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Petitions seek to remove Wayne officials

Three council members and mayor are targets of recall movement

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The electronic sign at Icon Computers in Wayne isn't promoting any special deals. It's letting people know petitions to recall a city councilman can be signed at the Michigan Avenue business.

Specifically, the sign lets people

know Icon has petitions to sign to recall Councilman Chris Sanders. There are actually three other elected officials named in recall petitions: Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and Councilmen Ryan Gabriel and Anthony Miller. But Sanders is a primary recall target.

"Sanders is the one who has to go. It would be nice to have them all out of there, but if Chris goes, that will be fine," Icon Computer owner Brian

Ewanciw said. "I think it is really going well. A lot of people are coming into Icon. People just want him gone. I'm doing my part as a homeowner and a business owner."

The petitions approved by Wayne County seek the recall of the four elected officials, citing their vote to extend the mayor and city council terms when city elections were moved to even years to coincide with state elections. The move was aimed at saving \$40,000 for a primary and general elections.

Since no city election would be held

in 2017, the council had to do something with the mayor and council terms. State law allows terms of elected officials to be extended, but not shortened. As a result, Sanders and Councilmen Tom Porter and John Rhaesa will serve until 2020 rather than 2019. Miller and Gabriel will serve until 2018 rather than 2017.

Rowe's two-year term was also set to expire in 2017, but was extended through 2018. Porter and Rhaesa were the only no votes on extending the

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Children, teachers and parents march along Haggerty Road to Five Mile on World Kindness Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Student march aims to 'spread kindness like jelly'

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Twelve-year-old Eli Solomon said the world needs a "kindness meter" to monitor how people are treating each other. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the kindness goal, Eli said the world is stuck on 4 or 5.

"I think it's really low," he said. "We have a plethora of people. We all need to be kind to each other."

Eli was among about 75 students at New Morning School in Plymouth who took to the street Monday on World Kindness Day to promote civility, respect and kindness in a world that often seems to lack it.

Accompanied by teachers and par-

ents, the students donned their coats, hats and gloves and marched about a half-mile along Haggerty Road to Five Mile, then back. They chanted, "Be Kind. Be Nice."

Fourth-grader Carly Thomas, 9, made it seem simple that people should stop bickering and get along.

"People have different personalities, but we need to show kindness around

the world and try to spread it around," she said.

Her sister Evy, 5, was in a school group that made a sign for the Kindness March.

"It says, 'spread kindness like jelly,'" Evy said. She carried it in the march with Sofia Ghanbari.

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More than 1,000 items donated to resource center

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The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district's Family Resource Center is a little more full, thanks to the efforts of one church in Livonia.

The Knights of Columbus, along with Cub Scout Pack 1384, both from St. Edith Catholic Church, dropped off more than 1,000 toiletry and clothing items to the resource center housed in

Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer, in Westland.

The donations were collected before Mass for several weeks at St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, in Livonia. Then, several members of the Knights of Columbus loaded a van and brought it to the center Monday afternoon.

"A half an hour before every Mass, we'd come and help collect and, finally, we brought everything here," said Bas-

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More than 1,000 items were donated to the Family Resource Center at Adams Upper Elementary in Westland, which assists families in need across the district. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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terms, so they weren't included in the recall petitions.

The issue was further complicated by a city charter amendment approved in 2014 establishing six council districts in which candidates must reside to run and maintain that residency after being elected. Dis-

tricts 1, 2 and 3 were established in 2015, with districts 4, 5 and 6 voters set to elect candidates in 2017. That's now pushed back to 2018.

Sanders, who ran for council unsuccessfully in 2011, funded the efforts that resulted in a district system being placed on the ballot and approved by voters.

"We've gotten a good response. The problem is that, this time of year, a lot of people aren't

home," said Wayne resident Bob Boertje, who filed the recall petitions. "We try to do a group thing on Saturday. We go to different wards. We try to go back during the week."

The petitions need just under 1,200 signatures and will need to be submitted by early December. State law requires that the petition language be clear to voters.

Originally, Boertje submitted a total of eight recall petitions that were rejected as unclear — six of those petitions were aimed at Sanders.

Among the issues cited on the petitions were Sanders's efforts to solicit non-residents — posing as Wayne residents — to make critical comments at council meetings and submit emails criticizing City Manager Lisa Nocerini.

A Westland man spoke at a Wayne council meeting last summer and reported that Sanders, with whom he is friends, recruited him to identify himself as a Wayne resident and criticize Nocerini in an effort to gain support for her firing.

That Westland resident also shared a lengthy text message

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BRIAN EWANCIW
Icon Computer owner

which read, in part, "We need to end her contract as city manager. We need one more vote on council to do so. I need you to act like you live in the city of Wayne and calling (sic) on the council to do the right thing. You might even want to stick in there that councilman Sanders is the only one that has the courage to speak truth to power."

There was also a letter criticizing Nocerini purporting to be from a long-time Wayne resident and voter that was later found to be from a fabricated identity.

"Chris has just gone overboard. It goes back to his character. He wants to restore integrity by lying," Boertje said, referring to a comment Sanders made in the text message calling for integrity to be restored. "The

rumor is that Chris wants to be mayor and change the government from city manager to strong mayor. Then he'd be mayor."

That particular man uses a Westland address for personal reasons, Sanders said, but actually resides with his wife in Wayne. He confirms sending the lengthy text message.

"I sent out the text message as a call to arms. It is no secret that I have issues with the city manager and her game-playing," Sanders said. "I didn't have issues with her at the outset."

Saying he has only worked in the best interests of the city, Sanders described himself as "just a whipping boy" in Wayne's political situation.

"I ran and I was elected because I love the city, regardless about how people feel about me," Sanders said.

Another petition noted Sanders's disheveled appearance at a council meeting, another an incident at the Dearborn library. Yet another petition targeted Sanders's undisclosed personal relationship with two men appointed to council vacancies — Gabriel and

Richard "Terry" Sutton, who subsequently resigned from his seat. It was also alleged that Sanders had threatened Rowe regarding litigation.

Recall backers are also unhappy that Sanders, Miller and Gabriel voted against selling the closed Wayne Activities and Banquet Center last year. The financially strapped city would have received \$150,000 for the still vacant building and it would have been added to the city's tax roll.

"I was one of four who voted for going to even-year elections. I extended my term, but I voted for it to save \$40,000 a year," Rowe said. "At this stage of the game, this (recall) is something I can't deal with. I've got to move forward."

If there are sufficient valid signatures on any of the recall petitions, a special election would be scheduled for May. Along with voting to recall the affected official, that person can also appear on the ballot with other candidates to fill a position that becomes vacant.

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MARCH

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Eli, director of the school's New Morning Express newspaper, said being kind is just as easy as being disagreeable.

"Open a door for someone," he said. "Smile and say 'hi' to someone."

New Morning teacher Tina Huff organized the Kindness March to instill kind behavior among students who come from communities such as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville, Farming-

ton, Westland and Novi.

"It allows the students to feel like they have a voice and they can share it with the world," Huff said.

Students made signs and drew images on paper plates to promote a diverse and kind world. The school has made kindness a theme this school year. Among the other activities:

» Huff and her students read the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. It's about a 10-year-old boy with a facial deformity and what he faces when he goes from being home-schooled to enroll-

ing in a neighborhood school. Huff said an upcoming field trip is planned so students can see the film "Wonder" and discuss how it compares to the book.

» The school had a popcorn drive and raised \$581 for Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas. They donated the money through UNICEF.

» The school has begun a coat drive to help students at another school in Belleville. Gently used coats may be dropped off 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday. The school's address is 14501 N. Haggerty.

Grandparents Duane and Sandy Laidlaw of Northville came to the school Monday to show support for Eleanor, their preschool granddaughter, during the Kindness March. They agreed that many adults could learn a lesson in kindness from New Morning School students.

As for the march, Sandy Laidlaw said, "I think it's a beautiful idea."

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sel Atala, a den leader with Cub Scout Pack 1384. "It's a win-win situation for everybody."

Amanda Dybus, director of the Family Resource Center, said the donations will go a long way in helping families that may be struggling as winter sets in.

While donations are needed to help families all year, this donation will serve as a great boost to help those in need across the district, she said.

"I had no idea it was going to be over 1,000 things," she said. "I was honestly very shocked when they started carrying the boxes in."

Items included soaps, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, socks, coats and other necessities for families in need. The

center services families with students in the district, which cover parts of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Romulus and Inkster.

The Knights of Columbus will do charitable acts throughout the year, including Coats for Kids, a coat drive done to provide young people with warm coats for the winter. Several coats were also donated Monday and those will go directly to students at Adams Upper Elementary.

Arthur Spencer, grand knight from the St. Edith's Knights of Columbus, said making the donation fits right in with what the Knights want to do: help out the local community.

"It's something we definitely want to help out with and take care of the families here in Wayne and Westland area," he said.

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Cars parked at restaurants, theater broken into

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Livonia police are advising motorists to be aware of their surroundings when going out on the town after a rash of larceny from auto cases popped up near several restaurants last weekend.

Several vehicles were broken into at restaurants and the AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, on various days last week.

The first incidents were reported Nov. 9 at both Andiamo Trattoria, 38703 Seven Mile, and Fleming's Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty. The Andiamo incident was reported at about 8 p.m. by an employee coming out to his vehicle.

The man, a 20-year-old resident of Livonia, said he came out and found his car broken into. The door handle was broken and the car radio and loose change were taken. The car was locked at the time.

The two incidents at Fleming's also included some broken door handles. The first incident was reported by a 42-year-old Livonia woman, who came out to her car after dining at the restaurant. She came out to find her passenger door handle broken. Her glove box had been opened and items were scattered about. Missing were a power cord, a flash drive, some paperwork and a work badge.

The other report took place that same night and was filed by a 36-year-old Tulsa, Okla., man. He said he drove his vehicle to the restaurant to eat and came out to find a vehicle window smashed on his car. A briefcase containing some iPad converter cords was taken.

Two days later, another vehicle was broken into at the Andiamo restaurant. The victim, a 34-year-old Madison Height man, called police after discovering one of his vehicle's windows were smashed.

He said several items were taken, including a pair of "Star Wars" pillows that were of Darth Vader and a Stormtrooper, a baseball hat, gloves and some loose change.

The next day, Nov. 12, police were called to the AMC Livonia 20 parking lot in the Pentagon Entertainment Complex on the report of several items stolen from a car.

The victim, a 20-year-old Monroe man, said he went to see a movie in the theater and came out later to find several items missing.

Items missing included some cash, a sweatshirt, a jack and some phone chargers. The car was accessed by someone punching a hole below the lock on the door.

Anyone with information regarding any of these cases is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle drives through storefront

Livonia police were called Nov. 10 to the UPS store at 33006 W. Seven Mile on the report of a vehicle that had driven through the front of the store.

The driver, a 62-year-old Livonia woman, was at the store and needed to ship a large package. Store employees told her to back her car up. When she did, she hit the gas instead of the brake, which sent the car into the front of the store. No injuries were reported.



Livonia police provided this image with a redaction over the license plate of a vehicle that drove through the UPS Store on Seven Mile last weekend. No one was injured. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Retail fraud reported

Police were called Nov. 11 to Kohl's, 29580 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud of a television that had taken place.

Police arrived and spoke to an employee,

who said the suspect was seen selecting a television and left the store without paying for it. He was seen getting into a vehicle and driving away

in the parking lot. Police checked the area, but could not locate him.

— By David Veselenak

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Dog found

Westland police were called Nov. 10 to the 8000 block of Rickie Lane on the report of a dog sitting at the front door of a residence.

Police arrived and found the dog on the front porch. The front window and screen were also pushed out at the home. Police approached the dog, which they were able to identify by his dog tag. Police looked and saw the window had been damaged by the dog chewing it. Police put the dog back inside, left it with food and water and replaced the window and screen.

Purse lost, recovered at Meijer

A couple who were shopping at Meijer, 37201 Warren, came into the Westland police station Nov. 6 to report a purse had been taken while at the store.

The couple said one of them left her purse in a shopping cart at the store. While the report was being completed, someone who wanted to remain anonymous came in and turned it in at the police department. Police drove the

purse to the owner's home and dropped it off.

Items stolen from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 34000 block of Tonquish Trail came into the police station Nov. 8 to report a larceny from auto that took place.

She said she parked her vehicle in the driveway of the home and it was later entered. Several items were taken, including a purse, infant shoes and clothing.

Car broken into

A resident who lives in the 700 block of Superior Parkway came to the police station Nov. 9 to report a larceny that took place.

He said he parked his car in front of his house around midnight and believed he locked the car. He returned the next morning and found some papers shuffled around in his vehicle and his center console opened. A wallet was missing from the vehicle.

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Dog and owner attacked by pit bull in Hines Park

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A dog and its owner were reportedly injured last weekend in Hines Park after a pit bull reportedly attacked it.

Livonia police took a report Nov. 12 from a 66-year-old Livonia woman who said she was walking her Welsh terrier dog by Newburgh Lake in Hines Park at about 4 p.m. that day. She said her dog was then attacked by another, which she described as a pit bull, while she was west of Newburgh Lake.

She said her dog was bitten several times by the other dog, which was not on a leash at the time, according to the police report. She tried to separate the two, but fell on the ground when she did so. She suffered a bruise on her forehead and was also bitten by the dog, according to police.

The dog was being walked by a male, who did not identify himself when the woman asked for it.

The woman went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, where she received a rabies shot since the dog had bitten her and broken skin. She also took her dog to an emergency veterinarian clinic, where it received several stitches as well.

Livonia police took the report, though officers said after the report was filed that the incident appears to have taken place outside of their jurisdiction.

Police say the trail where the incident took place appears to be in Plymouth Township, which begins west of Newburgh Lake on the boundary created by Eckles Road.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicles broken into

An employee at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant, 38303 E. Michigan Ave., filed a police report Nov. 2 to report items had been stolen from her vehicle while parked at the plant.

She said she came out to her car at the plant and found several items missing. They went to the lot and police spoke to several other employees who had items taken from their vehicles as well so they could file police reports. Items missing from the vehicles included a hitch, a truck cap window and two tailgates.

Online purchasing scam reported

A resident who lives in the 4300 block of Carnegie filed a police report Nov. 2 to report a possible online scam.

They said they found a vehicle for sale on Craigslist. They contacted the seller, who said she would sell them the vehicle through eBay Motors and needed to do so quickly before going

on military duty. The car was for sale for \$2,000 and the victim was later contacted by someone claiming to be from eBay Motors who said they needed another \$2,000 for shipping insurance. The buyer's mother got suspicious and called eBay Motors, who said it was a scam. The buyer contacted the seller, who said if they did not pay, the deal would be canceled and the money would not be reimbursed.

Trailer stolen

Police were called Nov. 5 to Dixon Landscaping, 38620 Michigan Ave., on the report of a trailer that had been stolen overnight.

The owner said he left the trailer connected to one of his pickup trucks outside. When he got to the business the next day, the trailer was missing. Security footage showed the suspect's vehicle pull up and get the trailer put on its hitch before driving away.

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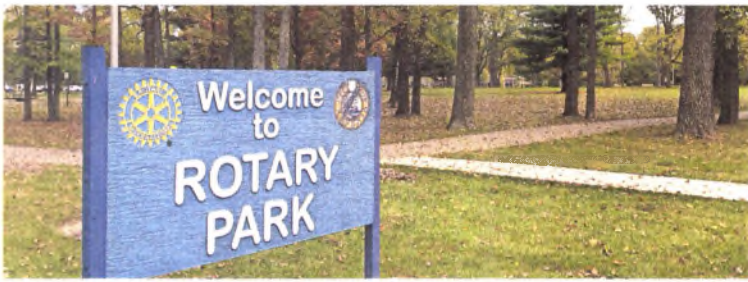
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Community groups team up for new accessible playground

A new universally accessible playground will be constructed at Rotary Park, funded in part through a collaboration called Healthy Livonia, made up of five organizations across the city committed to improving the health of the local community by funding and developing innovative solutions. In addition, the project has received a \$300,000 Michigan Economic Development Corp. grant from the state of Michigan due in large part to the assistance of state Rep. Laura Cox. The new structure is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30, 2018.

"The new Rotary Park universally accessible playground is an exciting and highly anticipated addition to Livonia," Cox



A new ADA-accessible playground is planned for Rotary Park, scheduled to be completed in September 2018. SUBMITTED

said. "Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and play, regardless of their abilities. This completely accessible playground will provide families throughout our community with a space that all children can enjoy."

Located at Six Mile

and Hubbard Street, the new playground will take the place of the existing play structure on the southwest side of the park, which was previously donated by the Livonia Rotary in 1995. More than ADA-accessible, this first-of-its-kind playground in Livonia

will be designed for all ages and level of ability, ranging from sensory difficulties to limited mobility and visual impairment.

"This project would not be possible without the support of so many community members," said Ted Davis, superin-

tendent of parks and recreation for Livonia. "Especially Livonia Rotary and Marty Talty for his vision with this project, Dave Spivey at St. Mary Mercy for imagining a healthier Livonia and his leadership with the Healthy Livonia initiative and our state Rep. Laura Cox for her assistance with the MEDC grant."

Key features of this playground include:

- » Swings for all abilities
- » Ramps and transfer stations with multiple climbing options
- » Accessible seating area
- » Bottle filling station

The Rotary Club of Livonia has been planning and fundraising for this project since 2012,

according to Marty Talty, past president, who is leading the playground planning. "Rotary Park is one of largest and most used parks in Livonia. It has been the Rotary Club's vision to provide a play scape that children of all abilities would enjoy. It was also important to us that multiple organizations work together to bring a project of this scope to reality."

Healthy Livonia, spearheaded by St. Mary Mercy Livonia, a member of St. Joseph Mercy Health System, has committed \$100,000 over three years toward the playground in addition to more than \$65,000 raised so far by the Rotary Club of Livonia. The total cost of the playground is \$450,000.

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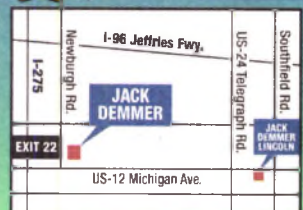
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Livonia gardener awarded national honor

Ruth Moline of Livonia has achieved a level of expertise enjoyed by only a tiny percentage of gardeners.

She recently earned the National Garden Club's Five Star Award. Moline achieved the distinction by completing all four National Garden Club Schools – Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design and Flower Show – and passing the exams. Then she underwent additional hours of instruction and study to earn master status in each. It took 12 years to complete the process.

"It's almost impossible to achieve Five Star status in less than 12 years," Moline said, explaining that each of the four schools is really four two-day sessions offered

over a period of two years. Successfully completing them all earns Four Star status, a laudable achievement in itself.

Master status requires even more time and study. For example, master status in Flower Show School alone requires attendance at five two-day symposia.

Moline began the process in 2005, when a friend suggested she might enjoy Flower Show School, scheduled to begin in just a few weeks.

"We went and I was hooked," Moline said. "I have been a student my entire life and cannot pass an opportunity to learn something new in a classroom setting or any other, for that matter.

Once I was almost finished with Flower Show, I had to take Gardening and then it was Landscape Design and, finally, Environmental. It's one thing to read an article or attend a lecture, but I much prefer the school format. And the National Garden Club schools are excellent."

Moline has been gardening since she was a child, beginning in her family's back yard.

"I learned to weed early," she said. "I could identify all the veggies by their leaves. I picked strawberries, shelled peas, shucked corn, snapped beans, picked beetles off the potatoes and stole small kohlrabies to snack on until my father realized the mysterious spaces in his kohlrabi row had been created by me."

Moline is a member of Michigan Garden Club's executive board, where her role is to represent 31 garden clubs located in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Michigan Garden Club president Carol Brodbeck is proud of Moline's accomplishment.

"Completing the entire National Garden Club's curriculum is a significant personal achievement," Brodbeck said. "It is evidence of



Former Michigan Garden Club president Florence Smith presents Ruth Moline (right) with National Garden Club's Five Star Award. SHARON YANTIS

the high level of knowledge and dedication that Ruth possesses. By using and sharing her expertise she makes the world a more beautiful and

ecologically healthy place."

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Livonia youth orchestra open for auditions

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sembles composed of brass, woodwind, flute and oboe and strings. All ensembles are looking for new members of all ability levels throughout the metro Detroit area. The LYSO rehearses

each Saturday morning, starting in early to mid-September through mid-May. Rehearsals are held at Madonna University in Livonia; performances are held in December and May to showcase the

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HE BRINGS MERCY IN BOAT AFTER STORM

Don Manley ferries residents to fetch their possessions after Irma

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

Don't call Don Manley a hero. He hates the word, saying it is reserved for others facing greater challenges.

But for the people living in a flooded Southwest Florida community, the term seems appropriate.

The Imperial River spilled its banks into a Bonita Springs neighborhood after Hurricane Irma's downpour, forcing feet of water into kitchens and living rooms. Many homes were still damp from huge rainstorms just a few weeks prior.

Locals escaped to shelters or sturdier homes as the hurricane passed, returning to rivers instead of streets. People wanted to get what little was left of their belongings, wading through dangerous waters with boxes of family photos and important documents.

The low-income area houses many Hispanic families, and immigration papers are vital to FEMA aid requests.

Don Manley drove by the flooded area a day after Irma hit and saw a boy floating down his street.

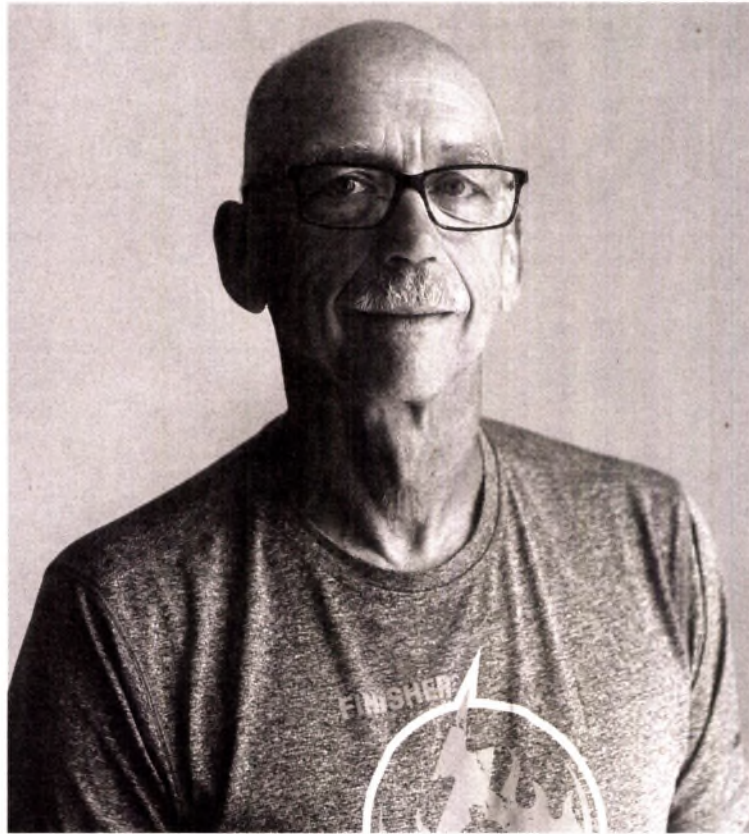
"I drove home, got my boat and went in the water," he said.

Manley spent days in the fishing boat, going up and down the swamped streets. Locals stood patiently near his boat trailer backed into Saunders Avenue, waiting for Manley to take them home.

His boat returned loaded with boxes, totes and garbage bags filled with people's remaining treasures.

"If we're 8 years old playing in dirty water in a boat, our moms would give us hell," he said. "And now, we're called heroes. Are you kidding me?"

It took more than a week of slowly receding flood waters to make the boat unnecessary. However, Manley went back



After Hurricane Irma flooded a Florida neighborhood, Don Manley got in his boat and helped residents retrieve things. NICOLE RAUCHEISEN/USA TODAY NETWORK

to the neighborhood every day, trading out his boat trailer for a crowbar. Scores of volunteers like Manley now help residents gut their homes, tossing furniture and drywall in 6-foot-tall debris piles on the curb.

The gutting process will be long, Manley said. He's personally worked through about 15 houses in about a week. More than 200 homes fill the flooded neighborhood.

But Manley's personal love and investment in the area will keep him working through the end.

"People say, 'Oh you're wonderful,'" Manley said. "I say, 'No, I'm not. I do this because I'm selfish.' This is what I'm supposed to do."

DON MANLEY

Location: Estero, Florida

Age: 63

Profession: Retired, former owner of care centers

Mission: "If I can make this place a little better, I've done my job. Wherever I happen to be."

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Q&A WITH DON MANLEY

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means having the greatest freedom and opportunity in the world, but it also comes with the requirements that we help those less fortunate.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

There are two moments. The first one is always help those in need. But the moment that solidified it for me was seeing a young man in an inner tube floating down his road trying to get to his house to save what meager possessions he had. That just resonates in my mind, and I'll never forget it.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What gives me hope is the people we're helping. Really, it's more than hope. What gives me peace of mind is knowing that this is going to be OK is Miesel, who tells me, 'I am saved. I am alive. God bless, I am an American,' and he's had his house destroyed. And he's thankful. It doesn't give me hope, it gives me absolute knowledge that this is going to be OK.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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Benefit concert at Cornerstone Church

A benefit concert for Puerto Rico will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Cornerstone Church, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The event will be hosted by pastors Mel and Eiffee Bedi, and feature local artists John Bidden, Courtney Moore, Elias Defils and Gayle and Brannan. Proceeds will be directed to Heal The World and aid disaster response in Puerto Rico. Tickets can be purchased from the website <http://cornerstone.church> or at the door.

Franklin High reunion

Livonia Franklin High School will hold its class of 1970 reunion 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Godfredson Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$55 per person. Seating is limited to 100 people. The Dale Hicks Band performing in restaurant at 9 p.m. There will be dinner and a group photo.

For more information, contact Jeff Kind at 734-788-8346 or jjkind@att.net

Toy show at Elks Hall

Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road, will host a toy show, Sunday, Nov. 26. Items for sale may include Hot Wheels, comics, games, beer signs, G.I. Joes, sport and non-sport cards, "Star Trek" and "Star Wars" items, music memorabilia, records, CDs, movie posters, buttons, lunch boxes, model cars and more.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. For more information, call Joe at 586-775-3289.

Railroadiana Train Show

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an eight-foot table. Dealer setup is 9 a.m. the day of the show and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available to dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

St. Mary Mercy to offer joint replacement event

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a free educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Attendees will hear from an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff as they discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital.

The seminar is held in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Civic Park craft show

The Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia will be hosting its annual holiday craft show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. There will be more than 40 craft vendor tables. In addition to all the Christmas/holiday crafts, there

will be a bake sale, Share the Wealth drawings and refreshments available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit S.C.A.N. (Senior Citizen Achievement Needs). This is a free event. For more information, call 734-466-2557.

Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner

Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner is a family friendly event that will be held 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Redford Jaycees Hall, 15585 Beech Daly. The event will feature a spaghetti dinner, balloon entertainment, live music, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 children ages 7 and under and free for children under 3. All proceeds will benefit The Riley Kathryn Foundation. You can purchase tickets to this event ahead of time via Paypal using email address info@rileykathrynfoundation.org. You can also mail checks to The Riley Kathryn Foundation, c/o Laurel and Paul Space, 9040 Hanlon St., Livonia, MI 48150.

Compass to host Billingsley

Michelle Billingsley will be the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Compass Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne luncheon at Dave & Buster's in Livonia. She will discuss how her walk with Christ has influenced her career, lessons she has learned, her leadership principles and perspectives on key challenges.

There is a \$20 fee for the luncheon. Register and pay online at michigancompass.org.

Lunch with Santa

Livonia's annual Lunch with Santa will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Tickets are \$6 for Livonia residents and \$9 for non-residents and are available at the Kirksey Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Detroit Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform And All The Bells On Earth Shall Ring! at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. This will be a concert with a wide variety of Christmas music from familiar songs and carols to historic gems, plus a handbell choir participating. Composers from Pachebel to Rutter are represented and the audience is invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir as the finale. Ring in the season at one of these venues:

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students over age 12. They will be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com.

Moondusters Ballroom Organization events

Moondusters Ballroom Organization, a nonprofit dance group located in Livonia, has been holding ballroom-style dances to live music each Saturday in the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, for more than 42 years. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing runs 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person, which includes

coffee, tea and snacks, as well as cake and other refreshments during admission at 9 p.m. Pizza parties are held periodically and pizza and salad is included in the cost of admission. At every dance, there is a 50/50 raffle.

The Moondusters will hold their Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 8, at Burton Manor Banquet Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Music by Tommy James and His Orchestra. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres until dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission \$40 by ticket only. Door prizes, cash bar. Tables of 10. Reserved singles section. Tickets at the door if available.

For more information and tickets, call 586-873-3353 or go to www.moondusters.org.

Livonia Towne Club meetings

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

The program for Thursday, Dec. 14, features harpist Charles Walker. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

Livonia Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

» Jan. 17, 2018. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies. He is the creator and host of the National-television

PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each era and what the future holds in store for them.

» March 21, 2018. Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer, and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans.

Tickets are \$150 for the season which includes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Savior Christian neighborhood program

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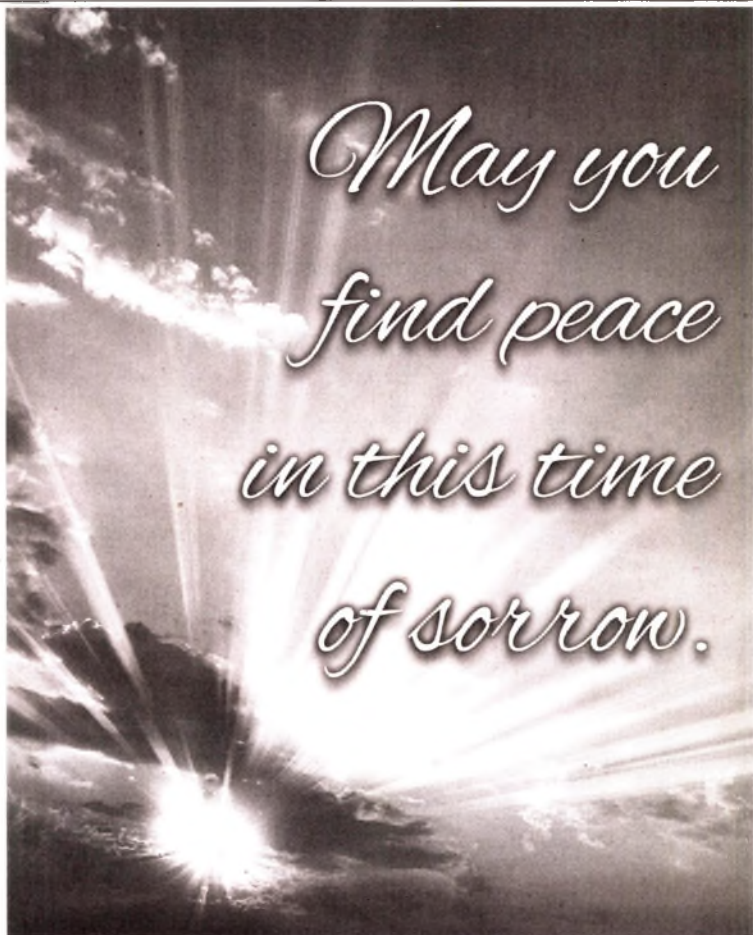
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Linear back in local hands after ownership changes

It has been a whirlwind couple of years for the staff at Linear AMS.

The manufacturing company was slated to close in June, leaving some 100 workers without a job. Owner Moog Inc. planned to take Linear's additive manufacturing equipment and some employees to its East Aurora, N.Y., headquarters and shut down operations at the company's four Livonia facilities. Before finalizing the move, Moog extended a lifeline to Lou Young, who oversaw tooling and injection molding operations.

He was asked to explore divesting and selling the other operations at Linear. Then he decided to see if he could find a way to buy it himself. Young, a Livonia native and Stevenson High School graduate, turned to the man who started Linear in 2003 - John



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Tenbusch.

"Their interest in Linear was in the emerging additive manufacturing technology," Young said. "Moog was interested in keeping as many jobs as possible and this was a way to do it."

Tenbusch established Linear Mold and Engineering in Livonia 14 years ago. The company grew with his focus on the latest technology. Linear was one of the first companies to own a 3-D metal printer when it

purchased its first such machine in 2005.

"We learned what we could about any kind of new technology," Tenbusch said. "It spurred a lot of other technology applications and we learned how this would benefit our customers."

With Tenbusch looking for additional support for Linear's additive manufacturing operations, Moog bought 70 percent of the company in December 2015. As minority owner, Tenbusch continued to work as a consultant for most of 2016, until he sold the remainder of his interests in the company. He was interviewing for other jobs when Young called him earlier this year to explore reacquiring the company.

"I was offered a couple of really good opportunities, but it would have required me to move and I really didn't

want to move," Tenbusch said. "In this deal, I wanted to make sure we could continue being innovative, particularly with additive manufacturing."

Tenbusch and Young established a partnership and closed the deal with Moog in July. The timing of the deal enabled the company's employees and customers to continue their relationships without interruption. Linear AMS continues to run the four Livonia buildings and 89 employees.

"It was very stressful looking for the way to work things out, keep everything together, and make sure people don't jump ship," Young said.

With a focus on advanced manufacturing solutions, the duo will keep the name: Linear AMS. They have some 50 automotive, appliance, and industrial customers. The immediate focus is

to grow the business with low-volume injection molding and injection tool building. In 2018, they plan to rebuild the additive manufacturing operation.

"We are both coming back a little smarter," Tenbusch said. "We will stay focused on segments and industries where we've done well."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said Linear was getting more involved in community efforts to boost interest in skilled-trades careers.

"We are happy to see Linear is here to stay," West said. "It would have been disappointing to see that company, and all it accomplished, disappear. It is good for our community that Moog, John and Lou were able to work things out to keep Linear going with a viable path into the future."

St. Joseph Mercy, Mercy Health announce merger

The Trinity Health-owned health systems of St. Joseph Mercy Health System in southeast Michigan and Mercy Health in west Michigan announced they will combine their two systems into one statewide system to create a strong, people-centered care delivery network across Michigan.

Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO of SJMHS, will be president and CEO of the combined Michigan system, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Roger Spoelman, president and CEO of Mercy Health, will serve as senior vice president of strategic and operational integration for Trinity Health, located



Casalou

Spoelman

in Livonia. In this national role, Spoelman will work closely with Mike Slubowski, president and COO of Trinity Health, and Ben Carter, executive vice president and CFO of Trinity Health, and the integration teams to lead selected efforts within Trinity Health to support accelerated development and effective integration efforts.

"Our new statewide system will enable our

ministries to integrate our leadership in clinical and business operations throughout Michigan. For the communities we serve, this means it will enhance our clinicians' ability to share resources and ideas that people need in their care journeys," Slubowski said. "Roger and Rob have been superb leaders in their regions, and we look forward to their roles in the new structure."

The new health system in Michigan will include 10 hospitals with a total of 2,357 licensed beds, nine outpatient health centers, 12 urgent care facilities and more than 35 specialty centers. It will employ

more than 22,500 people and have a medical staff of nearly 4,000 physicians.

The new statewide structure is part of Trinity Health's national strategy to integrate teams and resources to serve communities better. Trinity Health recently combined five hospitals and other facilities in Connecticut and Massachusetts to form Trinity Health of New England.

Trinity Health's strategy in Michigan has intensified in recent years, including shared partnerships and new affiliations with Michigan Medicine and Together Health Network. This

statewide focus will enable the regional health systems to combine their strong care delivery networks while establishing a highly visible and recognizable brand within the communities they serve - going to market as one, unified system for people-centered care. More information on the leadership, structure and governance of the new statewide health system will be shared as it becomes available.

Spoelman joined Trinity Health in 1981 and has been president and CEO of Trinity Health West Michigan for seven years. The region in-

cludes five hospital campuses, more than 60 physician offices, more than 1,300 medical staff physicians, more than 800 hospital beds and 7,200 employees. He also was interim CEO of Mount Carmel Health System in Columbus, Ohio, from 2015-16.

Casalou joined Trinity Health in 2008 as president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. In 2015, he was named regional president and CEO of SJMHS, which is composed of five hospitals, six cancer centers, five ambulatory care centers, more than 2,700 physicians and 15,300 employees.

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IRA withdrawal leaves man with more bad news than good

Q: I have a tax problem that I hope you can help me with. I am in my early 40s and, about seven years ago, I invested a substantial amount of my IRA into a real estate venture. I was told at the time that it was very safe and secure. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way. For the last couple of years, I've wanted to sell the investment, but I couldn't. In March of this year, I was able to finally sell the investment at a substantial loss. Of the \$150,000 I invested, I only got back about \$30,000, which I have just left in the bank. Recently, in a conversation with my friend, he shocked me when he told me I would have to pay taxes on the money. I can't believe he is right. I was figuring I would be able to write off my loss. My question to you is, who is right and who is wrong? If in the unlikely event that my friend is right, is there anything I can do to avoid the tax?

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but your friend is correct. In fact, not only do you have to pay taxes, but you're also subject to the early withdrawal penalty of 10



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

percent. Furthermore, I hate to say, but you also are not entitled to deduct your losses.

In understanding the situation at hand, it's important to remember the money was in an IRA. In a traditional IRA, you do not have a cost basis in the investment because the money you invested was pre-taxed. Because of this, whatever comes out of a traditional IRA, whether you had a gain or loss on your investment, is subject to ordinary income tax. Consequently, when you sold the investment and took a distribution of the

proceeds as opposed to reinvesting the money back into the IRA, that is considered a taxable event. Therefore, the \$30,000 you received from the sale of the property is 100-percent subject to income tax.

The next issue is the 10-percent penalty. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA before the age of 59½, unless you qualify for some of the exceptions, which I do not believe you do, then in addition to the tax, you must pay a 10-percent early withdrawal fee. Had you taken the proceeds from the sale of the property and reinvested that into an IRA within a 60-day period, there would have been no tax or penalty. Since you did not do this, the money is treated as a

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normal distribution and subject to the tax and the penalty.

Unfortunately, you're also not allowed to deduct the loss on your investment. Typically, if you have losses on the sale of an investment, those are deductible, but the rules are different for an IRA. Once again, with a traditional IRA, you have no basis. As a result, you cannot have a loss. With investments outside the IRA, a loss is where your basis exceeds your selling pro-

ceeds. With an IRA, since you have zero basis, you cannot have a loss.

I hate to keep piling it on, but something you must also consider is whether you should make an estimated payment or not. Because the proceeds are subject to tax, it may require you to make an estimated payment. Most people think our taxes are due April 15, but that is not the case. Taxes are due on a quarterly basis throughout the year; it's only the return that is due April

15. You should review your tax situation to make sure that you don't have to make an estimated payment. If you should make an estimated payment and you do not, you could be subject to interest and additional penalties.

I know sometimes our tax laws don't make sense and they seem to be unfair. I'm always reminded of what my tax professor taught me when I went to the University of Michigan Law School — taxes are not meant to be fair.

Good luck!

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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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Big Ten looms for Divine Child duo

'Endless effort' leads Day, Hutchinson from Falcons to MSU, U-M

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Just before Christmas break, Dearborn Divine Child seniors Theo Day and Aidan Hutchinson will sit behind a table and sign to play Division I football — for fierce rivals Michigan State and Michigan, respectively.

And yes, it is a distinct possibility that 6-5, 200-pound quarterback Day might look up during a Big Ten showdown and see longtime pal and Falcons teammate Hutchinson closing in on him.

"It's going to be funny if that ever happens," Hutchinson said, standing next to Day for a recent interview. "It'll be pretty cool."

But Hutchinson — a 6-6, 250 pound tight end and bone-crushing defensive

end from Plymouth who also can long snap — wouldn't mind being on the receiving end of several more tight spirals thrown by Day before their Divine Child career comes to a close.

"There's nothing better than seeing that ball thrown by Theo," Hutchinson said. "It's great having him at quarterback, because I'm confident he's going to get the ball to me when I'm open."

The Falcons took a 10-1 record into the deep freeze of the Division 3 regional final Nov. 10 against Riverview, but were defeated 36-31 to suddenly end the playoff push. This season's success follows a 2016 season which ended with a loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the semifinals.

"The last time we made it as far as we did last year was '85," said Day, a



Big Ten football is in the future plans of both Aidan Hutchinson (left) and Theo Day. They wanted to lead Dearborn Divine Child as far as possible during the 2017 high school football playoffs, but the Falcons lost Nov. 10 to Riverview. TIM SMITH

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Olivia Perkins, a senior at Harrison, will play varsity girls basketball at Farmington this year as the Harrison program was dropped due to lack of numbers. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Harrison drops program, but players given lifeline

Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Farmington Harrison's gymnasium won't be quite as busy this winter.

Harrison administrators recently were forced to drop the girls basketball program as there were not enough players to field a squad.

Harrison will be closing its doors following the 2018-19 school year and girls basketball is the first sport to be eliminated as a result of the school's declining numbers.

"We have made the decision not to field a team for girls basketball for the coming school year and likely the final year as well," Harrison Principal James Anderson said.

"We have been closely monitoring the number of interested students since the end of the season last school year," he added. "We have called meetings and made announcements to try to attract students, but we did not have enough students interested to field a team."

While Harrison's girls program is history, the few student-athletes who were hoping to play basketball this season will still enjoy that opportunity. They just won't be wearing Harrison's green and gold uniforms.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, the state's governing body for prep sports, will allow Harrison's student-athletes to play at the district's two other high schools, North Farmington and Farmington, based on

residence.

"Throughout this process, our goal has been to find alternatives that would allow interested students to play basketball," Anderson said. "We petitioned the MHSAA and asked for flexibility due to the pending closure. We were notified that the option to play for another school based on residence was approved by the MHSAA."

Grateful for opportunity

Olivia Perkins is a thankful beneficiary of that decision.

Perkins played three years of varsity basketball for the Hawks, but entered this season not knowing if she would be able to play a fourth. She is

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BOYS HOCKEY

Season of change in offing for the Rocks

Salem to move into new home midway through season, to play up a level at tournament time

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Things are in a state of flux for Salem's varsity boys hockey team as the 2017-18 season looms, but the Rocks expect to again be a highly competitive bunch on the ice.

Exactly where that ice will be located is something head coach Ryan Ossenmacher and company are figuring out on the fly.

The Rocks won't be playing their games at longtime home Plymouth Cultural Center, but their future arena (Plymouth Arctic Pond) remains a couple of months from being renovated.

That means Ossenmacher and his squad are grabbing practice ice wherever they can get it (Redford Arena and PCC) and booking early home games at USA Hockey Arena and Canton Arctic Edge.

"Right now, they're saying the first week of January," Ossenmacher said about the anticipated move-in date at Arctic Pond. "So for us, we're bouncing around between rinks, primarily the Cultural Center and Redford, which is fine. I mean, this is what these guys are used to. Most travel programs that these guys are coming from don't have their own locker rooms. ... It's going to

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Salem forward Colin Goleniak (right), shown from a game last season, is one of the Rocks' big guns on offense. KELLY DOBSON

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BIG TEN

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Canton resident who transferred to Divine Child from Novi Detroit Catholic Central during his sophomore season. "So yeah, this is awesome, this is great for the community. It's great for the program."

Nothing fazes them

Having two coveted D-I recruits on the same roster is something Falcons head coach John Filiatraut (former coach at Livonia Churchill) knows doesn't happen on a frequent basis.

Even rarer is having two student-athletes with the drive, football IQ and capability that Day and Hutchinson bring to the gridiron or weight room.

"From a coaching standpoint, when you have such quality kids, it makes life easier," Filiatraut said. "They can do the things you ask them to do. They're terrific high school football players. They're willing and able, which is the key thing."

"A lot of times, we ask a lot of kids in high school football that they're sometimes not able to do. These guys can do it. That makes coaching them easier and kind of makes our team go."

Filiatraut stressed that he doesn't have a crystal ball. But he envisions both players doing special things on the football field after leaving Divine Child.

"I think both of those kids have success in front of him," he said. "Now what does that mean? I don't know. In terms of putting a cap on it, are these guys NFL guys? Are they college starters?"

But they're all about the Falcons now, catalysts for a team that touts its family culture. At the



Dearborn Divine Child tight end Aidan Hutchinson reels in one of Theo Day's passes during a playoff game against Redford Thurston. He will play college football at Michigan. TOM BEAUDOIN

end of practices, Filiatraut brings all of his players in to put their hands together and yell "family" in unison.

"We have shirts that say 'family' on it, too," Hutchinson said. "That's what we stress a lot in this program, to show our unity as a football program and to show our togetherness."

Day nodded as his friend and teammate talked about Divine Child's brotherhood.

"We're all really close. We're all in here in the summer lifting together, we're all running together," Day said. "We're all working really hard for the same goal. So it's good having them alongside of me."

Looking back

Their path getting from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth to U-M and MSU went through Dearborn.

Yet Filiatraut couldn't have envisioned four years ago something as big as two Falcons sign-

ing together Dec. 20 (the scheduled date for signing early).

For starters, Day was a freshman at Catholic Central and Hutchinson was an ordinary ninth-grade football player.

"When (Hutchinson) showed up as a ninth-grader, he was probably six feet tall and maybe 180 pounds," Filiatraut said. "He looked like every other kid. By the time he was a sophomore, he was probably 6-4, 220. And by the time he was a junior, he was 6-6, 225."

"He's really just grown a ton. Now he's playing at about 6-6, 250. He works at it. He's got to eat a lot. He lifts religiously. And he gets after it, he wants to be a great player as well."

Hutchinson — following the U-M football footsteps of his dad Chris — also is as versatile and driven as players can be.

"Aidan talked about moving (to) tight end in the spring and I was against it," Filiatraut

said. "He was a terrific tackle, a great tackle, maybe the best tackle in the state of Michigan. He is an outstanding offensive lineman."

"And so when he came and said he wanted to play tight end, I thought, 'Why would I move my best kid?' But he would be our best player at a number of positions."

With the Wolverines, Hutchinson projects to play on the defensive line.

Nobody works harder

Day takes a while to get to know. But he has a work ethic second to none and a will to succeed that is just as strong, Filiatraut added.

"Theo's a quiet kid. There was some 'getting to know you' period," Filiatraut said. "He's very reserved, so he's not an easy guy to get to know. But as he's been here and loosened up, he's got a good set of friends here."

"He's been great for



Quarterback Theo Day, the picture of confidence for the Falcons, will now take his talents to Michigan State University. TOM BEAUDOIN

us. Terrific leader and he's just grown into his position as well. He's really, really competitive. He wants to be the best player he can be. I'm not sure I've been around a kid in 21 or 22 years who's worked harder than Theo Day."

Once practices are over, Day sticks around to throw additional passes.

"After practice, we have to get him off the field because he's throwing extra routes. We worry about his arm because he throws the ball so often," Filiatraut said.

Endless effort

According to Day, expected to graduate early and begin in early January at MSU, the extra tosses and reps are essential to being as sharp and confident as possible when orchestrating a Divine Child scoring drive.

"You got to be confident out there, you got to be tough and make plays," Day said. "You

just got to be confident in yourself."

Day pointed out that the coaching staff's collective work ethic is a definite motivator for players to follow.

"They're game-planning every single day, they're watching hours and hours of film," he said. "You know, they really work hard with us, so that really helps the confidence when you go out there on game day."

For Day and Hutchinson, their game days as Divine Child football players are done. But there promises to be many more of them waiting in East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

And both can't wait, even if it means being rivals for a while.

"I did," Day said, asked about which Falcon made the better college choice.

"I think everyone knows I did," Hutchinson added with a chuckle.

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SALEM

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be a fantastic facility when it's done and a good home for us."

Rocks opt up

And when the postseason rolls around, the Rocks will compete in Division 1 instead of D2 — for a change of pace, perhaps, at least slightly motivated to not have to play campus rival Plymouth head-to-head with a chance to play in the quarterfinals on the line. Salem opted up for a minimum of two years, per MHSAA stipulations.

"It's just a different thing, to change it up," Ossenmacher said. "I think they (Wildcats) have been in our pre-region every year I've been here (11 years), with the exception of one."



Salem defenseman Ryan Boyd. TIM SMITH

Both the Rocks (14-10-2 last year) and Wildcats have played in the quarterfinals at Yost Arena in recent seasons and now both will have the chance to qualify in D1 and D2, respectively.

Salem will probably have a few bumps in the road during the early

portion of the schedule, with the team losing several standouts to graduation and younger players growing into their roles.

"We graduated 60 goals, we return something like 30 goals," Ossenmacher said. "Goal scoring might be a little bit of an issue until we figure that out."

"But I think it's a well-rounded group. The ceiling's pretty high."

Solid group returns

Although the team lost forwards Matt Schaumburger (41 points), Marty Mills (11 goals 11 assists) and Joey Driscoll (eight goals, 10 assists) to graduation, it still has junior Colin Goleniak (19 goals, 14 assists) and senior Tyler German (20 points) in the lineup.

Ossenmacher also can rely on "steady" forwards Martino Zaia,

Matthew Homrich and physical Logan Sowa, as well as sophomore winger Alex Schaumburger (Matt's brother), "arguably one of the most skilled players we've had."

The younger Schaumburger tipped his cap to Matt for having a "better shot than me, but I think I'm faster and (have) better hands. My edges are a little bit better. But he's smarter and a better defensive player than me."

Salem should be a sound defensive team, led by senior blue liners Ryan Boyd, Sean McCormack and Chase Kee.

Augmenting them will be "highly skilled" sophomores Josh German and Anthony Gattoni.

"We return three seniors and then (junior goalie) Austin Goleniak, who was our starter in net during the playoffs

last year, is back as well," Ossenmacher said. "We've got a good blend of new and old. It will be the smallest team we've ever had from a physicality or size standpoint."

"But the game of hockey has changed. You can get away with being a smaller team the way the game's called now."

Chomping at the bit

One player to watch is Boyd, who played only three games in 2016-17 before breaking his leg in February. He will be one of the team's captains, along with Tyler German and Kee.

"I'm definitely a lot better," Boyd said. "I've been doing physical therapy all summer to get that back and healthy, so I should be good to go for the season."

Boyd said he will bring a defense-first mindset to the team.

"I'm not going to jump up into the play and score many goals this year," he said. "I'm more of a stay back and make sure the other team doesn't score kind of defenseman."

And the wait to move into Arctic Pond, to feature first-class training facilities and a larger dressing room, is worth smiling about.

"Oh yeah, the guys can't wait," Boyd said. "It's supposed to be a way bigger locker room, new workout facilities and stuff like that. It should be awesome. I'm really excited."

According to the Michigan Hockey Hub website, Salem opens the season at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, against Brighton at Wallace Ice Arena in Bloomfield Hills.

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HARRISON

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ecstatic that school administrators and the MHSAA were able to work out a suitable solution.

"I feel like during that time (when the program's status was in doubt), I was just honestly hoping I could finish out my senior year with a bang and be successful my senior year," said Perkins, who also plays soccer, volleyball and tennis for the Hawks.

"I was really appreciative of the administration that they were able to send in their request to the MHSAA to see if we could play at either Farmington or North," she added. "I'm really thankful that the MHSAA allowed us to play."

The Farmington Public Schools district has combined athletic pro-



Harrison students Olivia Perkins and Nevada Hargress will play for the Farmington High School girls basketball team this season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

grams in a few other sports — girls and boys swimming, boys and girls bowling, gymnastics and hockey — based on

MHSAA guidelines. MHSAA restrictions would not allow the Harrison girls basketball team to combine with

another FPS team. "We researched a number of different options and sought advice on how to word our pet-

ition for the best results," Anderson said. "Because we still have almost 900 students, the idea of completely merging with one of the other two high schools was not likely to be approved."

"Sometimes there are trends in the interests of kids and sometimes merging makes sense. What is different about basketball is that it is a sport that is generally more popular," he added. "I do know our seniors are a little disappointed they cannot play together, but they are happy they have the option to play with full teams."

Hawks trio to play elsewhere

Besides Perkins, a 5-foot-8 power forward, two other Harrison players will continue their varsity basketball career at a neighboring school.

Senior Nevada Hargress will join Perkins at Farmington High School,

a member of the OAA Blue Division, where they will play for new head coach Laura Guzman. Harrison senior Khyra King will play at North Farmington, an OAA Red Division member, for longtime head coach Jeff Simpson.

"It wasn't, like, the best option because they did split us up, but I get to play basketball at the end of the day and I appreciate that," said Perkins, a member of Harrison's International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. "I was really thankful that it turned out this way. I can still be in the IB program, which will help me in college, and I can still play basketball."

Perkins hopes to continue playing basketball at the college level and is seriously considering Case Western Reserve in Ohio. She has also looked at Heidelberg (Ohio) University.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia United taking positives out of first game

New team making history despite 5-1 loss

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When Mackenzie Compton wore her brand new Livonia United hockey jersey in school Monday, she had some explaining to do about what it represented.

"Nobody knows about it; none of the teachers knew about it," said Compton, a Livonia Churchill student. "I had to explain it to so many people."

In a nutshell, a two-year quest to form a girls hockey team in the Livonia Public Schools district bore fruit with the squad's official debut in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Despite a 5-1 loss to Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett before a nice, welcoming crowd at Eddie Edgar Arena, the event itself was one the players and coaches will never forget.

"It was absolutely amazing, because I've been wanting to play high school hockey forever," Compton said. "And there's nothing for girls to do around here once you get to a certain age."

"So I was so excited and it was just amazing to be able to go out there and do something like this for the first time."

Head coach Janine Martinez was the catalyst for the team becoming



Livonia United players gather around their net before the start of Monday's game — the first in program history. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ing a reality and it was fitting that her daughter, Corrin, scored the first-ever Livonia United goal (not counting a recent scrimmage in Port Huron).

Down 5-0 in the final 30 seconds, forward Beth White (Livonia Stevenson) wheeled into the Knights' end and flipped a shot that was knocked down by goalie Eve Bournias.

The rebound try by Ashley Harlock (Churchill) also was stopped, but not controlled. Corrin Martinez (Stevenson) arrived in time to slide the loose puck inside the left post with 14.6 seconds to go.

"You know what? We talked about it in the locker room," the younger Martinez said. "We

might have lost, but we won in our hearts. We won. We had fun doing that. (The goal) was for my team. I did it all for my team."

She then smiled through her face mask and added that "it was awesome to know we made history tonight."

What a day

Coach Martinez said it was a good finish to a day that began with all 11 players (six from Stevenson, four from Churchill, one from Franklin) wearing their uniforms in school.

"They were extremely excited and proud to put the jersey on and it's nice to have quite a few people here," she said. "They had a lot of teammates' support. ... I actually had

a couple girls come up to me that said they want to play next year."

The Knights had the edge in experience and overall skating ability and that, ultimately, was too much for Livonia United to overcome.

Despite an outstanding game by Livonia United goalie Maddie Marciw (Churchill), who faced a number of quality shots, GPWUL built a 3-0 lead after two periods and upped that to 4-0 on Kendall Zinn's third goal of the game with 7:49 remaining.

According to White, who hit the goal post in the second period and was a standout for the home team, the first contest wasn't as bad as the score might indicate. "We skated really well



Stickhandling into the University-Liggett zone is Livonia United forward Beth White. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

for, like, the first-year players we have that are just trying to play hockey," White said. "I think we did a really good job for our first game and we can always build off of it."

The late goal will help lift the team's collective spirits, she added, "and gave us a kind of positive thing to go off of."

Here are several other takeaways:

THE FIRST SHOT

Compton took a shot from the right circle just over two minutes into the game that was turned aside by Bournias.

GOOD ON THE PK

Livonia United killed off all three minor penalties, with solid goalkeeping from Marciw and good defensive clears getting the puck out of danger.

COME ON OUT

White added that it would be good for a couple of more players to sign up with the team.

"I think it is do-able, because there's a lot of people that just don't

know about the program yet," White said. "Just by getting it out, by inviting people to these games and having people wear our (Livonia United) shirts around school, it will help (the word) get out and have a couple more people join."

VIEW FROM THE STANDS

One of the player's moms liked what the team brought to the ice for it being the very first contest.

"I think they played great. They played as hard as they could," Melissa Compton-Hope said.

WHO'S WHO

Livonia United's debut roster includes forwards Compton, Martinez (goal), White (assist), Harlock (assist), Kamryn Murray (Franklin) and Allie Metiva (Stevenson); blue liners Valerie White (Stevenson), Caroline LaPointe (Stevenson), Ezra Leannais (Churchill) and Sophie Temkow (Stevenson); and goalie Marciw.

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Ten Birmingham-area students make their college choice

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A trio of Bloomfield Hills Marian student-athletes inked letters of intent Nov. 8 on National Signing Day.

Seniors Lauren Biglin (Michigan State University for swimming), Maggie DePorre (Hillsdale College for volleyball) and Lauren Wenzel (University of Notre Dame for volleyball) all made their college intentions official in a brief ceremony at the school.

Wenzel figures to play as a middle blocker for the Fighting Irish. She has garnered all-league, all-region, all-Catholic, all-state and JVA All-America honors during her Mustangs career.

Wenzel is a member of Marian's National Honor Society and, along with her sister Lilly, spearheaded a textbook donation drive for Hamtramck High School. She has also coached in a youth soccer league.

"Academically, I feel prepared to step into a college classroom with a solid foundation," said Wenzel, who plans to study business or pre-law. "Great coaching helped me prepare for next year."

DePorre plans to study pre-law at Hillsdale, where she hopes to play as a hitter. DePorre is also a member of Marian's varsity soccer, track and field and bowling teams. She has landed all-league and all-Catholic honors in volleyball and all-region, all-county and all-state honors in track.

"Marian has equipped me with the knowledge to do well in college," said DePorre, who is also a member of Marian's student government. "Especially, Marian ath-



Five Country Day seniors, (sitting, from left) John Malcolm III, Andrew Jonna, Hunter Hickner, Kaela Web and Maxine Moore, recently signed national letters of intent to play college athletics.



Marian seniors (from left) Maggie DePorre, Lauren Biglin and Lauren Wenzel signed national letters of intent earlier this month.

letics has introduced me to amazing coaches and players. All of my coaches have challenged and pushed me to achieve things I never thought I could."

Biglin, who plans to study physical therapy, will join the Spartans swim team as a freestyler. While at Marian, she has earned all-state and All-America honors. Biglin is a senior captain of the Marian swim and dive team who won the 2016 Most Valuable Player award.

Biglin also received the Work Ethic and Dedication Award from Motor City Aquatics. She is a

member of Marian's Ambassador Club and the National Honor Society.

"Marian gave me tools and confidence to accomplish my dreams and goals, both in the pool and in the classroom," Biglin said.

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart had a pair of student-athletes who announced their college intentions — Kelleigh Keating and Caroline Szydowski.

Keating is a multi-sport standout who plans to play lacrosse next year

at Stanford University. In addition to being named all-Midwest, Keating is a two-time all-league and all-state player. She is a four-year varsity player in lacrosse, field hockey and basketball for the Gazelles.

Keating recently was named Sacred Heart's Wendy's High School Heisman scholar-athlete.

"I would like to thank my family for their unending support, sacrifices and love throughout this journey," said Keating, who intends to major in economics or pre-med. "I would also like to thank my many coaches for giving me the right



Sacred Heart seniors Caroline Szydowski (left) and Kelleigh Keating will continue their athletic careers at Kentucky and Stanford, respectively.

opportunities and pouring into me as a person and a player.

"Additionally, Sacred Heart has helped shape me into a Godly woman of character and strength," she added. "Lastly, I would like to thank my Stanford coaches for believing in a kid from Michigan and for giving me this opportunity to continue playing the game I love."

Szydowski plans to swim at the University of Kentucky while pursuing a pre-med major.

A distance swimmer from Oakland Township, Szydowski swims for the Rochester-based Oakland Live Y'ers, where she has trained for 14 years. She was a Junior National swimmer by age 13 and continued to attain Junior National status all four years while attending Sacred Heart. She was a finalist in the 1,500-freestyle at last March's

Speedo Sectionals.

"I knew (Kentucky) was the best fit for me the first time I visited, with its great academics, beautiful campus and strong traditions," Szydowski said. "The team culture, family environment and elite coaching staff inspire me to the best. I can't wait to start my life as a Wildcat with such an amazing and talented team."

Following are student-athletes from other area schools who signed national letters of intent:

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY: Hunter Hickner (Waldorf University for hockey); Andrew Jonna (Albion College for swimming); John Malcolm III (Vanderbilt University for baseball); Maxine Moore (Western Michigan University for basketball); and Kaela Webb (Providence University of basketball).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Coaching Lady Ocelots is a 'family' affair

For married couple, coaching college volleyball together is a true joy

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After four years of marriage, Shannon and Ron Pummill are, safe to say, not getting tired of each other.

To the contrary. The 2009 Garden City High School graduates arguably spend more time together than most married couples. The Pummills coach Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

"No, never, never see too much of him," said Shannon Pummill, the third-year head coach of the Lady Ocelots whose last name was Pietruszka when she met her future husband in eighth grade. "I'm in charge, but I do run things by him. He's really good giving input on lineups and letting me know who he thinks is doing well, who's excelling in their position and when we need to make a change."

Ron Pummill, her first-year assistant coach, smiled when asked whether it ever is too much of a good thing to also work right next to his spouse.

"You know what? Never enough time with this woman," he said. "I fell in love. And got an opportunity to coach. We just get stronger and better. Each season, we get better as coaches and I think we get better as a married couple."



Lady Ocelots women's volleyball coaches Shannon and Ron Pummill talk to players during a timeout at a recent game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Taking the family angle farther, Shannon's cousin Courtney (who played at Livonia Churchill) is also an assistant coach, primarily working with the hitters.

Kitchen talk

The subject of Schoolcraft volleyball is a hot topic around the kitchen table, too. But the Pummills don't mind.

"We don't drink coffee, but we talk about

volleyball every day and every night," said Shannon, 26. "He's a tea drinker, for sure. Yerba Mate is the only tea he likes, though."

Ron, 26, said they do have some away time, if you will. That's when he works his "day job" as athletic director and part-time physical education teacher at Taylor Prep High School.

"She is definitely in charge of the volleyball.

I'm here to help in any way that she needs, any capacity that she needs," he said. "So, yeah, she is definitely in charge."

"But we talk about it a lot. Obviously, we both work during the day. We come straight here to the gym, spend a lot of time here. When we leave, we usually go to eat, we're talking Schoolcraft volleyball."

"We're going to leave here tonight and go

recruit (at a Livonia Ladywood game) and try to get some girls from other schools. That's the nice thing. When you have a partner with the same interests, vested in the same kind of things, we're both about it. So it's really cool to have somebody you can bounce ideas off of."

She trusts him

Shannon said it is great to have Ron as a

trusted confidante when discussing Lady Ocelots volleyball.

"I trust his opinion and feedback," she said. "He helps make decisions every day. It kind of just fell into place. He started off driving (the team bus) for us, trying to take a little of the heavy weight off me on bus trips. I mean, he got more knowledgeable and became a right-hand man."

Sports have always been huge in the Pummill and Pietruszka households, from playing them to now holding the clipboard on the sidelines.

"I grew up and just remembered it was tough to remember the seasons," Ron said. "You just remember it as what sport you're playing that time. From going from golf practice with my dad as a child, then getting to work my way up and play in high school and then college (Schoolcraft, then Concordia University).

"And now getting to coach several sports, both at the high school level and now at the college level, it's a gift. I love it, it's what I've always wanted to do."

Especially when he is able to do those things with Shannon right next to him.

"I transferred over to Garden City half way through eighth-grade year," he said with a grin. "I took Algebra I in middle school. I walked into class and that beautiful girl was sitting in the front row with some Garden City softball sweatpants. The rest is history."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Mercy moves on in tourney after victory over Anchor Bay

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Lauren Hunter has felt the sting of three consecutive heartbreaking state tournament losses.

In each of the past three seasons, Hunter and her Farmington Mercy volleyball teammates lost late in the tourney to the eventual Class A state champion. The last two years, it was to Novi in the regional title game. Three years ago, it was to Romeo in the state quarterfinal.

Things have taken a wonderful turn for the Marlins this season.

Mercy advanced to the semifinals thanks to a satisfying four-set triumph in the quarterfinals Tuesday over New Baltimore Anchor Bay at West Bloomfield High School. After splitting the first two sets, the Marlins won two straight sets for a 25-17, 21-25, 26-24, 25-19 triumph.

Mercy headed to the Class A semifinals in Battle Creek, where it was scheduled to face rival Bloomfield Hills Marian. Hunter, one of two seniors on the team, is delighted to still be playing.

"This feeling is unlike anything, because when I was a freshman (the state quarterfinal) is the game that we lost to against Romeo," Hunter said. "I've never been to Battle Creek and this is just amazing to go here in my final season. I know all of us are so happy to be going. We are going to make the best of it and play our best."

Mercy 'ecstatic' with victory



Mercy senior outside hitter Lauren Hunter delivers one of her 14 kills past a pair of Anchor Bay defenders. MARTY BUDNER

Although it owns 15 straight district titles, this year marks the first time since 2010 Mercy has reached the state semifinals. Mercy lost in the state championship game that year to Marian.

Veteran head coach Loretta Vogel couldn't be happier for her young squad.

"We're just ecstatic," Vogel said. "I think it's quite a compliment that you can get to (the final four). To extend your season and be in the final four is wonderful for us at Mercy."

Against Anchor Bay, the Marlins (50-7-1) came

out like they were headed to a sixth straight playoff sweep after controlling the first set. They went up 2-0 and 8-2 and finished with an eight-point win in a set which they never trailed.

The next three sets were more competitive. The Tars, led by senior hitting star Marian Mallon, survived a close battle to win the second set. It marked the first time Mercy had dropped a postseason set this year.

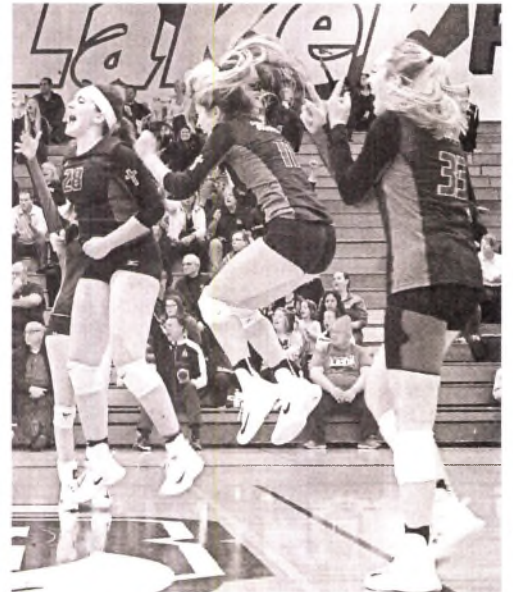
The pivotal third set was just as close and featured 17 ties and nine lead changes. Mercy was up 19-16 before the teams

were tied at 20-20, 22-22 and 24-24. The Marlins captured the last two points on kills by sophomore hitter Jess Mruzik and Hunter.

The fourth set was close early before Mercy surged to a 19-13 lead. The Marlins won six of the next 12 points for the win.

"I think we were just precise (in the third set)," said Vogel, whose team beat the Tars twice during the regular season. "I think we realized on serve-serve where we wanted the ball to go and I think that made a difference."

"And I think what was



Mercy's (from left) Julia Bishop, Maddie Malecki and Jess Mruzik celebrate the winning point in the quarterfinal win over Anchor Bay. MARTY BUDNER



Freshman setter Julia Bishop prepares to serve against Anchor Bay during the Class A quarterfinal match. MARTY BUDNER

crucial, right when we had the big transition, we started hitting our middles," she added. "And that changed everything. I thought that was big."

Mruzik finished with a

team-high 17 kills and Hunter contributed 14 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore libero Kayla Shields finished with 10 digs and junior Grace Kane had three aces.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Blazers scorch Trojans to move on to Class B semis

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With a trip to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena within grasp, Livonia Ladywood came out with extra crunch and punch in Tuesday's Class D volleyball state quarterfinal at New Boston Huron.

The Blazers showed no mercy against Livonia Clarenceville with a dominant three-set victory — 25-11, 25-8, 25-6.

"We've all worked so hard. We've come a long way to get to the final four and push up every game," junior right-side hitter Mikayla Kuphal said. "This is a great accomplishment for our team."

Although the Trojans didn't help their cause with some errant serves and other unforced errors, the final outcome wasn't in doubt almost from the opening serve.

Ladywood (23-5-1) broke out to an 8-1 lead in the opening set and delivered throughout the match with thumping kills and all-out defense, leaving Clarenceville players with few places to go with their own kill attempts.

Sparkling the Blazers' attack were juniors Madison Benoit and Madeline Hudson, with 10 kills each, with senior Natasha Strzelewicz, who added nine kills.

"They are on fire, Madison and Madeline," Ladywood head coach Kathryn Chinavare said. "I call them 'Mads.' They're great."

"It's hard not to want to feed the ball to them



Smacking the ball over the outstretched arms of Clarenceville players is Ladywood's Mikayla Kuphal. TOM BEAUDOIN

all the time. Their energy's always there, they swing as hard as they can at all times. I'm blessed with a really great team."

Whenever the Trojans tried to climb back into the contest, waiting on the other side of the net was a Ladywood defense led by senior libero Reese Moschetta (11

digs). "Reese is one of the best high school liberos I've ever seen," Chinavare said. "So I always count on Reese to be in the back row. She's a star; she's phenomenal."

The Blazers also had the upper hand from the service stripe, with Benoit, Moschetta and sen-

ior Danielle Lamoureux tallying four aces apiece.

Clarenceville, regional champion and in a quarterfinal for the first time since 1997, could not mount much momentum despite some spurts of positive momentum.

Junior outside hitters Michelle Marzolo and Audrey Owens provided



Setting the ball for a teammate is Ladywood's Samantha Serra. TOM BEAUDOIN

some offense for the Trojans (13-15-2) with six and four kills, respectively.

Helping the Clarenceville cause with nine assists and four digs was senior setter Erica Berteira.

"It was a huge deal to our program to make it this far," Trojans head coach Wendy Merschman said. "It took 20 years to get this far. I think it's a good thing."

Merschman emphasized that the Trojans essentially ran up against a Ladywood wall; "They were just stronger than us tonight."

Following are other takeaways:

NET GAINS

Although the Blazers were clearly in control against Clarenceville, they were the recipient of several freebies. In the opening set, the Trojans sent three serves directly into the net to hand points over to Ladywood.

POWER COMBO

Although Hudson often was a front-row nemesis as far as the Trojans were concerned, Ladywood's combination of setter Monique Lamoureux to Strzelewicz repeatedly resulted in spike kills.

HAT TIP

Clarenceville seniors Bertera, Mia Daniels, Londen Green and Allison Lay closed out their high school careers with the defeat.

But the Trojans coaching staff, including Merschman, Katie Tuomi and Katie Blacker, will next season welcome back the 11 other players from Tuesday's roster.

"They learned how to win at the end of the season," Merschman said, "and they'll carry that (experience) through to the next season. I think that will help them."

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JACOB KELBERT

FOOTBALL SOPHOMORE LIVONIA FRANKLIN PATRIOTS

Being the son of a coach, Jacob Kelbert has been around Livonia Franklin football all his life.

The sophomore starting quarterback for the Division 2-Region 2 champs started out as a ball boy for his dad Chris, now in the midst of a serious playoff run in his 17th season as the Patriots' head coach. Meanwhile, current teammates John and Mario DiPonio, along with Cal Fournier, are current varsity starters as well and were sons of former Patriots' football assistants John DiPonio (now the school's assistant principal) and Matt Fournier (the varsity baseball coach).

"It was definitely a very crazy and unbelievable feeling of winning a regional championship after we had been ball boys our whole lives," said Kelbert, who was the top vote-getter for Hometown Life's Prep Athlete of the Week. "We've been coaches kids our whole lives. And growing up and watching everybody win all these championships and I was thinking one day, 'Wow, this is going to be us,' and it came true."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound signal caller garnered a total of 27,703 votes (53.9 percent),

while Harrison-Farmington swimmer Madeline Greaves was runner-up with 22,458 votes (43.2 percent).

WHAT HE DID: In last week's improbable 31-29 playoff win Nov. 10 at home over Flushing, Kelbert ran for a team-best 137 yards on nine carries and one touchdown, while also completing 8-of-12 passes for 147 yards and two TDs. But it was his 55-yard scramble run with just over a minute left that set up Brad Gibson's game-winning field goal and put the Patriots into the state semifinals for the second time



in three years. Franklin travels Saturday to Grand Ledge to face unbeaten Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central. (Game time is 1 p.m.)

For the season, Kelbert has posted respectable numbers for a 10th-grader completing 80 passes (59 percent) for 1,101 yards and nine TDs, while rushing for an additional 742 yards and seven TDs.

"Every week I come into practice I'm learning new stuff because every week it's new opponent and every opponent is better than they were the week before," Kelbert said.

"And so I have to push myself to be better, and knowing that I'm the starting quarterback, I can't be lackadaisical on the field and I have to set an example because if I'm not going 110 percent the rest of the team won't."

Kelbert credits the team's 10-2 record and eight-game winning streak to his blocking unit up front.

"They've definitely come a long way," he said. "Everyone on the offensive line has switched positions somewhat at some point during the season, and to get everything click when it matters the most is what we were looking for. And it's been going really well."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Record-breaking Wildcats ready for Division 1 state finals

Tim Smith

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was well-represented this weekend at the Division 1 girls swimming and diving state finals at Oakland University.

All three high schools sent healthy contingents to the finals. Following is the breakdown:

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth was represented by school record holders in the 200-yard medley relay.

That relay team, composed of juniors Vy Nguyen and Kelsey Pereford and sophomores Regan Pereford and Liz Breda, set the record with a time of 1:52.53.

Nguyen also qualified in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.60), while the two Perefords and Breda — along with senior captain Grace MacLellan — qualified in the 200 free medley (1:42.78).

The Wildcats were also represented by senior captain Alyssa Crisp and junior Ellie Kendall, both as alternates.

SALEM

Led by stellar senior diver Camille Burt (who recently signed to compete at Division I West Virginia), seeded third with 426.30 points, the Rocks had a nice group taking part at Oakland University.

Serena Hao qualified in the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke and as part of the 200 and 400 free relays.

Sabine Bradford qualified in the 100 freestyle and 200 and 400 free



These Plymouth High School swimmers were set to compete at the Division 1 state finals (from left): Alyssa Crisp, Ellie Kendall, Grace MacLellan, Vy Nguyen, Kelsey Pereford, Regan Pereford and Liz Breda. EMILY WEINER

relays.

Also qualifying in both relays (either as regulars or alternates) were Jenna Chen, Morgan Davis, Sarah Griffiths and Morgan Cummings.

Elisabeth Repp (200 free relay), Lauren Bradford (200 free relay), Anapaula Silva (400 free relay) and Krittika Banerjee (400 free relay) made the cut as well.

CANTON

Likewise, a number of Canton performers are headed to Oakland University.

The regular lineup for the 200 medley and 400

free relays includes Jessica Clark, Jenna Leppke, Sophia Balow and Sadie Miller. Available as alternates in both were Elena Balow, Ellie Caruso and Leah Kolb.

Canton also had swimmers in the 200 free relay, including Caruso, Kolb, Elena Balow, Miller, Sophia Balow, Clark and Leppke.

Clark earned a berth both in the 100 backstroke and 200 IM, while Elena Balow and Leppke also qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Defense again leads Marian to a state tournament victory

Marty Budner

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Bloomfield Hills Marian traveled Tuesday to Saginaw to face Midland in a Class A volleyball state quarterfinal match.

Midland had the shorter ride and the larger fan base. Marian had the longer ride home, but it was the happier one.

The Mustangs continued on their express route through the state tournament with an impressive three-set sweep of the Chemics, 25-21, 25-10, 25-21. Marian has played six state tournament matches and has only dropped one set.

Marian advanced to the state semifinals for the first time since 2013. That year, the Mustangs played for the state championship and lost to East Grand Rapids.

"I've coached high school volleyball for seven years now and have never won a district title, so this has been like a crazy ride," first-year Marian head coach Lauren Duquette. "(Saginaw was) 15 minutes from where they were from and two hours from where we were from. Our fan base wasn't quite as big as theirs, but I was impressed that we were able to maintain our composure.

"I keep thinking I'm going to wake up from this dream. To me, it's not

even making it to the final four. I'm just so impressed how these girls have changed off the court, changed their mental toughness and bought into a whole new system offensively and defensively when I came here this year.

"They just work so hard and I would have been satisfied two games ago," she added. "I've really been impressed with how they've played."

Marian (43-12-1) had a semifinal date with Catholic League rival Mercy (50-7-1), scheduled for Thursday in Battle Creek. Mercy advanced with a four-set victory over New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

The Marlins defeated the Mustangs in their two previous meetings this season, including the Catholic League championship match. The last time these teams met this far along in the state tournament was 2010, when Marian defeated Mercy in the state championship game.

Ironically, Duquette, a former star at Oakland University, was to face the first volleyball coach she ever had in veteran Mercy head coach Loretta Vogel.

"My first club coach ever was Loretta, when she was with the VIP team way, way back, probably when I was 10 years old," Duquette said. "I've know her for a

long time. It's a small world."

Marian, like it has all season, played a strong defensive match against Midland.

After struggling a bit in the first set, the Mustangs were able to take control in the second with a 15-point victory. They cruised home in the third set.

Marian was led by senior Lauren Wenzel, who finished with 17 kills and hit for a sparkling .500 average. Junior outside hitter Sarah Cavanaugh contributed a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs.

Senior Maggie DePorre added 11 kills and one block, while junior libero Mallory Lynch had an outstanding match with three aces and 19 digs.

As usual, junior setter Maddie Dowd ran the offense with precision by logging 39 assists to go with five kills.

"In the beginning of the match, I was disappointed in our defense," Duquette said. "I feel like that's what sort of kept us going this far in the state tournament. Once we started getting active defensively and making plays, that's when we got comfortable."

"We served well. We watched film and on them and that helps," she added. "But we just really wanted to get them out of their system."



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City of Livonia – 10/16/2017 1,835th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, and McIntyre.
Absent: None.
#334-17 Approving minutes of the 1,834th Regular Meeting of the Council – October 2, 2017.
Items were received and filed for the information of the City Council.
#335-17 Accepting bid for replacement chairs for the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library.
#336-17 Authorizing a contract addendum for replacement lighting Ford Fields 1-3.
#337-17 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford F550 Trucks built as Swap Loaders, for the Water and Sewer Department / Department of Public Works.
#338-17 Accepting the quote of D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. for emergency repair on a water main pressure reducing valve near Seven Mile and Newburgh Road.
#339-17 Accepting the quote of MacAllister Rentals for rental pumps used to bypass sanitary sewer prior and during the emergency sanitary sewer repair on Ellen Street.
#340-17 Authorizing restoration of 1971 Diamond Reo Towing Wrecker.
#341-17 Approving the Annual Budget for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2018.
#342-17 Establishing a tax levy of 4.0337 mills, of the taxable valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2017, and ending November 30, 2018, as well as various additional levies to support the proposed budget.
Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 1 of the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia, and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as "The City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance" by adding Section 3.____ thereto. (Petition 2016-08-01-06),
#343-17 Referring Petition 2017-08-02-09 to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.
#344-17 Approving the assessment roll for Washington Park Site Condominiums.
#345-17 Approving the Proposed Special Assessment Street Lighting Project, to determine necessity for the Mystic Creek Site Condominiums.
#346-17 Directing request to waive the sidewalk requirement for 34014 Orangelawn be placed on the agenda for the next Regular Meeting of the Livonia City Council.
#347-17 Authorizing an additional contribution to the Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("VEBA") Fund in the amount of \$933,911.00 to reduce the unfunded liability for retiree health care.
#348-17 Directing that a closed Committee of the Whole meeting be held, re: Estate of Rita Hughes, Deceased v City of Livonia.
#349-17 Suspending the rules for procedure.
#350-17 Discharging from the Committee of the Whole from further consideration of Council Resolution 74-17, regarding the subject matter of the Comprehensive Master Plan, and does hereby determine to take no further action with regards to this matter.
#351-17 Authorizing a lease agreement at 9071 Louise and 9061 Louise.
#352-17 Approving the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting.
#353-17 Accepting the bid of Nagle Paving Company for paving of the Greenmead parking lot.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk
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RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 5, Chapter VII and Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, the Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 4.0447 mills, of the taxable valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the next fiscal year commencing December 1, 2017, and ending November 30, 2018, and in addition to the above amount which is authorized to be levied for general purposes by the Charter of the City of Livonia:

- (a) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.8066 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police protection and law enforcement personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (b) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.2101 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for fire, police and snow removal personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (c) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.6954 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police and fire personnel and support costs in the City of Livonia, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (d) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.8066 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for library services, supplies and facilities in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (e) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.0126 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to the provisions of Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1925, for the purpose of advertising, exploiting and making known the industrial and commercial advantages of the City of Livonia and to establish projects for the purpose of encouraging immigration to, and increasing the trade, business and industries of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount which is authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (f) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.7833 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for a community recreation center, recreation personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities and operations; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (g) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.8868 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing revenues for repairing or replacing public roads, sidewalks and trees in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (h) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.4986 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for the City's community transit program and capital improvements within the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (i) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.2493 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for staff, maintenance and support costs for cultural and senior services in the City, including the Livonia Senior Center and Greenmead Historical Village, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (j) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.4201 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to the provisions of Act 298 of the Public Acts of 1917, for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining and administering the Municipal Garbage Collection System and/or plant for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (k) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.4962 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of defraying City expenses and liabilities for the collection and disposal activities required for curbside recycling and yard waste composting programs; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (l) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.0000 mills to be due and payable on July 1, 2015, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property located within the Plymouth Road Development Authority, subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, for the purpose of providing revenues for obligations and operations of the Plymouth Road Development Authority, in addition to the amount levied for general municipal purposes. This millage shall be effective provided that all residential properties are first removed from the Plymouth Road Development Authority district;

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation, City Assessor, City Treasurer and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution, and the City Clerk is hereby requested to immediately transmit copies of this resolution to each of the above offices.

CITY OF LIVONIA

ADOPTED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018

GENERAL FUND (101)	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
PROPERTY TAXES	402-446	\$31,475,899
LICENSES & PERMITS	465-519	2,616,200
GRANTS	528	106,400
STATE SHARED REVENUES	567-581	10,436,450
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	602-651	4,306,381
FINES & FORFEITS	656	4,566,000
INTEREST & RENTS	665-669	2,876,416
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	680-698	1,886,522
TOTAL REVENUES		\$58,270,268
LEGISLATIVE		\$1,131,474
JUDICIAL		3,228,090
EXECUTIVE		547,071
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		2,599,027
HUMAN RESOURCES		874,150
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,659,617
PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE		23,055,824
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE		13,739,116
PROTECTIVE INSPECTION		1,313,008
OTHER PROTECTIVE		2,353
PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING		3,740,012
PARKS & RECREATION		788,403
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PLANNING		780,839
OTHER CITY FUNCTIONS		3,318,536
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$58,257,653

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Why temping is a smart career move

BY PETER JONES
 THEJOBNETWORK

You're looking for work, but unsure how to interpret some job postings. There's a difference, for example, between contract employment (with a specific, nonpermanent term, usually without benefits), temp work (varying from one day to a year or more, with no promise of becoming a permanent position), temp-to-perm or tempt-to-hire (meaning you work in sort of a probationary period until the employer decides whether or not to take you on full-time) and the standard direct hire (or full-time) long-term position with benefits.

Temp-to-hire jobs are booming, and easy to find. The move toward temporary hiring might mean that more and more employers are preferring to try out new employees rather than hiring immediately. Even if you can't necessarily get a guarantee that your position will be temp to perm or temp to hire, there are benefits to temping.

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and experience you're getting on each job.

Flexibility.

Most temp jobs are full-time for a short time, leaving you a bit of time off in between gigs. Don't take too much time between jobs if you want to stay current and quickly offered new opportunities, but do give yourself a couple of days to breathe.

Meeting new contacts.

Never underestimate your ability to impress people and

wrap them into your network for future communication.

You'll also establish a record for yourself — the temp agency you work for can vouch for things like your work ethic and reliability, should future employers ask.

Gaining exposure.

Get your face out there and show what you can do. You also get a taste of different office environments, industries, etc.

You'll get to know your preferences as an employee,

which will make your next job search more focused.

The possibility of full-time employment.

The biggest potential benefit of all comes when your position is, in fact, temp-to-hire. In those cases, you get all the benefits of temping — the self-confidence boost of having a job to go to on a given day, the networking opportunities, your foot in the door — plus, there's a good chance a full-time job will be your reward at the end of it. That said, it can

be a bit isolating to temp. You might feel like you're not quite a "real" employee, and you may feel a little too uncertain without a guaranteed annual income and benefits. Temping is not for everyone, but if you can manage it for a while, it might just pay off for you.

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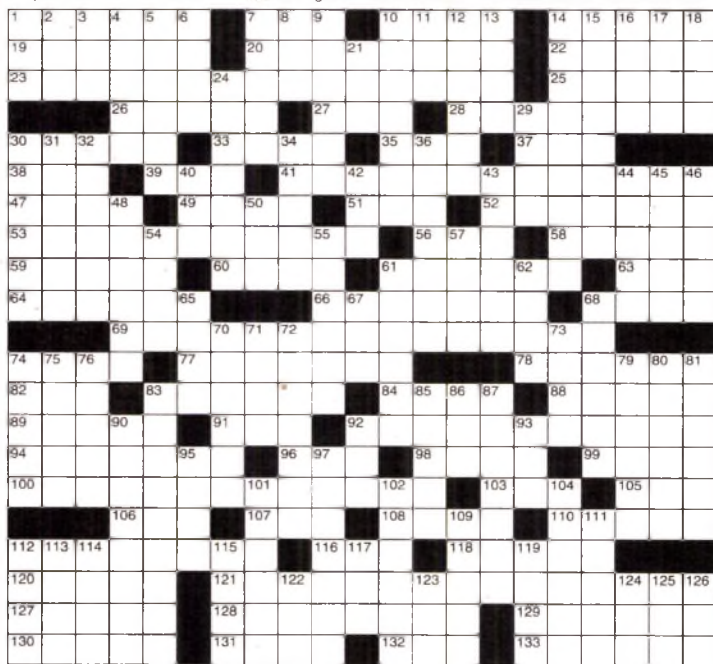
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 - 69 Rouse to action
 - 74 Close kin, for short
 - 77 Final deed
 - 78 Walks pompously
 - 82 Capote, to pals
 - 83 Distill brine from
 - 84 Put in a juicer
 - 88 Fertiliser compound
 - 89 "Crimewave" director
 - 91 "... bug — feature?"
 - 92 Wallow, as a pig in mud
 - 94 Erase from memory
 - 96 Crude
 - 98 Kansas city
 - 99 In — (testy)
 - 100 Language of Chaucer
 - 103 Gershwin's "Concerto"
 - 105 Prefix with propyl
 - 106 Suffix with urban
 - 107 Wormfish
 - 108 Focal points
 - 110 Aspiring attys.
 - 112 Make dingier
 - 116 — roll (hot)
 - 118 Mizrahi of fashion
 - 120 See 97-Down
 - 121 Genre for a headbanger
 - 127 Carried
 - 128 Motorcycle attachments
 - 129 Dwell too much (on)
 - 130 Hog havens
 - 131 Smell
 - 132 Vote against
 - 133 Word that can follow seven key words in this puzzle
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Half- (latte order)
 - 2 Ocean east of Ga.
 - 3 Your, old-style
 - 4 Knighted maestro Solti
 - 5 One-sided 6 1909-13
 - 6 Island with Interstate H1
 - 7 Detest
 - 8 Risque West
 - 9 Proposed arrangement
 - 10 Mass per unit volume
 - 11 Trite
 - 12 City near Sacramento
 - 13 Worry
 - 14 Pest control option
 - 15 Examines
 - 16 Loathsome
 - 17 Love god
 - 18 "I'm game!"
 - 21 Easter roast
 - 24 Server rewards
 - 29 Dos + seis
 - 30 Vexes
 - 31 Gulp down more than
 - 32 Renovated
 - 34 Die away
 - 36 Toy dog
 - 40 1861-65 prez
 - 42 Neither fish — fowl
 - 43 Elected
 - 44 Falsified, as a check
 - 45 Kagan on the bench
 - 46 Dweebish
 - 48 Makes quiet
 - 50 Mao — tung
 - 54 Hot-rod engine
 - 55 PLO leader
 - 57 Island with Interstate H1
 - 61 Philosopher
 - 62 Chances
 - 65 Eye rudely
 - 67 Pen brand
 - 68 Exuberant cry in
 - 70 Downs a brew, say
 - 71 Ruler of yore
 - 72 Like escapees
 - 73 Sicilian lava spewer
 - 74 Play, as a guitar
 - 75 Shiraz native
 - 76 Put together
 - 79 Edenic place
 - 80 Most factual
 - 81 Fights
 - 83 Sounds after hang-ups
 - 85 Nobelist
 - 86 — Z (total)
 - 87 Singer
 - 89 Etheridge
 - 90 Doctor's field
 - 92 1914-18 conflict: Abbr.
 - 93 Galloped
 - 95 Slagger
 - 97 With
 - 120-Across, from square one
 - 101 Sea nymph
 - 102 Tribal illness
 - 104 In a sauce of blazing liquor
 - 109 Itsy — Mexico "pardon me"
 - 111 Italian for "Smidgens"
 - 112 Smidgens
 - 113 Gershwin's "— Rhythm"
 - 114 Goa garb
 - 115 Really, really
 - 117 JFK's home
 - 119 "That's — blow"
 - 122 Ruckus
 - 123 History topic
 - 124 Subdivision: Abbr.
 - 125 "Kinda" suffix
 - 126 Texas hrs.



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

2	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	3
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	6	1	5	9	2	7	4	3
7	9	8	2	3	4	6	1	5
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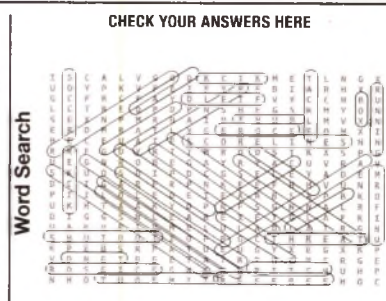
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WORDS

- ADVANTAGE
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- BALL
- BOX
- CLEAR
- CYCLE
- DEAD
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- FIELD
- GOALKEEPER
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- PUNT
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- SCORE
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- SHUTOUT
- SOCCER
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- TACKLE
- TEND
- THREAT
- TIMEOUT
- TRANSFER
- UNIFORM

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



Car Report

10TH-GENERATION HONDA ACCORD IS BRAND'S BEST SEDAN EVER, BOOSTED BY NEW 'TROPHY CITY' CAMPAIGN



By Dale Buss

Accord has always been Honda's trophy car. So why not build a marketing campaign around that idea?

The brand's new advertising campaign for its iconic mid-size sedan, "Trophy City," dwells on trophy-worthy accomplishments by humans and encourages them to excel — as Accord does. "Trophy City" advertising made its debut last week during televised NFL and NHL games, and Accord was placed on an episode of *Will & Grace* and on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*.

Upcoming high-exposure moments will include ads during the Golden Globes and Latin Grammy Awards as well as across several sports platforms.

Honda recognizes that the U.S. market has shifted toward SUVs and crossovers and away from sedans, but

Susie Rossick told me that Accord is special.

"Realistically we recognize that SUVs are becoming more and more of the car market," the assistant vice president of Honda marketing said. "People are moving toward SUVs. We're not discounting that for sure. But there's still a lot of demand for sedans. Sedans are still the major driver when it comes to brand opinion for your overall brand, according to GfK. That's another reason why Accord is so important to Honda. Eventually SUVs will be the major driver of brand opinion but that's down the road."

"Our goal is that if you're in the market for a sedan and this is a choice you want to make, that you choose Accord, because it offers you everything you need. For the first time in a sedan, for instance, we have the Honda Sensing suite of safety features across all trims."

Indeed, with the all-new, 10th-generation Accord, Honda is certainly aiming for better. Among other upgrades, it's got two new turbocharged engines, a segment-first



Clean lines and a high-tech feel grace the Accord interior.

10-speed automatic transmission and six-speed manual transmission for each engine, and a third-generation hybrid powertrain.

So, in a TV ad, a city skyline of metallic, animated trophy figurines pontificate about pushing higher to achieve things, until finally they ascend to the level of a new Accord, suspended on a pedestal over the city. "The most impressive Honda ever," the ad concludes. "Our quest for better never ends."

Because this Accord represents the pinnacle in sedan achievement for Honda, Rossick said, "We wanted creative to reflect that. This concept from RPA really speaks to the idea, the notion of never resting on your laurels. Accord has been on *Car & Driver's* 10 Best list more times than any other car in history. Even in the last year of the previous version. That made us work even harder to produce an even better Accord."

"In this Trophy City, everyone is in first place, but Accord is saying we didn't rest on our laurels, wanted to be even better."

campaign is great for that.

"We're looking from a media plan at doing the most comprehensive media plan we can, targeted at certain audiences, and we're going everywhere we can including regional and digital."

But while Honda "wanted to go with high-profile programming to introduce the Accord" including the marquee NBC shows, and National Football League telecasts, "the real guts of the launch will take place in January. We're at an awkward point right now where we're getting to end-of-year sales events. But we wanted to introduce the new Accord to consumers to let them know it's out there."

Does the NFL still qualify as the megabuy that it did a couple of years ago? "Clearly we're not going to deny that NFL ratings are down," Rossick said. "We'll make compensation for that but it's still reaching millions and millions of people, and live television is still the place you have to go to get those big numbers for awareness. We'll re-evaluate it as the season continues. It's still big."



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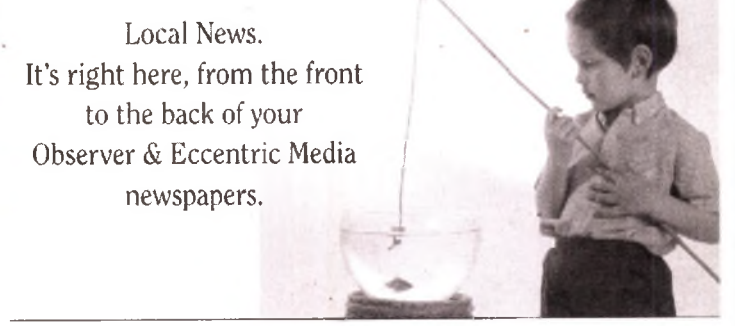
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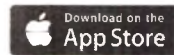
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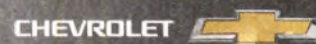


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