionals are pretty good, it's not that easy to just go and take a spot. Plan B is the Ontario Reign (AHL team in California). I played there last year at the end of the year so, hopefully, that's a good Plan B for me."

With 25 years of experience, Muir trains everyone from young kids



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Skating and passing their way down the ice are minor league player Cody Wydo (left) and ex-Wings player Drew Miller. In the background is skating coach Kim Muir.



Michael Babcock began working with Muir when he was young. He is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central now playing college hockey.

to pro players (last year alone there were 50 NHL players and another 50 minor pro players that she worked with, accord-

ing to her website) She's the best

Among other players on the ice Aug. 28 were Novi Detroit Catholic Central hockey player Mike Babcock (now at Merrimack College and son of the ex-Wings coach), Cody Wydo (looking to make Pittsburgh's AHL affiliate), River Rymsha (Dartmouth College) and Antonio Stranges (Little Caesars)

Under-16 team last year).
"Since we moved to
Detroit, I just heard
through the grapevine
she was the person to go
to and I've been working
with her ever since,"
young Babcock said.
"The big thing that
comes to mind is she's so
kind and you have a personal relationship with

her.

"I've been fortunate enough, with my dad's job, to have all these options and know who's the best and what to do. I wouldn't be working with Kim if she wasn't the best around. She knows exactly what she's doing."

ing."
There were some

younger players working side-by-side with the pros, too. One of them was 15-year-old Stranges of Plymouth. He will play during 2017-18 with the Little Caesars program in Oak Park and has hopes of playing for the U.S. National Team Development Program (based

"I've been skating with (Muir) since I was 5 or 6," Stranges said. "What's not to like about her? She's great on edge work and she's got Kenny (Brandt) for stickhandling. It works all around. And skating with older guys (like Miller) is helpful."

at USA Hockey Arena).

Showing the way

The way players of all levels worked together, while Muir — president of Can't Skate, Can't Play and a 25-year instructor of everyone from young kids to NHL players — gave tips on body position and technique. She's not just about skating, although everything revolves around it.

"We stop, correct, we're a very hands-on type of learning," said Muir, who also instructs at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills, the Ann Arbor Ice Cube and Plymouth Cultural Center. "So we might physically put your body weight, body position, in the right position instantly, as opposed to directing verbally. "We do all aspects of

"We do all aspects of learning mechanisms, because everyone learns differently."

Pittsburgh farmhand Wydo, looking to move up from the ECHL to the AHL this year, plans on skating with Muir until he goes to camp in mid-September.

"It's more one-on-one, so you get more reps," Wydo said. "It's easier to transition it into the game and she's been doing it for a really long time. She's got a pretty good background, with

all of her pros that she's been training."

been training."
Huntington Woods
native Rymsha, 21, said
he has been working with
Muir the past several
summers. During an
intricate drill, he and
other players skated and
flipped crisp passes back
and forth without missing a beat.

"You got to handle the puck, you got to be able to skate and pass and shoot all at the same time, especially with the games being played now," Rymsha said. "You got to be able do a lot of that at a high tempo. By doing that (drill), you get to work on everything."

Kids at heart

For the latter portion of the allotted time on the Olympic ice sheet at USA Hockey Arena, players worked on stickhandling with Muir's longtime assistant coach, Brandt.

"A lot of the hands

"A lot of the hands work, I do moves with the body movements," Brandt said. "So if they're moving properly, it makes the hand stuff better.

"It's good that we get to do this together, so that guys don't have to skate and then find another trainer to do stickhandling, shooting and passing. They can come here and do both at the same time."

That players like Miller and Detroit Red Wings forward Riley Sheahan (who did not make the recent session) are willing to listen intently to such instruction says plenty about their makeup.

"They're all the same," Brandt said. "No matter what age, what level, hockey players are hockey players.

"They're still, even the big guys, are kids. They love the game, they love being out here. Just like my 10-year-olds."

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ZHANG

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Zhang is playing No. 1 singles for the Black Hawks this year after two years at No. 2 singles behind three-time team MVP Josh Mukherjee, now at Michigan State. Zhang was an individual state champion last year after placing second in 2015 in his first year of varsity tennis.

Ultimate team player

Veteran Bloomfield Hills head coach Greg Burks indicated Zhang is the ultimate team player.

"Andrew is a phenomenal player and the best part of his game is he can do it all," Burks said. "He can play defense and grind a point out or he can be offensive and finish it, but he can do all that within the same point. He has many assets and weapons to his game.

"He is an excellent

"He is an excellent player to have on the team. He has a great demeanor with a great attitude," he added. "He is a good team leader and an unbelievable player."

While Zhang is arguably the state's premier player, he is not the only highly-skilled player on the experienced Bloomfield Hills roster.

The Black Hawks

The Black Hawks have nine returning players in their intimidating starting 14 lineup.

Sophomore Tommy Herb (No. 2), senior Constatine Hemmrich (No. 3) and freshman Andrew Chen (No. 4) compose the rest of the loaded singles lineup behind Zhang.

lineup behind Zhang.
Herb, who played No. 2 doubles last year, owns an impressive No. 15 Midwest ranking.
Hemmrich is playing the same flight where he won a state title last year and Chen is a promising rookie who rolls into the final singles slot with a No. 124 Midwest ranking.

Also strong at doubles

With two flights returning intact, the doubles teams are just as strong.

The Burman brothers

— Midwest ranked juniors Cade (No. 31) and

Sebastain (No. 33) have joined forces at No. 1 doubles. Sebastian played No. 1 doubles last year, while Cade was at No. 2 doubles. Burks said they are playing "ridiculously strong right now." Bloomfield Hills' No. 2

Bloomfield Hills' No. 2 doubles team of seniors Vik Chakrabortty and Chaz Blamo was a state semifinalist last year. The No. 4 team of seniors Alex Walkon and Kyle Peres lost in the quarterfinal round of the state tournament last year.

The starting doubles newcomers are senior Chris Sauer and junior Adrian Wilen (No. 3) and senior Santiago Puente and junior Ryan Frank (No. 5).

(No. 5).

"I think this team is doing a little bit better than what I thought originally, because we graduated a bunch of good players in a few key spots and I thought there would be more gaps to fill," said Burks, whose team won the Ann Abror Huron Invitational and is undefeated in duals after blanking a strong Groves team, 9-0, Tuesday.

"But everybody worked really hard in the

"But everybody worked really hard in the off-season and I'm pleasantly surprised with how everyone has filled in so far. I think we'll be in the thick of things this year. Our singles are very good again and doubles, I feel, are stronger than they were last year.

"But we still have a lot of work to do and we're only a couple of matches into the season, so it's tough to say what the other competition looks like so far," he added. "But I imagine there's a lot of good teams out there and we'll have to work hard to achieve our goals."

Zhang is already looking forward to the state tournament, especially considering last year's runner-up finish.

"It was pretty tough

finishing second last year," Zhang said. "But we'll lock in this year and, hopefully, we'll finish the job.

"We have a great group of guys," he added.
"I think if we practice right and focus up, we have a very good chance of winning this year. I have good vibes about this team."



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNUIFE.COM Bloomfield Hills sophomore Tommy Herb warms up before a recent OAA Red Division match at Birmingham Groves.

OGHOUFO

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starting his 48th season as Harrison's head coach, has watched Oghoufo develop the past four years. He believes his talented young recruit will blend in nicely at Notre Dame.

"What I admire about
Ovie is that he committed and he's been solid,"
Harrington said. "He
hasn't been looking at
every college in the
world to see how many
people on rivals.com
have offered him. He
just got an offer from a
great school and that's
what he wants to do. I
wasn't too much a part of
that recruiting thing, but
I think they just liked
him on tape.

him on tape.
"Plus, I think they
liked his character, too.
Notre Dame goes for
high-character people. I

really believe that," he added. "Plus, they have a kid of ours already there who they really like — Khalid Kareem — and I think that really opened the door for him."

Oghoufo who also got

Oghoufo, who also got looks from Michigan, Michigan State, Stanford and Penn State, has been pegged as one of the state's top linebackers. According to scout-

According to scout-.com, Oghoufo is ranked as Michigan's No. 1 outside linebacker and No. 5 in the Midwest. Rivals.com also has Oghoufo graded high — seventh in the state and 34th in the nation at linebacker.

"Notre Dame liked my speed off the edge and my speed from sideline to sideline," Oghoufo said. "They liked my versatility and my ability to play at different sports. That's what they really liked — and my size. It's going to be exciting. I can't wait."



MARTY BUDNER

Farmington Harrison players (from left) Ben Williams, Chris Rexroth, Trey Walker and Divine Filemu have a hands-on opportunity to get the Hawks back into the state playoffs after a one-year absence.

A tough, speedy defenderIn his third varsity season, Oghoufo's game has steadily improved over the years.

Primarily a defensive end as a sophomore and junior, he developed a reputation as a tough, speedy lineman whom opposing teams quickly learned to avoid. He was second in tackles as a sophomore and another one of the team's leading tacklers last season. In the 2017 season

opener against East Grand Rapids, Oghoufo, playing as an outside linebacker, led the Hawks with 10 tackles. Oghoufo figures to play a more prominent role on offense this year and finished with five receptions for 59 yards (11.8 average) against EGR.

"He brings a lot of leadership to our team and he showed that at our game (Aug. 24), where some people may not have taken that game as seriously as he did," said Herrington, whose team lost to East Grand Rapids, 33-8. "On the field, he's pretty tenacious. He can go sideline to sideline and he can get after the quarterback.

quarterback.

"We switched his position because we need him to make plays from the middle of the field and not just have teams run away from him," he added. "It's a work in progress, so we'll see what happens. I think it's going to be great thought.

to be good, though."
Even though Harrison dropped its opener on the road, Oghoufo has high ambitions for his final year of high school foot-

bal

The Hawks, owners of 13 state championships, missed the playoffs last season with a 5-4 record. Oghoufo aims to get Harrison back into the playoffs and entertains high hopes of leading his team to its 14th state championship as it begins its second-to-last year as a football program.

"I want to finish the season with a bang, with a state championship. And doing it for the seniors would be great and doing it for the coaches," Oghoufo said. "The school's going to be closing, so it would be a nice way to end up. That's what I've pretty much been thinking about for the team heading into this season.

"I love it here (at Harrison). It has great tradition. Great coaches," he added. "They really get you ready for the next level."

Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers eye USPBL title

Last year's loss provides incentive

Marty Budner

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers have a shot at redemption.

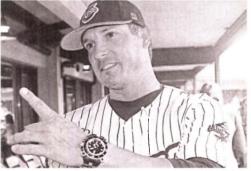
The Beavers will be playing in their second straight United Shore Professional Baseball League championship game, scheduled for 1:35 p.m. Sunday at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. They are hoping for a better result than last year, when they lost to the Utica Unicorns. Head coach Chris

Newell's squad again enters the title game as the top seed after registering the league's best regular-season record. The Beavers earned

the automatic bye into the championship game and will play whichever team advances through the playoff bracket in the single-elimination USPBL championship tournament. Whether it's the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, the league's newest team in the Westside Wooly Mammoths or the defending champion Unicorns, Newell promises the Beavers are eager

to win this year's title.
"It's pretty cool to be playing for the league championship again," Newell said. "Anytime you accomplish what we have through the long season, I take a lot of pride in that. We came up one game short last year, but I told them after that game that it was our year, it just wasn't our

"That's what we're running up against again this year. It's a one-game elimination and the last place team could very well win it again," he added. "That's why it's tough. I hope I don't have to give the same speech to the guys. We just need to go out and do what we've been doing and we'll be OK.



Birmingham-Bloomfield's second-year manager Chris Newell hopes for better results in this year's USPBL title game.

Different than last

Birmingham-Bloom-field's path to this year's regular-season title was dramatically different than last year.

After a slow start to the inaugural 2016 season, the Beavers got their act together and shot up to first place and never relinquished that lead. This season, however, Birmingham-Bloomfield faced much more adversity and floundered in the league standings most of the season before putting together a re-markable run to finish with the league's best record at 27-22.

The Beavers won eight of nine games in July, which included a six-game winning streak They continued their hot play in August with a 7-3 mark. They went 15-4 over those two months to creep right back into the race, finally clinching first place during the final weekend of the regular season.

Birmingham-Bloomfield locked down the top seed despite the fact three of its best players were signed by Major League Baseball-affiliat ed teams. Starting pitcher Kevin Matthews went to the Atlanta Braves, bullpen ace Kevin Marnon to the Minnesota Twins and third baseman Alex Maloney to the Chicago White Sox.

In addition, slick-D.J. Martinez was lost for the season three and slugging first base-man Nic Wilson left the team in late July to pursue his education.

Newell managed to overcome all the disruption by picking up a couple of players who were released by the Utica Unicorns - outfielder Brandon Rawe and pitcher Seth Bren-

He also had strong performances from a few key players, including Robert Paller, who finished as the team's leading hitter with a .382 average and figures to fight for league MVP honors with teammate Thomas Roulis, who led the Beavers with 59 hits.

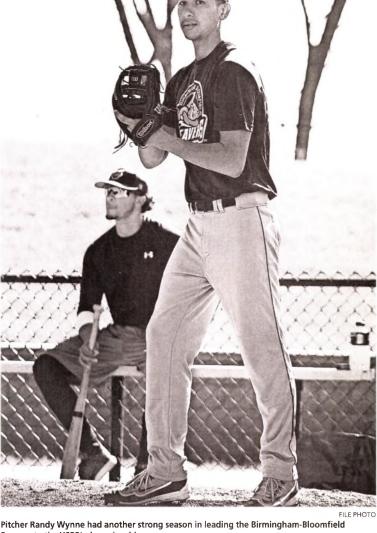
Second-year pitcher Randy Wynne, who tied for the league lead in wins (seven) and was in strikeouts (76), is in line to capture his second straight Pitcher of the

fielding middle infielder weeks ago with an injury

Some key managerial moves

among the league leaders

Year honors. "Last year was easy We were just flat out better than everybody and it was proven day in and day out," Newell said. "This year, we've dealt with a lot of adversity. But this team is



Pitcher Randy Wynne had another strong season in leading the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers to the USPBL championship game.

resilient and and they pick up each other's

'This has just been a crazy, crazy year. If you would have told me in May and in June that we would have finished the regular season with the best record in the league after everything we went through, I don't think anybody would have believed me.

"We started off 0-6

and 5-12 and it wasn't looking good for us," he added. "I made some key changes, got rid of guys who weren't good enough to be at this level and brought in guys who were. And when those guys from the Unicorns got released, I knew I had to get them.'

Newell, a Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes graduate, hopes those moves result in a league championship. But whatever happens, he said it's been a memorable sea-

"Whether we win or lose, I've taken so much pride and a liking to this club and I just really hope that we can win for their sake, because of everything they'v endured," Newell said. "This is truly, truly a special group and it's been a lot of fun.'

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Eagles ready to defend Class D championship

Tim Smith

When Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team got together for its first team meeting, players talked about the purple banner hanging on the gym wall

They might have even glanced at the 2016 Class D state championship flag, especially three key returnees from that team - senior co-captains Grace Kellogg, Robin

Albert and Abigail Pray But the 2017 Eagles have a job to do and aren't about to take their pending duties lightly.

"It's pretty exciting to have that experience under our belts," rightside hitter Albert said. "But it's really important that we stay humble and keep working hard. We know that it's possible that we achieve that, but we have to keep working so that we can do that

again. 'And, most importantly, honor the Lord in whatever we're doing and playing. The goal isn't the state championship, it's to play for

It's no gimme

gles "definitely have the skill" to make another run at the top.

Of course, nothing is a given in high school sports.

Kellogg said the Ea

"I want it to happen all over again. That would be fun," Kellogg said. "But we have to work for



D.J. Kellogg

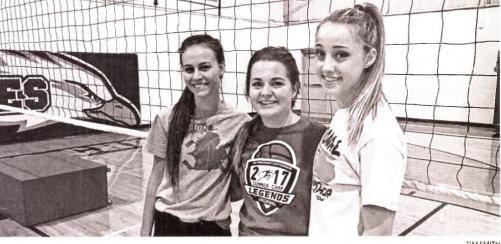
it. It definitely seems like yesterday when that happened.

Although Pray nodded about the current squad having the makings off a great team, she emphasized that they won't get complacent.

That's good news for third-year head coach D.J. Kellogg, who wants his team to again embrace the day-to-day challenge of incremental improvement.

'If I had the same team as last year, and the same exact situations, there's no guarantee you're going to win it," said D.J. Kellogg, who has two heavy-hitting daughters on the squad (Grace and sophomore outside hitter Gabriella). 'We talked about it (championship again) as a potential goal, that it's a

possibility.
"But after our first team meeting, we haven't talked about, we don't plan to talk about it. We look at it as a byproduct. Our focus is on getting



TIM SMITH

Plymouth Christian Academy senior captains (from left) Robin Albert, Abigail Pray and Grace Kellogg were all part of last season's Class D state championship,

better."

PCA already is showing it has potential, faring well at a pair of August tournaments and then defeating Class A Plymouth in a recent scrimmage.

Yet for the Eagles to contend in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and postseason, the senior co-captains will need to perform and help guide their younger teammates.

'With them, we do Bible verses every practice and we do things that have like helped us bond as a team," Pray said. "I think that bringing us close together is going to help us win again."
"We have a lot of tal-

ent." Albert said. "A lot

of younger people coming up that have great energy and we have great middle hitters. which I think is a very good asset.

"And Grace and Gabriella on the outside is amazing, as well."

Pray said setting the ball to both Kellogg girls is enjoyable: "It's just fun to watch them pound the

Ready to roll

Plymouth Christian's roster is undergoing a big change, due to graduations. At the top of the list of recent grads are Olivia Mady, libero Divna Roi and Jessica Paulson.

But the 2017 Eagles are pumped up for a new vear and new challenge.

"Well we definitely lost a lot of people, but we have just the same amount of talent this year," Grace Kellogg said. "I think we can accomplish the same thing. And all the girls we have have so much

"We just know that we have to work for it, just because we have skill doesn't mean we're going to win it again. Like Rob in said, just play for Him every game is still the most important thing."

The Eagles definitely have potential to have another strong season.

The front row is a big reason. Junior Elise Miera is so strong in the middle that coach Kellogg onted to move Gabriella Kellogg to the outside. Another talented blocker in the works is sophomore Caitlin Warn-

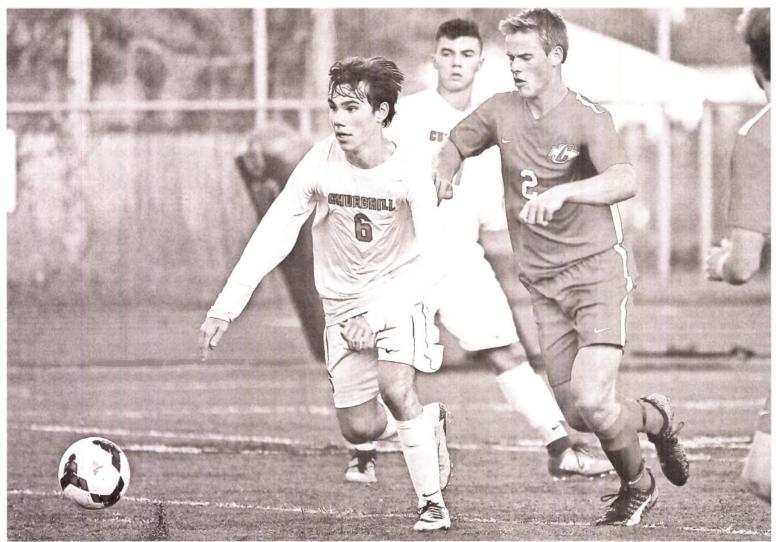
"They're all utility players," the coach said. "So any one of them can swing at any location."

As for succeeding Roi, several defensive specialists could be in the mix. But sophomore Madison Raymond (who was pulled up to varsity during the title run) so far is at the top of the depth chart, starting at

the recent tourneys The fun gets going once again Sept. 12 at Southfield Christian.

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BOYS SOCCER



Livonia Churchill's Logan McCulley (left) chases the ball Tuesday night. Right behind him is Canton's Brett McGue

Chargers fight back with late goal to forge draw against Canton

Tim Smith

For the Livonia Churchill varsity boys soccer team, Tuesday's 1-1 tie Canton might have felt like a victory as the Chargers scored with just 3:53

remaining.
The visiting Chiefs held a 1-0 lead for almost the entire second half following freshman midfielder Nick Yono's goal in the final minutes of the first half — but could not add to the lead when they had chances. Churchill senior goalkeeper Adam Sinclair sprawled to block a dangerous

odd-man rush attempt by junior Justin Gottschalk.

That gave the Chargers enough hope to at least come away with a tie, which they did when senior Meritan Jusufi chipped a shot over the head of Canton senior goalkeeper David Sadanowicz. "It was fun. We needed that, espe-

cially coming off the long weekend,"

Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said. "I think both teams were a little sluggish at the beginning. But it feels good to come away with a point against

an awesome program like Canton."
The Chargers still are looking for that first KLAA victory and now are 0-2-1 in the conference. But Grodzicki sees positive momentum starting to

"We've run a pretty tough gauntlet with Stevenson, Brighton and now Canton," Grodzicki said. "We're looking to get that win. I'm excited, this will hopefully jump start us."

Canton's Mark Zemanski said his team (2-0-3 overall, 2-0-1 in the KLAA) just could not close the deal when there were chances to extend its lead in the second half. And the tying goal was due

to a simple defensive mistake.
"We didn't finish," he said. "I
thought we got a little selfish. I thought
if we hadn't, we would have had a couple easy goals and we didn't. We have

to learn from it and grow.
"We talk about always marking in the defensive third and, obviously, somebody one let their mark go and he scored. That's how it happens some

Grodzicki admitted the tying goal wasn't the prettiest, but it was a beauty all the same.

"It looked like a little scrum, we got a flick, the keeper was out of position," he said. "Just over his head, it was one of those. And we needed it."

Here are some takeaways from the

HE'S A FRESHMAN

The Chiefs went up a goal late in the first half when Yono scored with a 20-yard blast from in front of the Churchill goal. Despite only being a ninthgrader, Yono consistently saw playing time in important situations, such as taking corner kicks

"He's an excellent player, he's a

special player," Zemanski said. "He's got great skills, good vision, moves the ball well and has a nice shot."

WHATEVER IT TAKES

Sadanowicz kept the game scoreless about 10 minutes into the first half, when he acrobatically knocked away

Anthony Paul's penalty kick.
Later in the half, Sadanowicz
stopped Justin Jenkins and also got in front of the rebound try, taken by Paul

at the left side of the goal.
"That kid made two or three of the best saves I've seen on this field in a long time," Grodzicki said. "The PK and the second one on the goal line minutes later, it was fun to watch."

FEELS LIKE AUTUMN

A cool rain fell in the 30 minutes before game time, but it was perfect September weather the rest of the evening for the teams and their fans.

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Boys soccer

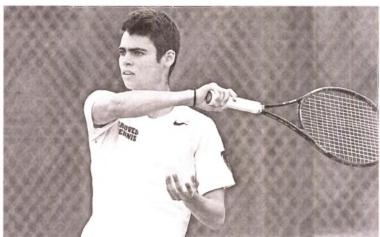
NORTH FARMINGTON 3. WEST BLOOMFIELD 0: North Farmington goalie Zach Shuk made several big saves Sept. 6 to secure this victory. The Raiders' goal scorers were Matthew Swartout (two) and Cole Arnold. North lifted its overall record to 4-2-1 and its OAA White mark to 2-1.

BERKLEY 3, NORTH FARMINGTON 2: The teams were tied 1-1 at halftime, but the host Bears outscored the Raiders on Sept. 5 at Hurley Field. North held a 1-0 lead when Matthew Swartout finished a rebound shot by Andrew George. In the second half, North went ahead on a penalty kick shot by Easton Cummins. Berkley mustered the final two goals for the win.

Boys tennis

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 9, BIRMING-HAM GROVES 0: Visiting Bloomfield Hills, the state's No. 1-ranked team, won all nine matches in straight sets Sept. 5 in an OAA Red Division battle. At No. 1 singles, junior Andrew Zhang defeated Groves junior Gabe Liss in a match up of highly-ranked USTA Midwest ranked players, 6-1, 6-0. At No. 1 doubles, the Burman brothers, Cade and Sebastian, defeated the Falcons duo of Aerik Joe and Ari Sherman by identical 6-2 scores. "I think (Bloomfield Hills is) going to be No. 1 or 22 in the state in Division 1," Groves head coach Dave Farmer said. "They have a lot of USTAsanctioned players. They are solid and they make you pay for every mistake, especially in doubles."

OAA RESULTS



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Birmingham Groves tennis player Gabe Vidinas is playing No. 2 singles this season for head coach Dave Farmer.

NORTH FARMINGTON 4. LAKE ORION 4: In this OAA White Division matc Aug. 31, North Farmington swept the doubles matches in straight sets.
The winning Raiders teams were senior co-captain Sri Srinivasan and Tyler Poirier (No. 1), senior co-captain Keith Jackson and Nick Cherney (No. 2), Mitchell Alekman and Jackson Jozwiak (No. 3) and John Goodwin and Keegan Kenrick (No. 4).

Boys cross country

GOLDEN GRIZZLIES INVITATIONAL:

Brother Rice finished ninth in the recent Golden Grizzle Invitational at Oakland University. Saline won with 90 points, followed by Oxford (109) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (119). The Warriors scored 177 points. Rice senior John Tremonti won the 4,000-meter race in 12:29 and teammate Alec Miracle also managed a top 10 finish with a time of 12:56, as good for ninth. Dan Serra (43rd), Jacob Hannawa (60th) and Joe Berg (64th) were Rice's other scor-

OAA WHITE DIVISION JAMBOREE

NO. 1: Rochester Hills Stoney Creek captured top honors Sept. 6 at Royal Oak High School. The Cougars won with 40 points, followed by Farmington (56), Royal Oak (69), Bloomfield Hills (95), North Farmington (127), Troy Athens (135) and West Bloomfield (158). Farmington's Nick Trevisan won with a time of 15:56.1 and North Farmington's Robert Irwin was third at 16:44.9. Josh Saba (sixth) and Matt Dennison (eighth) also had top 10 finishes for the Falcons. Bloomfield Hills' leading runner was Jacob King, who placed 10th in 17:26.0.

Girls cross country

OAA WHITE DIVISION JAMBOREE NO. 1: Like the boys, the Stoney Creek girls raced to top honors Sept. 6 at Royal Oak High School. The Cougars had five runners among the top 10 and dominated with 34 points. Bloomfield Hills was second with 56 points, followed by Farmington (89), Royal Oak (100), Troy Athens (144), North Farmington (150) and West Bloomfield (171). Farmington's Abby Inch was the individual champion with a time of 19:08.2 and North Farmington's Whitney Reid was third in 20:15.4. Bloomfield Hills' Shelby Jenkins was fifth (20:20.1) and teammate Evelyn Sorgenfrei was 10th (21:26.1)

Field hockey

MARIAN 2, NOVI 0: Visiting Marian scored a goal in each half to blank Novi on Sept. 5. Kate Biglin and Lexi Jonna netted the Mustangs' goals.

Novi, Northville earn KLAA volleyball wins

Tim Smith

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

Volleyball **NOVI 3, CHURCHILL 1:**

Senior setter Erin O'Le ary recorded 10 kills, 43 assist-to-kills and four aces on Sept. 5 as the two-time defending Division 1 champion Wildcats (12-1, 1-0) turned back Livonia Churchill in a KLAA crossover, 25-15, 23-25, 25-17, 25-15.

Also chipping in for Novi included Shannon Jennings (seven kills, 12 digs) and Claire Pinker-

ton (17 digs).
NORTHVILLE 3, PLY-MOUTH 0: On Sept. 5, Michael VanAcker led a balanced hitting attack with seven kills, while Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette combined for 29 asssists as the Mustangs



(9-3, 2-0) defeated the Wildcats in a KLAA crossover, 25-18, 25-10,

Other standouts for Northville included Hannah Grant (seven digs, three aces), Jenna Boksha (six digs), Clare McNamara (five kills, five digs) andJessica

Hogan (five kills). Plymouth standouts included Kenna White (12 kills, six digs) and Lauren Wheeler (15 assists)

HARTLAND 3, SALEM 0: On Sept. 5, the visiting Rocks fell short 25-10, 25-12, 25-19. Senior Calee Nesler and sophomore Ava Billamoria led the team with five kills each.

Boys soccer NORTHVILLE 8, **WAYNE 0:** Felipe McCarthy and Owen Marshall each tallied a pair of goals on Sept. 5 as the Mustangs (5-0-1, 3-0) defeated host Wayne Memorial in a KLAA crossover.

Other Northville goal scorers included Andrew Mitchell, Adam Silberg, June Kim and Jacob Tremonti. Sophomore goalkeeper Robert Damron got the shutout.

SÄLEM 1, HARTLAND 0: The Rocks prevailed in a KLAA match on Sept. 5.

PLYMOUTH 5, HOW-ELL 1: Scottlar Chakrabarty scored three goals on Sept. 5 to spark the Wildcats (3-0-0, 2-0) to this KLAA victory at Howell

Girls swimming SALEM 132, CHUR-

CHILL 53: On Sept. 5 at Livonia Churchill, the Rocks prevailed as a number of performers dropped times.

Girls golf FRANKLIN 178, SA-LEM 190: On Sept. 6 at Idyl Wild Golf Course in Livonia, the host Patriots came away with a KLAA victory.
Franklin was led by

match medalist Summer Horen, who registered a 42. Other Patriot finishers were Sophia Wy gonik (44), Sofia Cueva (45), Olivia Napier (47), Stephanie Cueva (53) and Sarah Iler (57)

For Salem, senior Nicole Hahn shot a 45. Julianne Small and Megan Kozlowski each scored 47s while other finishers included Ryleigh Reed (50), Ally Walker (55) and Sarah

NOVI 172, CHURCHILL 180: On Sept. 6 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, the Wildcats were paced by match medalist Abby Livingston (39) and Lea Kiura (41). Chipping in with a 44 was Despina

Alexander.
For the host Chargers, leading performers were Ashley Harlock (44), Kelsie Nowicki and Ma cey Reese (45 each).

Boys tennis

SALEM 5, STEVENSON 4: On Sept. 6 at Livonia Stevenson, the Rocks earned a KLAA victory Leading Salem was 1 singles player Eric Liu, who remains undefeated for the season. He won 6-0, 6-0.

Other Salem wins were scored by Jason Zheng (2 singles), Ajay Bharathan (4 singles), the 1 doubles tandem of Andrew Clarke-Khush Patel and the 4 doubles tandem of Roenik Master-Rahul Rao.

Stevenson victories were earned by Caleb Williamson at 3 singles, Brian Stemen-Abe Alrabady (2 doubles), Alec Said-Anthony Akel (3 doubles) and Dillan Pribak-Tom Andrews (5 doubles).

Boys cross country WAYNE MEMORIAL 27, SOUTH LYON 30: In a double dual at Wayne Memorial, the Zebras were spearheaded to victory by the 1-2 of sen-

ior John Gaton and junior Jonathan Boland (each with 18:11 times), followed by sophomore Trent Griffith (fourth,

The Zebras also defeated Garden City in the second double dual, 16-

GOLDEN GRIZZLY:

Salem won the Golden Grizzly Tournament Sept. 1 at Oakland University with 90 points, with senior Ryan Exell and junior Luke Haran finishing seventh and 12th, re-

MUSTANG INVITA-TIONAL: Canton finished first in the underclass men race, edging host Northville 87-90. Grant Hoffmeyer (sixth, 17:48), Garret Nagelhout (seventh, 17:55) and Drew LaBelle each received medals for their performances. Nagelhout's time made him the fastest Canton freshman in the race by over 20 seconds.

In the upperclassmen race, the Chiefs struggled to an 11th-place finish.

PREP FOOTBALL

Canton steamrolls past rival Plymouth, 47-14

Tim Smith

Canton rocked new alternate uniforms Sept 1 against Plymouth and the Chiefs might not want to give them up after rolling to a 47-14 victory in an early season match-up of campus football rivals.

"We might (wear them) for the home games; they're good luck," Canton coach Tim Baechler said with a smile. "At least for right

now they are."
Chiefs senior running back Steven Walker started the Canton party when he scored on a 49-yard run at the 17second mark of the game. By halftime, it was 40-7 lead as the young Wildcats could not contain Canton's multi-faceted and experienced at-

The Chiefs racked up 578 yards total offense compared to just 129 for Plymouth.

There also was a huge margin in first downs (27-2) in Canton's favor as the Chiefs bounced back from their loss Aug. 26 to Muskegon Mona Shores in the Battle at the Big House.
"That's what we want

to do, get that first score out of the way," Baechler said about the opening Walker touchdown. "Come out, kind of set policy with what we're doing. Hit it fast."

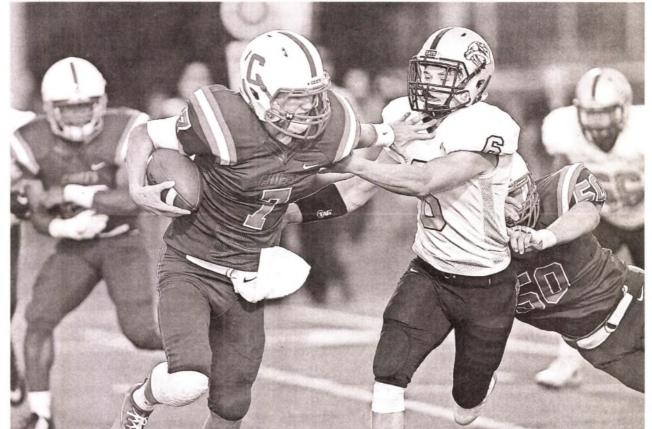
"Defensively, I was very happy how we layed the run. I think both my inside backers really played well, Lou Baechler and Aaron Garbarino. And our D-line held up and our defensive backs made some

When Walker scored from the 1-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter, that opened up a 47-7 lead and briefly set up a running clock scenario.

Spoiling that plan, at least for a while, was Plymouth's Calvin Vos who on the second play of the quarter scored on a 73-yard kickoff return to make it 47-14.

"They executed and we didn't," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said. "They were more physical than we were, they were the better team tonight. No doubt about it.

'You can tell kids who have never played Canton at the varsity level a million times. If you don't read your keys and



Canton OB Connor Engel holds off Plymouth defender Logan Walkley.

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you're not physical and you don't do what you're supposed to do, it can get real crappy real quick

But Sawchuk said it was "a good sign" that the young Wildcats played a stronger second , giving up only one

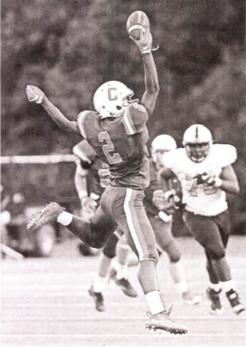
touchdown.
Although a number of players had big nights for the Chiefs, senior Colin Troup had the biggest. He scored three times and came through with a clutch interception, plus had 160 yards

total offense.
His first touchdown was a 77-yard catch-andrun, turning a pass over the middle from quarterback Conner Engel (of-9 passing, 190 yards) into a dazzling TD.

"It feels really good, but our offensive line really stepped up," Troup said. "We all stepped up from a tough loss last week and I think we all did really good and I'm glad that we came out with the victory.

"When Walker scored off the bat I think that really boosted our motivation

Following are takeaways from the game, which improved Canton's record to 1-1 while drop-



BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Canton's Noah Brown makes a one-handed catch on a pass

ping Plymouth to 0-2:

GAINING GROUND Walker and William Hall (two TDs) were

strong in the running

game, with 127 and 115 yards, respectively. "We came off the ball and moved people a little bit better," Baechler said. "Our backs blocked a little better for each other and they ran a little harder today

THREE-FOR-THREE

There were three TDs on three plays in the first quarter, with Plymouth's TD (a 59-yard run by Carson Miller) sandwiched by two Canton

Opening up the sequence with 4:19 to go in the first quarter was Troup with his 77-yarder. After Miller's immediate response, Canton made it a 21-7 game with 3:51 remaining, when Hall broke through the line for a 26-yard TD.

HONORING BEAMAN

Before the game district historian and longtime Central Middle School teacher/coach Mark LaPointe announced words of tribute to the late Scott Beaman. A moment of silence followed.

Beaman, who died from cancer Aug. 31, first taught at the old Plymouth High School in 1966 and was a longtime history teacher at Salem, as well as an "ever-present" fixture at Park athletic events in recent

Salem will be inducting Beaman posthumously into the school's Wall of Fame later this month.

The crowd also paid a moment of silence to the victims of Hurricane Louisiana.

DIFFERENT LOOK

Canton players came out before the game wearing new, third jer-seys — dark gray with red numbers. The team opted not to break out the uniforms Aug. 26 in the Battle at the Big House and instead waited for the Plymouth rivalry

match-up.
"I love 'em," Troup said. "They're sweet. Coach Baechler sur prised us with them and he's the best coach ever."

SLOW-ARRIVING CROWD

With the first day of school still four days away and with the Labor Day weekend, the bleachers were not packed to their usual capacity for the contest. The fans kept arriving during the first half, however

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PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SARAH DUNN

VOLLEYBALL SOPHOMORE LIVONIA CHURCHILL CHARGERS

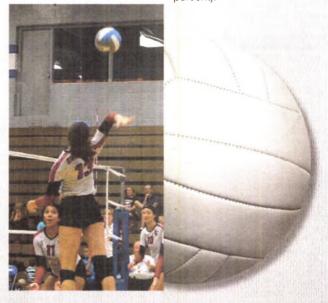
WHAT SHE DID: Dunn, an outside hitter, made a big impact as the Chargers defeated Salem 3-1 in the Aug. 29 season opener. She powered the attack with 21 kills and chipped in defensively with 19 digs.

WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED AOW: "I never thought I would have been nominated yet have won but I am very happy to compete with these other athletes," said Dunn in an email to Hometown Life. "I just went out there and played my game and did what I needed to do and good things happened," she said about the performance. Her older sister, Anabelle, also is on the Churchill volleyball team and led the cheers on social media during the voting period. "I think she will be proud of

me." Sarah Dunn said.

HOW SHE WON: Voters favoring Dunn built a healthy lead on Tuesday over Bloomfield Hills Marian volleyball player Lauren Wenzel and her lead never was threatened into Wednesday – despite a late push by supporters of

Canton football player Colin Troup. In the final tabulation, Dunn tallied 7,590 votes (36.5 percent) while Troup roared into second place with 6,030 votes (29 percent). Wenzel placed third with 5,357 votes (25.75 percent).



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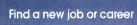


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etworking is probably the number one way to get yourself a job if you are looking. Referrals account for nearly 40 percent of all hires - and referred employees often get jobs quicker and make more money out of the gate. But what if you don't have anyone to refer you to a particular company or within a particular industry? If this is the case, then you'll need to figure out how to get a job without connections. Luckily, we've got the right information to accomplish that.

Here are four steps to follow to help you get a referral even if you lack the relevant connections.



Once you've determined there's a job opening somewhere, find someone who has influence on the hiring process for that position. Search for the position you want and the company you want on a site like LinkedIn until you find your influencer.

2. Make contact

Find the contact information for that person and get in touch to set up a time to chat. This is just normal networking remember? Keep it short, sweet and to the point.

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job entirely, and try again. If or when you do get a meeting, make sure to do plenty of homework first. That means researching the company, the field, the contact, etc.

3. Prep your question

The absolute most important question you need to ask is this: "What is the biggest challenge your team is facing right now?" That question will make all the difference between awkward small talk and giving your new contact

the opportunity to open up and talk about something that matters to him or her and something that will be extremely informative and helpful to you. Dig in. Listen hard. And send a thoughtful thank-you note.

4. Strategize your

solution You've heard from your influencer (and new contact) what their biggest challenge is. Now figure out their solution. Reach out, research,

think inside and outside the box. Put yourself in their team's shoes and consider things from every conceivable angle. Once you've got a great idea, make sure to test it through all the possible hypotheticals you can come up with. Then craft a detailed and elegant proposal.

You're going to send this proposal to your influencer. Start a casual email, with an extra thank you for the coffee date, then say that you've been thinking about the conversation and mulling through their situation. Explain that you've come up with a proposal to help solve their problem. It's gutsy, of course, but if your idea is good - even if it isn't perfect - it will show your value, and your influencer will most likely share it with his or her team.

If any or all of this goes your way, you'll be able to follow up by inquiring about any open opportunities on this person's team (knowing already that there is one). Best case scenario: instant referral. Worst case scenario: You've netted yourself a new contact or two.

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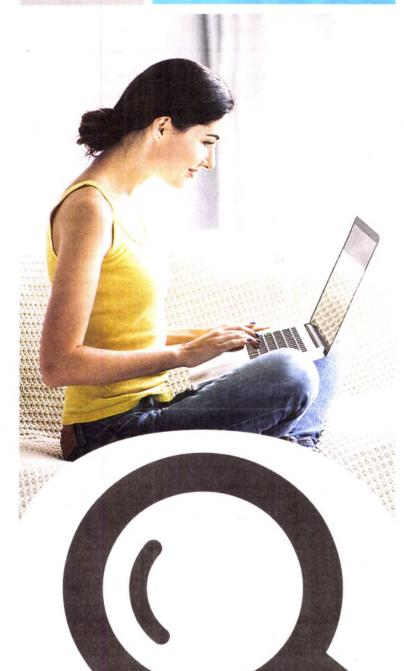
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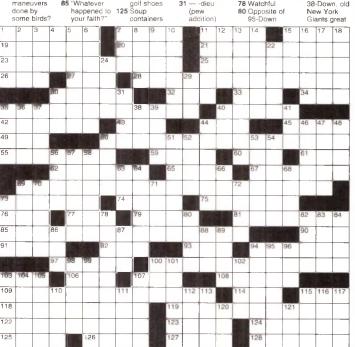
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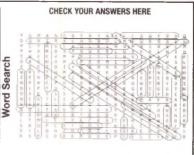
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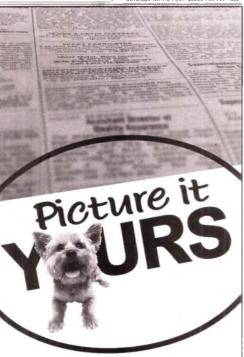


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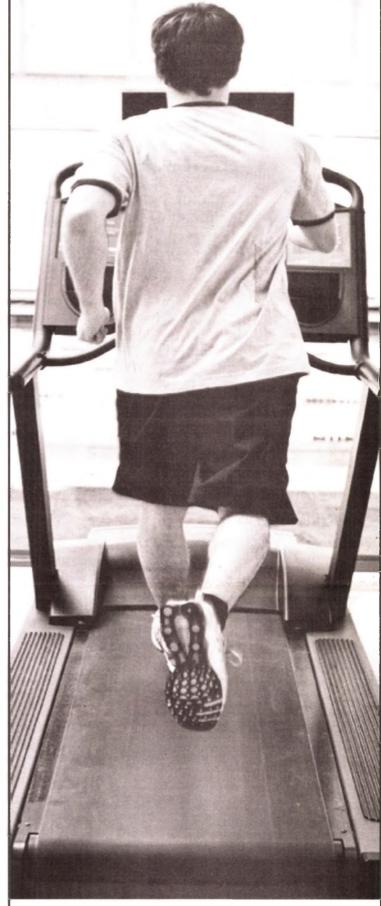
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