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Hawthorne Valley proposal revealed

Plan calls for mixed residential development on former golf course

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A proposal for affordable housing — in part aimed at serving developmentally disabled adults — is being recommended for the former Hawthorne Valley property in Westland.

The city council will hold a study session at 6 p.m. Monday to discuss the recommendation from the city's property disposition committee to sell the property for development by Three Oaks Development and Advisory Services, based in Washtenaw County.

"The lawyers have been negotiating a purchase agreement — it's not set yet," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"This group came in with a development to create a small residential village of condos and single-family homes for parents with adult autistic children."

Designed with Liberty Housing Services, the concept for Hawthorne Oaks is attached condominiums to provide independent living for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults, along with single-family homes built with accessibility for developmentally dis-



See PROPOSAL, Page A2 Rendering of a condominium proposed for the Hawthorne Valley site.



Ladywood High School's 2011 graduating class enters the sanctuary of St. John Neumann Catholic Church for the baccalaureate Mass and commencement. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ladywood closing, but sisterhood will live forever, alumnae say

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Ladywood High School may be closing next spring, but it will live on in the lifelong friendships forged there, local alumnae say.

The all-girls Catholic high school in Livonia will shut down at the end of the year because of declining enrollment. The decision, made by the Felician Sisters of North America, the order of nuns that founded the school in 1950 and continues to oversee it, was announced Monday.

Graduates said they got from Ladywood a top-notch education rooted in faith, room to grow as young women that they may not have had at a co-ed school and close friends for life.

"These women have been an anchor in my life and, without Ladywood, I would not have had those beautiful relationships," said Teri Gorski of Dearborn Heights, a 1978 graduate.

"It's a part of us," said Gorski, who has kept up with a core group of classmates for the nearly 40 years since they left Ladywood. "It's a part of our fabric."

"The sisterhood really doesn't end when you leave high school," said Kathleen Bushart of Redford Township, a 2017 Ladywood graduate and now a freshman at the University of Toledo. "One hundred percent, they'll



Ladywood High School parent Michelle Randall looks through a yearbook with Sandy McCrary, graduate of the Class of 1981. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

always be my forever friends."

Gorski, who works in the area as a speech pathologist, lived in Detroit while in high school, but Ladywood drew enough girls from her area that the school bused them in, she said.

Gorski said she and her Ladywood friends get together regularly and have supported each other in good

times and bad. Some, she said, are even godmothers to each other's children.

She said she appreciated the Catholic education — she later sent her daughters to a Catholic high school — and the all-female classes. "I think it

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Former kennel owner found guilty of animal neglect

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A former Farmington Hills kennel owner could face three months in jail after being found guilty of animal neglect Tuesday morning.

Mary Gabriel, 74, of Rose Township will be sentenced at 10 a.m. Jan. 10 after 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh found her guilty of four misdemeanor counts of animal abuse following several hours of trial spanning two weeks.

In finding her guilty, Kavanagh rejected claims that Gabriel, former owner of Farmington Hills-based Chien d'Or Goldens kennel near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, kept the dogs in good condition before passing them off to Livonia resident Kelly Dettore back in August.

"This is long-term neglect," Kavanagh said.

Gabriel was charged in Livonia's courthouse after an animal control officer was called to Dettore's Livonia home in August on the report of her having too many dogs. When an officer arrived, he found the four dogs, two golden retrievers and two Sussex spaniels, to have feces matted in their fur along with ear infections and fleas. Gabriel returned to court Tuesday morning after her trial originally began Dec. 5.

Kavanagh found Gabriel not guilty on four counts of keeping unlicensed dogs, saying that since the dogs were brought into Livonia, city ordinance stated they needed to be licensed within 30 days. Since the dogs were recovered in less than that, Kavanagh found her not guilty.

Gabriel has faced issues in Farmington Hills before regarding the kennel.

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Defendant Mary Gabriel is guilty on all four counts of animal neglect. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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PROPOSAL

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abled adults, seniors and others. The homes would be one or two stories, customized to address accessibility issues.

"The condos for the adult autistic children gives them independence and the parents can live in the single-family homes," Wild said. "It's kind of a neat concept. They have a prototype development in Saline and were looking for another spot."

The proposal cites the mixed-age use for the development and describes it as a good transition use between nearby homes and apartments to the north and east, commercial uses to the south.

The proposal calls for 33 units to be constructed on the former golf course and banquet center prop-

erty on the east side of Merriman, just north of Warren Road. The business went into bankruptcy and has been closed since 2011. It's been the site of extensive vandalism and multiple fires at the main building, along with other buildings on the property.

The purchase offer, which could be before council Monday if it is ready or, alternately, at the first meeting in January, is for \$500,000, including the former nine-hole golf course. The plan would be to use the vacant green space as a natural amenity to be used by residents.

The presentation submitted by Three Oaks notes the development resolves complex site issues — the existing building foot print is partially within a flood plain area — and meets city master plan goals of clustered housing. It also

calls for preserving open space.

Three Oaks also notes the development is designed as affordable, with condos in the \$175,000 to \$180,000 range and \$250,000 to \$275,000 for single-family homes at its previous development.

This type of mixed residential development would also be beneficial to Westland, Wild said, as the city focuses on economic development in that area.

"It's more rooftops, but not big enough to impact traffic. It would be similar to the golf course (in terms of traffic)," Wild said.

The city acquired the restaurant building, Merriman frontage and other parcels through tax foreclosure. Wild said the city wants to structure a sale so that the property would revert to back to Westland should the development not go for-

ward.

"It was the recommendation of the property disposition committee to accept the purchase offer pushing for a stipulation to protect the city," Wild said. "If we sell it, it's because it's what we want to see on the property. If they don't build it, it would come back to the city. Because of its proximity to homes, we want to control the property."

Several other purchase offers weren't accepted due to low offers, less than ideal uses or proposals not moving forward for various reasons.

Along with marketing the city-owned land for redevelopment, Wild said Westland is using nuisance abatement to get a privately-owned burned building on the property demolished.

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allowed us to develop certain leadership abilities," Gorski said.

"Being in an all-girls setting, there's an element of safety and appreciation for women," said Kelly Burke of Canton Township, a 2017 graduate and a freshman at the all-women St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. There was emphasis on learning together, cultivating personal growth and building each other up, she said.

"I was able to really find my identity and become the person I wanted to be," Burke said.

"The all-female environment really helped to build strong friendships," said Meghan Hanley of Livonia, a 1999 graduate who coordinates community outreach and volunteer efforts at a credit union. "I agree with that, that it

"The sisters were amazing. They were well-educated. They had multiple degrees ... it was amazing. They were all excellent role models."

TERI GORSKI
Ladywood graduate

was a confidence-booster."

The school was academically strong, graduates said.

"I feel really prepared at Toledo," said Bushart, who is studying to become a physical therapist. "I'm really excelling at my classes."

"The sisters were amazing. They were well-educated," Gorski said. "They had multiple degrees ... it was amazing. They were all excellent role models."

A look at the faculty roster, however, shows

there is only one nun currently on the staff.

Gorski said she feels for Ladywood's current juniors, who will have to graduate from other schools.

"You do a lot of growing up in those years. Not to be able to have that closure — it's a tragedy," she said.

The Ladywood school board is planning to offer help with transfers and the Felicians are pledging \$500 annual scholarships to Ladywood students who enroll at other Catholic high schools.

Bushart, who played basketball all four of her years at Ladywood, said she's talked about the impending closing with Class of '17 friends, as well as with younger former teammates who are still at the school. "Everyone's just really shocked," she said. Bushart's roommate at UT is also a Ladywood graduate.

There were often rumors the school would close, recent graduates

said, but nobody took them too seriously.

"It was kind of something that we would just throw around, but we didn't think it would actually (happen)," Burke said.

Burke said she hopes the closing doesn't portend bad news for other all-girls Catholic schools. Other all-girls Catholic schools in the area include Academy of the

Sacred Heart and Marian, both in Bloomfield Hills, Mercy in Farmington Hills and St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom.

"Seeing one less outlet for high school girls to get that (Catholic) education was disappointing to me," Hanley said.

"For parents who desire that all-girls high school experience for their daughters in this

area, the inner-ring suburbs of Detroit, there's not that alternative anymore," Gorski said.

"Our high school reunion is going to mean so much more now and I think the legacy of Ladywood will always live on," Burke said.

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KENNEL

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Her kennel license was not renewed earlier this year and she announced via the kennel's website that the business is for sale.

Livonia assistant city attorney Paul Bernier said in his closing argument it was clear that the dogs, known to belong to Gabriel, had been neglected for some time. He referenced testimony from the previous week's hearings from a Humane Society veterinarian, who said it was her opinion the dogs had not been cared for in some time.

"I think the dogs had been neglected for a long time," he said.

But Colleen Murphy, Gabriel's attorney, said Dettore is the one who neglected the dogs and was responsible, not her client. She cited the heavy rainfall the area had when the dogs were taken to Dettore's home in August and brought in one witness who told Kavanagh she saw the dogs shortly before Dettore began watching them and that they were in good condition.

Jennifer Elder, who formerly worked at the kennel run by Gabriel, said Tuesday she had seen the dogs a few days before and they didn't seem neglected then.

"It was three to four days before they left," she said.

Dettore's mother, Susan Collins, also testi-

fied in the continuation of the trial Tuesday morning. She said her daughter appeared well over her head in taking care of the dogs, which Collins saw an hour after Dettore took them to her home.

She said she noticed right away the dogs were in bad shape and needed care. She said she tried to remove the mats, but said they were incredibly tight against the dogs' skin.

"I went and got the shampoo and tried to cut the mats," Collins said. "I knew she needed to do something."

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Home broken into

Livonia police were called Dec. 10 to a home in the 12100 block of Cardwell to report a furnace and hot water tank had been stolen from the home.

Police checked the house when they got there and found the two items missing, along with the washer and dryer moved from their original locations. Police spoke to the real estate agent for the home, which is for sale, who told them she was there Nov. 28

for a showing. Another real estate agent was at the home that day and arrived to find the lock box missing and saw it appeared the home had been broken into. She then called police. Officers spoke to a neighbor, who said they heard something overnight between Dec. 8-9.

Retail fraud reported

Police were called Tuesday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police they saw the suspect at the self-check-out, ringing up several items. The suspect appeared to not ring up several pieces of clothing and proceeded to try to leave the store with them without paying. The suspect walked out, but was stopped by an employee and detained until police arrived. Officers issued a citation to the suspect, who was released at the scene.

— By David Veselenak

Counterfeit money reported

Wayne police were called Dec. 5 to Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth, on the report of some counterfeit money that had been passed.

The school's assistant

principal told police someone had used a counterfeit \$20 bill to pay for some concessions. All the concessions drawers were checked and other counterfeit bills were also found. The suspect reportedly left before police arrived and the school said it would review its security footage.

Car stolen

Police were called Dec. 3 to the 31500 block of Van Born on the report of a stolen vehicle.

The victim said the car was parked the night before and he discovered it was missing that afternoon. He said a wallet was inside, which contained some credit cards,

his concealed pistol license and a Social Security card. The resident told police one of his cards had been used at a gas station in Detroit. He told police he knows the vehicle was locked and does not know who would have broken into it.

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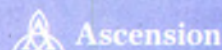
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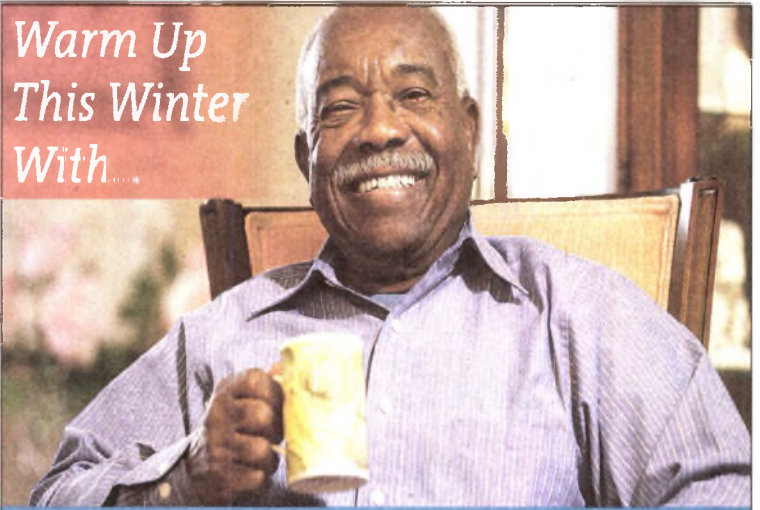
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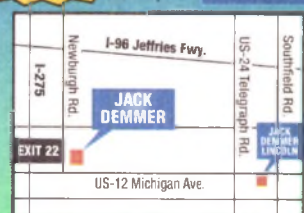
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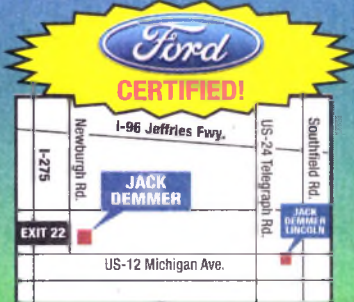
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Livonia middle school student pens Christmas play

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It was one thing for Livonia resident Andreeana Beard to write and direct a play three years ago at age 10. But the middle school student looks to continue on that success this year and she's got some famous talent here to help her out.

Beard, 13, has written another play that will be performed this weekend at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, in Detroit. She's penned "The Return of Christmas Love," a play she wrote several years ago and is putting the finishing touches on this



Tony Grant and Andreeana Beard, 13, of Livonia. Beard reached out to Grant, a California-based actor who has done work with Tyler Perry, and requested he act in her play. He accepted and will take the stage this weekend at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

week before its performance Sunday.

"It's basically about how God can do all things," Beard said. "It's about a little girl and, instead of going to Santa Claus for a present, she

goes to God instead."

And she has some well-known star power to help her with this performance. She reached out to Tony Grant, who has an extensive background in music, theater and movie

and television performances. He's most recently known for appearing in Tyler Perry's "Love Thy Neighbor" on the Oprah Winfrey Network, which concluded its four-season run earlier this year.

Grant said he first noticed Beard during a workshop in Detroit several years ago. He said it was clear there was something special about her after seeing her in action.

"When I sat down and talked with her, I was so impressed," he said. "I was impressed with her manners, I was impressed with her spirit, I was impressed with her talent."

So when Beard and her mother, Kimberly Beard, reached out earlier this year to ask if he'd partici-

pate in the performance, he didn't hesitate before saying "yes."

"I said, 'Oh my God, this girl is gifted,'" Grant said.

This is just the most recent performance Andreeana Beard will have debuted in downtown Detroit. She wrote "Christmas Love," which was performed in 2014 when she was 10.

This time around, she was also able to wrangle in Bishop Don Shelby, who oversees the three Burning Bush International Ministries churches in Ypsilanti, Jackson and Westland.

Shelby did a rehearsal Tuesday with Andreeana Beard at the Westland church, 30355 Annapolis, and said this is his first time doing any kind of stage performance since

he was a child.

"This is the first time for me," the Canton resident said. "I hope we don't have (Siskel and Ebert) out there critiquing me as an actor."

She said they've rehearsed since about Halloween and she's ready to take the production to the stage.

"I'm just shaking in my boots a little bit. I'm a little nervous," she said. "There's a lot of things that have been added to it. I hope it goes really well."

The show will be performed at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the museum.

Tickets are \$25 for general seating and \$35 for VIP and can be purchased through Ticketmaster and Eventbrite.

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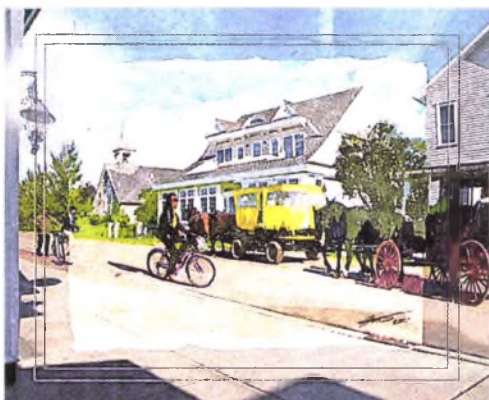
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Three Cities Art Club exhibit winners announced

Winners have been announced in the Three Cities Art Club's sixth annual juried art exhibition, which is on display through Jan. 30 at Westland City Hall. The top entrants were selected by Monte Nagler, a local photographer. Westland Mayor William Wild also chose his personal favorite for an additional award. Nagler selected his favorites in two categories, photography and all others, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, printmaking, air brush, collage, pencil and pastels.



"Mackinac Transportation" by John Middelstadt was awarded first place in photography.

In photography, first place went to John Middelstadt of Bloomfield Hills and best of show went to Dennis Koski of Sterling Heights. Tim Tonachella of Plymouth received an honorable mention award and second place, Allen Brooks of Livonia received an honorable mention award and third place and Aileen Mozug of Livonia received an honorable mention award.



"Le Neptune" by Mireille Ripley was awarded first place in non-photography.

In all other two-dimensional works, Mireille Ripley of Ann Arbor took home first place, best of show and an honorable mention. Kay Masini of Plymouth received an honorable mention and second place, Jon Lange of Livonia took third place and Susann Smith of Westland received an honorable mention.

the area's talented artists. The exhibition continues through the end of January and is open to the public anytime city hall is open. Free guided gallery tours are available for individuals or groups or art can be purchased by calling Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939. Book your next meeting, luncheon or special event to be held either in the Gallery or one of the banquet/conference rooms by contacting parks and recreation at Parks@

cityofwestland.com or calling 734-722-7620. The event is sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Center, D&M Art Studio and Ari-El Enterprises, Inc. To learn more about the exhibition, attending the event or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Meredith at 313-231-3939 or by email at marilynmeredith@wowway.com. For more on the club, go to www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Wild selected his favorite piece for the Wild About Art Award, which was awarded to Laurel Raisanen of Wayne.

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Children get their chance to Shop with a Hero

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For a few hours Monday night, the Livonia Meijer was arguably the safest place to be in western Wayne County.

That's because police officers, firefighters and some members of the military could be seen throughout the store shopping with 39 children during the annual Shop with a Hero event at the store, located at 13000 Middlebelt.

Sponsored by the Goodfellows in Livonia, Redford Township and Garden City, public safety officials from those three communities could be seen in the toy and electronic department of the store, shopping with children for Christmas presents.

One such child was 8-year-old Keith Landau of Livonia, who picked up a small drone he wanted to purchase. He was shopping with Livonia police officer Sam Tamer, who was in his second year of doing the event after trying it in 2016.

Tamer said he came back because he enjoyed himself and wanted to give back.

"I just thought it was an awesome experience and had a lot of fun," he said.

Garden City firefighter John Smith was taking part in his first Shop with a Hero event, shopping with 8-year-old Ladiarion Byrd of Garden City.

He said it was an option he had presented to him and decided he wouldn't turn it down.

"It was just an opportunity I had never been presented with and I thought it'd be awesome,"

he said. "I think it's one of those things that you don't want to hose yourself out of, but if you're asked to do it, it's really cool."

The children went out with a \$75 gift card after having dinner in the back room of the superstore.

Jayden Crawford, 9, of Livonia spent his time wandering the aisles with Livonia police officer Dan Moilanen pondering his decisions.

He'd select one thing, then decide it wasn't the right move. He tried to maximize his dollars, just as any good shopper does.

"It's just that, I'm trying to spend my money wisely," he said.

His grandmother, Clarissa Thomas of Livonia, said the opportunity to head out to the store and spend some time with some public safety officers was "awesome."

"They will remember this," she said.

The event takes place each year to help those the area Goodfellows identify as needing some assistance around the holidays. It's just one event the Goodfellows do to help the communities the club serves.

John Buck, president of the Redford Goodfellows and a former Redford police chief, said the event is perfect to give the children some positive interaction with law enforcement officers in a time where some officers may be viewed in a bad light.

"It gives the children an opportunity to provide some kids that otherwise might not be able to do that," he said. "They thoroughly enjoy the activity."

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Redford Township officer Nick Lentine partnered with Mariah Monlin to find the best choices in the toy aisles. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Maurice Denny and Livonia officer Tim Lareau found a pretty cool remote control car. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



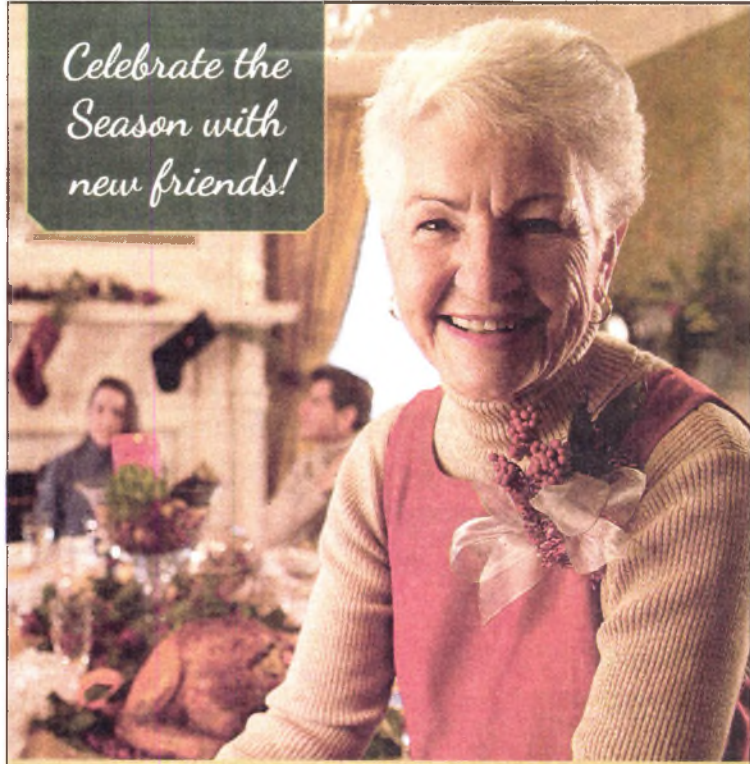
Livonia reserve officer Chrissy Anderson helps kids make good choices. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Jayden Crawford, officer Dan Moilanen, Christian Howard and officer Kody Roy had a successful shopping trip. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Totten to speak at luncheon

Jeff Totten will talk about his career, life and faith at the Compass Christian Business Alliance, Western Wayne, luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. The fee for the lunch is \$20. Totten has a vast portfolio of experiences working with athletes, including serving as chaplain to athletes in Olympic Village at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Born and raised in the Detroit area, Totten has worked with the Detroit Rockers and the Detroit Fury, as well as other professional and amateur athletes.

The public is invited to attend all Compass meetings. To sign up for luncheons, go to michigancompass.org/westernwayne. Visit the group on Facebook at compasswesternwayne.

Wayne Memorial parents night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an eighth-grade parents night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth Street.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-19 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation

requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at 734-419-2215.

Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration is underway for Livonia's 100 Days to Health 2018 at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The community-wide event, which benefits the entire family for the first 100 days of 2018, is presented by Mercy Elite and sponsored in part by Vibe Credit Union, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jimmy John's, Nestle Water, Sport and Spine Performance Institute, Time to Savor and Oberweis Dairy.

The program offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, including exercise classes for all ages, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more. Additionally, adults can take part in the 100 Day Weight Loss Fitness Challenge. Register for the challenge and be eligible for monthly prizes. Last year's participants lost a total of 578 pounds, with the winner losing 67 pounds.

The kickoff event will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. The event will feature keynote speakers, raffle prizes, refreshments and free workout and open swim for the day. For more information, call 734-466-2912 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Livonia Town Hall speakers

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

» Jan. 17. 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. 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. Single seats are available for \$55. 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.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet year-round.

For more information, go to <http://livonianighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

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Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint

When: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9

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Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10

Details: Join Tony Ferack, president of the Hearing Loss Association of America Western Wayne Chapter, each month as he discusses various topics related to the hearing loss community.

What's An App?

When: 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11

Details: Learn all about apps, what they're used for

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Meet artist Mike Wooley

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11

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When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17

Details: Please join us this month for a discussion of "Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers" by Mary Roach.

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Obituaries

Joseph Charles Samyn

-- passed away at home with family on Thursday, December 7. Born May 10, 1931, in Detroit, and raised on the East Side. Son of Alphonse and Rachel. Brother of Michael, Elsie, and Gloria. Graduated from St John Berchmans Elementary School and St. Joseph's High School. Worked at his family's store, Samyn's Market, before going to The University of Michigan, where he earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry (class president, College of Pharmacy). Met Ann Marie Markey at The Newman Center at U of M in Ann Arbor. They married at St. Teresa's in Detroit in 1955. He worked at Parke-Davis in Detroit and later in Rochester at Parke-Davis/Warner Lambert. Resident of Royal Oak since 1960 where he and Ann raised their five children: Ellen Haley of Pacific Grove, CA; Joseph, M.D. (Dee) of Crown Point, IN; Margaret, M.D. (James Akao, Ph.D.) of Brookfield, WI; Ruth Ware (Joseph, Ph.D.) of Los Altos, CA; and Mary Ann of Morgantown, WV. Beloved grandfather of Laura Haley (Brent Keast), Jacqueline Samyn, Joseph Samyn, James Samyn, Sophia Ware, Mark Ware, and Michael Akao. Longtime parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Beverly Hills where he was an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club, Beaumont Cardiac Rehab, and the Gazette van Detroit, where he served on the board. Generous philanthropist with special support of Marygrove College, The University of Detroit, The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, and The Capuchin Soup Kitchen/Solanus Casey Center. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his sister, Elsie Vande Putte (Frank), sisters-in-law Irene Markey, Virginia Markey, and Marilyn Markey, and cousins Nancy Panetta (Otto), Irene Lauwers (Al), Jim Vande Velde (Verna), and 36 nieces and nephews. The family is very grateful for all the care Joe received from his nurses, especially Annmarie Shelton and Melissa O'Neil. Funeral Mass was held Monday December 11, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Beverly Hills. Christian burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-59-0500 View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com



Charles Shandor

WEST BLOOMFIELD - age, passed away December 7, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Bernice for 50 years. Loving father of Steven (Bridgett) Piche and Cathy (Rick) Cunningham. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Kara), Christopher and MacKenzie. Mr. Shandor retired from Farmington Public Schools as a Biology teacher.

Services have already been taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Farmington Hills Public Library. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

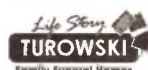


Kenneth C. "Ken" Dettmer

CANTON - age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Dec. 13, 2017.

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The family would like to thank all of the men and women of Brightstar Care and Residential Hospice for their wonderful care. Family will receive guests Sunday from 3-9 PM at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Rd (btwn Sheldon & Canton Center Rds) where a memorial service will be held Monday at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Paws With A Cause. Visit www.TurowskiLifeStory.com to sign the online guestbook.



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Guns and divorce: Nine things you need to know

Q: I am about to file for a divorce and my husband has several handguns and rifles in the house. Our marriage has been volatile and I am concerned about my safety and the safety of our children. What should I do?

A: We are in the aftermath of the most horrific shooting tragedy in the history of our country. Fifty-eight people died in the horrific shooting Oct. 1. It happened in Las Vegas, but can happen anywhere.

In my divorce practice, gun issues have come up on many occasions. Divorce can be volatile under the best of circumstances and safety is of paramount importance.

I have had clients murdered by a spouse during a divorce. There was an incident several years ago when a divorce was finalized and the husband, who was to vacate the house by court order the next day, barricaded himself in the marital home in an upscale West Bloomfield neighborhood. Police were called and, tragically, a West Bloomfield police officer was killed and then the man turned the gun on himself, resulting in a murder/suicide.

Guns are everywhere. Emotions are high and a divorce can trigger a tragedy.

Following are some steps that I recommend to my clients that I would like to share with you:

1. If you are con-



Henry Gornbein
TALES FROM THE FRONT LINES

cerned, get any guns out of the house and have them held by another family member or friend in a secure place. You can always remove the guns and put them into a storage locker for safe keeping.

2. I once had a case where my office was holding the rifles during a divorce. This is something that I do not recommend.

3. Many police departments will put guns or other weapons into storage for safe keeping until there is a further directive. Check with the local authorities where you live.

4. You can always file a motion with the court to make sure that guns are safely stored until the case is resolved.

5. Possession of guns after a divorce can be an issue and this is something that I have negotiated on numerous occasions.

6. I once had a case where I walked into a deposition and my client pulled out a handgun. I immediately grabbed it and it was put in a safe and secure place. This was many years ago and is something that I don't recommend.

7. In another high-conflict divorce, a client pulled a gun and started shooting over the heads of the two attorneys and

the other client. This was in a law office conference room in the Renaissance Center in Detroit. The bullets remained for many years as a reminder of how a tragedy can occur.

8. The key is to be safe rather than sorry. If there is any doubt, get any weapons out of the house before you file for a divorce.

9. Talk to your attorney and explain the situation when you are strategizing as the best way to move forward once you have decided to file for a divorce.

Divorce is known as crazy time, when even the most rational human beings sometimes lose it!

I urge you to err on the side of caution. Guns and divorce can be a very toxic brew. This is not a matter of gun control. It is a matter of making sure that no one is killed during the traumatic times that go hand in hand with a divorce.

These are my thoughts. What are yours?

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BOYS HOCKEY

Father-son weekend a smash

Inaugural event blends hockey, fun and togetherness for Plymouth Wildcats squad

Tim Smith
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Do those Plymouth hockey guys know how to have fun or what? In just over a 48-hour period, from Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, Plymouth varsity boys hockey players — and their dads — enjoyed father-son bowling, pizza and steak, a visit to Grand Valley State University and good ol' camaraderie and kibitzing. There even was enough time for two Wildcats hockey games (against Forest

Hills North-East and Grandville), as well as morning skates where dads were invited to lace up their skates and get out on the ice. Book ending all the fun, of course, was a chartered, two-hour bus ride between Canton's Arctic Edge Arena and Holiday Inn Express in Grand Rapids. "Anytime you can go on a road trip with your team, it is always great in helping to build team chemistry, which you hope transpires on the ice," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "The more time players can spend with each other in a relaxed environment away from the outside pressures, it really helps them to get to know each other as individuals and not just hockey

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Players on the Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys hockey team enjoyed a rare opportunity to go on a father-son weekend. A number of dads joined their sons for morning skates Dec. 1-2 in Grand Rapids. PLYMOUTH HOCKEY

MARTIAL ARTS



Northville resident and ex-Marine Mike Wiest (right) spars with Master Paul George during a session Tuesday afternoon in Farmington Hills. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PASSION PLAY



Jack Kittinger presents Mike Wiest with a shirt commemorating his years in the sport. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Quest for health drives 83-year-old Wiest's black-belt work ethic

Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Eighty-three-year-old Mike Wiest and nine of his closest martial arts friends met for an informal workout Tuesday at Kil's Tae Kwon Do in Farmington. Jack Kittinger, a fifth-degree black belt who runs the prestigious award-winning Do-Jang (tae kwon do center), organized the activity. Grand Master Sang Sop Kil, a 10th-degree black belt from South Lyon, led calisthenics and conducted an impromptu self-defense question-and-answer session. Fifth-degree black

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans roll to lopsided win as wheels fall off for Patriots

Tim Smith
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After a Jekyll-and-Hyde first half for host Livonia Stevenson, the Spartans boiled things down to their simplest terms during halftime Tuesday: play team defense and let the offense flow from that. The pep talk from head coach Kareem Smart paid fast dividends, as Stevenson outscored Livonia Franklin 23-10 in the third quarter and pulled away for an 83-62 KLAA boys basketball victory. "Our main thing we talked about in the locker room was defense," Stevenson senior guard Devin Dunn said. "We weren't playing any defense at all the first half. So we kicked it up a notch in the second." Stevenson trailed 44-42 at the intermission, letting an early lead (it was 14-2 just minutes into the contest) evaporate as Franklin senior power forward Mark Mettie (30 points, 21 in the first half) spearheaded a Patriots rally. That the Spartans (1-0) were able to hit the reset button and come away with the victory "feels great," Dunn said, and "gives them (Patriots) a little payback from football." In Week 9 of the football season, Franklin defeated Stevenson 35-21 and then rolled all the way to the Division 2

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Livonia Stevenson's Devin Dunn (right) takes to the air. Dalton Gasior of Livonia Franklin can't stop him. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wieseler scores her 'dream job' at Groves

Marty Budner

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Things couldn't have worked out any better for Jessica Wieseler.

After taking off a year from coaching, Wieseler was hired last June as the Birmingham Groves girls basketball head coach. The fact that she lives in Beverly Hills, about a mile away from Groves, makes it that much sweeter.

"This is our (family's) home district and we always followed Groves a bit," Wieseler said. "So this is like the dream job for me. This is very exciting to be coaching right in my own district. This was always the goal for me."

Wieseler, who teaches honors and organic chemistry at Grosse Pointe South High School, most recently served for two years as the varsity girls basketball head coach at Hazel Park. She had previously been an assistant and JV coach at South and Novi High School, where she played prep basketball for Bill Kelp.

"I love basketball and the goal was always to teach and coach," said Wieseler, who graduated from Michigan State University, but did not play college basketball.

"I knew I wanted to stay involved in basketball, so anywhere I did any student teaching or any volunteer work while I was at Michigan State, I coached with their programs also," she added. "So it gave me a lot of exposure coaching with a lot of different people and getting a lot of different ideas from there."

Inheriting a talented team

Wieseler inherits a talented Groves team that finished last year with an 18-3 record en route to the OAA Gold Division championship. The Falcons enjoyed a 17-game winning streak, which was snapped in the Class A district opener by arch rival Seaholm.

She plans to have Groves play a controlled style of offense, with a renewed emphasis on strong defensive play.

"I like to emphasize defense and I like my teams to play fast, but under control," Wieseler said. "So this team is very athletic and this team kind of fits right in that wheelhouse. I'm asking a lot of them and they are stepping up."

"It's a big change for them to play in a completely different system,

to play a different structure," she added. "I'm asking a lot of them in terms of sets and offenses and plays and things like that. Plus, we're focusing a lot on team defense and being in the right positions."

Groves has eight returning players (five seniors), including all-state guard-forward Sha Carter.

An athletic player with all-around skills, Carter averaged 21 points per game last year and led the Falcons in rebounds and assists. She scored a game-high 25 points in the season-opening victory over Lake Orion and figures to again be the cog that keys the Falcons this year.

"The first thing people notice about Sha is her speed, her athleticism and the way she can finish around the basket," Wieseler said. "She's the complete package. Her leadership is really impressive and a really vital part of our team. She's really a team player and that's not speaking about the obvious skills she has on the court."

"She can run the floor, she finishes around the basket, which is one of her best attributes, and she's sees the court, so it's great when she has the ball," she added. "We're working a lot on her defensive positioning and making her a really complete player."

Talent alongside Carter

Carter should have plenty of help from fellow senior captain Lauren Palmer, who also hit double figures in the opener with 11.

"Lauren is another great leader, more of a quiet, lead-by-example kind of kid, which everybody needs on the court," Wieseler said. "She has really stepped it up defensively by pressuring ball handlers and really making them work. And she runs the floor well, too."

Seniors Bella Boorman (the team's third captain), Sacha Tyler and Kayla Nelson, junior Emilie Felix and sophomore twin towers Ellie Ruprich and Jasmine Worthy are other returning players. All of them are expected to get a lot of playing time and give Wieseler much-needed depth.

The team's other seniors are Skye Taylor and Kendall Pollard.

"I knew that they had a lot of success last year in the Gold and that was probably lower than they should have been, so I



Jessica Wieseler takes over the Groves girls basketball program this season and will emphasize strong defensive play. MARTY BUDNER



Senior guard Sacha Tyler is one of eight returning players this season at Birmingham Groves. MARTY BUDNER

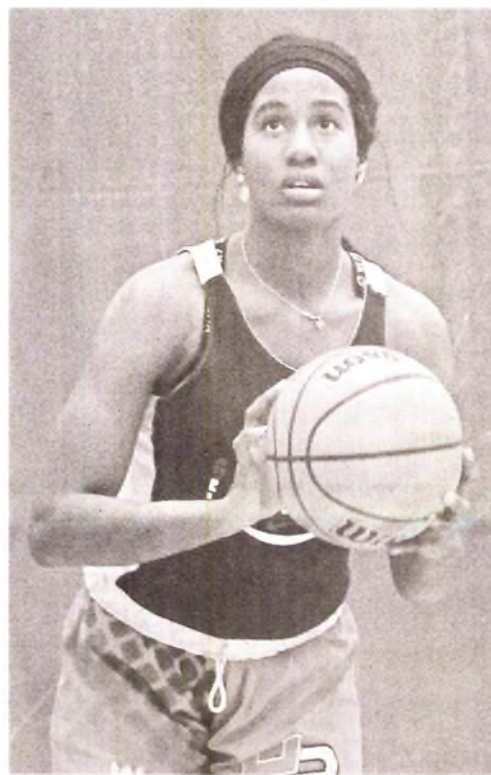
wasn't completely surprised to see them keep winning last year," Wieseler said. "I knew some of the players, but I didn't know exactly who was coming back. So I just went in with an open mind and I was going to work with whoever I had and I've been very pleasantly surprised at how athletic we are."

"They are very coachable, they are learning a lot, they are changing a lot and they are working hard to get into those positions that we're talking about," she added. "I've been amazed at what I can ask them to do athletically and they can do it. They are smart and they are great girls."

Moving up to the White

After winning the now disbanded Gold Division, Groves has moved up two spots to the OAA White Division. The Falcons will face much stiffer competition against division foes like Seaholm, Royal Oak, Rochester, Troy and West Bloomfield.

"(The White Division is) the right spot for us and the girls are taking it as a challenge," Wieseler said. "Everything is a higher level of competition from what they were used to last year and every game we are asking them to step it up a little bit. It will be an



Senior Sha Carter averaged more than 20 points per game last year and figures to lead the Groves offense again this season. MARTY BUDNER

adjustment.

"Our two major goals are to make a run in the postseason and to also make a good showing in the White. We think there is no reason why we can't compete to win it. There are some good teams in there, but we think we can hang with the best of them."

"You know, I have seven seniors this year and I want to do justice for them," she added. "But at the same time, I'm looking to build a sustainable program that's going to continue to grow year after year. I hope to be around for a while."

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Birmingham Unified, Farmington register victories

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Birmingham Unified remained undefeated in the Oakland Activities Association White Division at 3-0 following a 4-2 victory Dec. 9 over West Bloomfield at the Birmingham Ice Arena. The Bulldogs scored twice in each of the first two periods while the Lakers scored once in each of the first two periods. The teams played a scoreless third to account for the final score. Birmingham's offense featured four different goal scorers — Jack Muir (even strength), Dane Hamilton (power play), Matthew Bachand (power play) and David Breaugh (even strength). Daniel Zalesin had a pair of assists to lead Birmingham. Brett

Hutchison, Andrew Beggs, Will Sanders, Bachand and Muir also were credited with assists. BU goalie Gabriel Barish registered the victory.

FARMINGTON 7, GAYLORD 2: Farmington defeated Gaylord in the second game of the D-3 tournament Dec. 9 by five goals. The Falcons held a 2-0 lead after the opening period and iced the game with a four-goal second. Tanner Neill (two), Joe Carbone (two), Nate Arnold, Will McCarthy and Collin Rea were Farmington's goal scorers. The game featured 19 penalties.

HANCOCK 6, BROTHER RICE 4: Brother Rice traveled to the Upper Peninsula last weekend and dropped this high-scoring affair by two goals Dec. 9 to host Hancock. The teams were

tied 1-1 after the opening period and the visiting Warriors held a 3-2 lead heading into the third. However, Hancock, the 2016 Division 3 state champion, rallied by outscoring Rice 4-1 in the final period. Rice's goal scorers were Joe Serra, Connor Cadieux, Chris Andoni and Nick Marone. Garrett Moore was credited with two assists. Pierce Cadieux played in goal for Rice.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 3, CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 2: In this tightly contested game Dec. 9 in Grosse Pointe, the host Blue Devils broke a 2-2 tie halfway through the third period. South scored the first two goals, but the Cranes countered with power-play goals by Connor McGrath and Hugh Lambert to forge the tie. South's Conor KcKenna

put in the game winner at the 8:29 mark of the third period on assists from Garrett Bollenbacher and John McShane. Cranbrook outshot South by a whopping 46-19 margin, but could only put two shots past Blue Devils netminder Camden Mills. Drake Bradshaw played between the pipes for CK.

ROYAL OAK 5, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4: Royal Oak scored a late goal Dec. 9 to slip past visiting Bloomfield Hills at Lindell Ice Arena. Each team scored once in the first and twice in the second. The Ravens scored twice in the third, including the game winner by Stephan Metcalfe with 1:13 remaining to break a 4-4 tie. Jonah Stone (power play, even strength), Colin Segasser (power play) and Nolan Wooley (even strength)

were the Black Hawks goal scorers.

FARMINGTON 4, BIG RAPIDS 2: In the opening game of the D-3 tournament Dec. 8, Farmington doubled up Big Rapids. Big Rapids took a 2-1 lead early in the third period to break a 1-1 tie, but the Falcons rallied for the next three goals. Joe Carbone, Nate Arnold and Tanner Neill (two) were the Falcons goal scorers. Tony Eaton assisted on all three of Farmington's third-period goals. Nick Rogers earned the victory in the nets by making 19 stops on 21 shots.

BROTHER RICE 2, HOUGHTON 2: Host Houghton soared to a 2-0 lead and Brother Rice rallied for the next two goals to earn the tie Dec. 8. The teams played a scoreless eight-minute overtime period. Garrett

Moore (Nick Dippre and Connor Cadieux) and Ethan Nyström (Dippre) were Rice's goal scorers. Pierce Cadieux was Rice's goalie.

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 3, HARTLAND 2: On Dec. 8, Cranbrook scored the game's first two goals and the last one to sink Hartland. Cranbrook had only two shots in the first period but scored on both of them. Hugh Lambert (power play) and Case Kantgias gave the host Cranes a 2-0 lead after the opening period. Hartland mustered the second period's lone goal and tied the game early in the third. However, Cranbrook's Tyler Lee netted the eventual game-winner at 6:43 of the third on assists from Mac Brice and Andrew Gunlock. The Cranes outshot Hartland, 25-24.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

'Hat' tip for Stevenson defenseman Beaune

Tim Smith

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Livonia Stevenson senior defenseman Jake Beaune went on the offensive in his team's Dec. 1 game against Northville.

Beaune went off with his three-goal outing at Novi Ice Arena as the Spartans took down the Mustangs 6-3 in a key early season match-up of KLAA Gold Division rivals.

In addition to helping his team bag two points in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association standings, the big game enabled



Beaune to win the Hometownlife Sports Athlete of the Week Poll for the week ending Dec. 2.

"It was great, I never really had anything like that before," said Beaune about winning the weekly poll. "And having that opportunity was great, it was unreal."

Beaune was a hit on the ice that night and with voters. He collected 11,229 votes —nearly 49 percent of the 23,055 votes cast.

He easily topped the field, with Farmington hockey player Tanner Neill in second place with 5,649 votes (24.5 percent). The third-place finisher was Birmingham Groves girls basketball player Sha Carter (4,590, 19.9 percent).

According to Beaune, a 6-3 blueliner who



Shown during a 2016-17 game, Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune won Hometownlife Athlete of the Week honors after scoring a hat trick Dec. 1 against Northville. SCOTT LEONARD

notched his second career hat trick, the key to the award was working hard and cashing in around the Northville cage.

"I thought I earned it, I had a great game and

good things happen after that," Beaune said. "Definitely getting a hat trick was the reason why I got that."

"It was hard to get that (hat trick) but I fought through, opportu-

nity came and I finished."

The Spartans are starting to gain some early season momentum, and Beaune is looking forward to the MIHL-KLAA Showcase set for

Saturday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Stevenson will face Orchard Lake St. Mary at 5:30 p.m.

"I think we're pretty solid right now, we're getting pumped for it

(showcase)," he continued. "We're going hard at practice and getting ready for the weekend."

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NOAH GRIMES

BASKETBALL SENIOR SOUTH LYON LIONS

South Lyon's boys basketball team, thanks to a superb start from senior Noah Grimes, began the season with a pair of impressive non-conference victories.

The Lions opened with a 64-61 triumph over Temperance Bedford where Grimes registered 27 points and 11 rebounds -- a career high in points and the first time he can remember hitting for a double-double. The combo guard-forward also dished out four assists.

In the 43-35 victory over Plymouth Salem, Grimes poured in 15 points to lead the South Lyon scoring charts for the second straight game. In addition, he grabbed five rebounds.

As a result of those efforts, Grimes was voted the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week. He collected 8,300 votes in three days (56 percent) to get past North Farmington girls basketball standout Sam Cherney who was runner-up with 4,687 votes (32 percent of the votes).

Grimes thanked his coaches and teammates for his season-

opening performances which led to the Athlete of the Week honor.

"I'm very honored (to be named Athlete of the Week) and to be representing the South Lyon community," said Grimes. "It's a cool thing. I know a couple of my buddies heard about it and they were giving me a lot of support in the voting."

"I kind of like to think it's about my teammates too. The last two games they just put me in good spots where I could capitalize on things," he said.



"It's really as much about them as it is about me. It's kind of an honor for all of us. I'm very thankful to be in a position to do this."

South Lyon's first-year head coach Troy Weidman said Grimes, who was recently selected as a team tri-captain, earned the honor with his strong off-season.

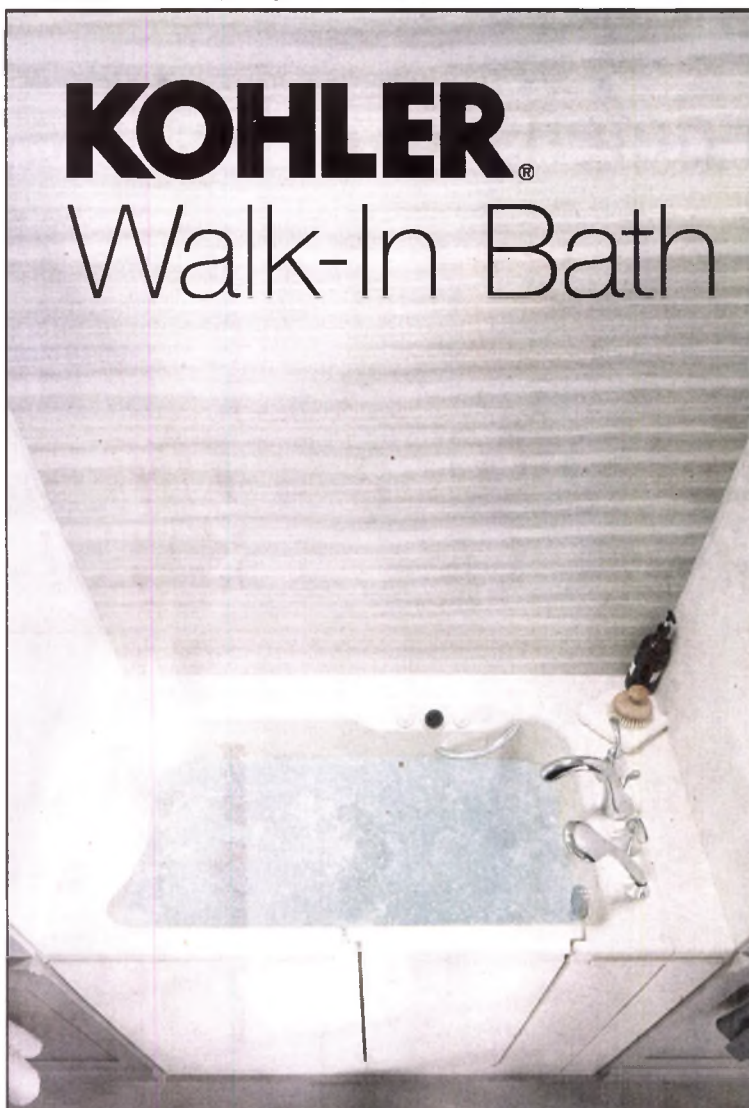
"I'm very proud of Noah," said Weidman, who previously served as the program's junior varsity and varsity assistant coach. "Noah earned this opportunity in the off-season by putting up a ton of game-speed shots and adding speed and muscle through his dedication to the weight room."

"Noah also went above and beyond by doing things like attending back-to-back four-man skill development sessions which helped equip him to play both the guard and forward positions," he said. "I'm most proud of the teammate and leader Noah is to our Lion basketball family. Our staff is blessed to be this young man's coach."

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PREP FOOTBALL



Cranbrook Kingswood defeated Detroit Mumford to bring home the school's first district championship trophy this season. MARTY BUDNER

McConnell leads Cranbrook to record-setting season

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Cranbrook Kingswood's seniors knew they had the opportunity to do something special in 2017.

They achieved those preseason expectations with impassioned determination, setting extraordinary new gridiron standards. The Cranes made history this season in a number of ways.

For the first time in program history, Cranbrook Kingswood played an unprecedented three straight postseason home games at the Thompson Oval.

The Cranes opened with a convincing Division 4 pre-district win over Madison Heights Lamphere (35-0), then defeated Detroit Mumford (7-0) in the district championship game before falling to highly-touted River Rouge (21-14) in the regional title game.

Cranbrook Kingswood not only captured its first district championship, but won two playoff games for the first time. The Cranes had never reached the regional round in eight previous playoff appearances.

Head coach Joe D'Angelo's team won its second straight Catholic League Intersectional crown and repeated as the Catholic League C-D Division champion. It had never won a Catholic League title until last year.

The Cranes finished with an 8-1 regular-season record and added two more playoff wins for a school-record 10-victory campaign. They had won nine games three times before.

"We were in uncharted territory. We had never gone this far (in the playoffs)," D'Angelo said. "I really believed that this was a team of destiny. I really thought this team could do it. I didn't tell (the team), but I thought if we could get by (River Rouge), we could get to the finals. I give them a lot of credit."

Seniors carve out niche

While it was tough ending the year with a respectable seven-point loss as a decided underdog to River Rouge, the seniors will always remember a four-year journey during which they brought the Cranbrook Kingswood football program back to the forefront.

Cranbrook Kingswood's four-year varsity players finished with 32 wins and four straight state playoff berths. It matches the four-year period from 2002-05, when the Cranes achieved those same lofty numbers.

As a senior captain and four-year varsity veteran, quarterback Trevor McConnell's lead-



Senior quarterback Trevor McConnell was a four-year varsity veteran for Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Joe D'Angelo. MARTY BUDNER

ership was invaluable during this record-breaking season.

The other four-year seniors who played key roles in the team's success were Christopher Smith (T/DE), Tim Hauxwell (T/DE) and Aaron Wiggins (RB). Seniors Margis Stokes, Andrew Mertz and Adam Samet were two-year starters.

"These guys, this year, put so much into it and it was an amazing experience just to be out there with them and to be able to lead them," an emotional McConnell said after the season-ending defeat. "What we did for this program over these past four years means so much to us. It's all of us — Mertz, myself, Wiggins, Stokes, Pierson, Chris, Timmy, the senior class. You just can't say enough about them."

"Then the underclassmen, they stepped in and bought in in June, when we said we could make history here. They bought into us and they knew what we could do and it was an incredible ride. I was lucky enough to be a part of it and one of the leaders of it."

"We had an amazing coaching staff that I can't say thank you to them enough," he added. "It's an emotional time because we are so close. We are just such a family. It was quite the team and I enjoyed being on it. I couldn't be prouder of this team."

McConnell excels

McConnell, also a pitcher on the baseball team, finished the season with a 55-percent completion average (89-of-161) for 1,561 yards and 24 touchdowns. He played in all 10 games last year, starting four of them when starting signal-caller Tyler Santangelo got injured, completing 50 percent of his passes for 574 yards and six touchdowns.

McConnell's signature win was against perennial Catholic League power Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. He passed for 286 yards and three TDs in leading the Cranes to their first victory over Lakes.

He would have liked to lead the Cranes to at least

one more monumental victory against River Rouge, but it just wasn't to be.

"We thought this was the state title (game) in the regional round," McConnell said. "We knew we had the ability to compete with them, even though quite a few of the news articles said the opposite."

"We were ready and I couldn't have been prouder of the way we played," he added. "Everybody counted us out. We knew it was going to be a fight and we were ready for it. It's the character of this team. We knew we could compete with these guys."

Since D'Angelo took over the program five years ago, his teams have compiled an excellent 34-18 record. The Cranes had a losing record in 2013, his first year, but have not had a losing season since with four straight playoff appearances.

Keep the momentum going

The Cranes will return a number of key people, including juniors Kobi Russell, Danny Files, Abhi Thakur and Chris Williams and sophomores Will Kerr and Jack Fairman, to name a few. They will all be counted on to keep the momentum going from this year's historic run.

"I've had more people call, a lot of the alumni, and they see what's out there," D'Angelo said. "We are playing some real football now. We are physical and it's rewarding to get this far in the state tournament."

"It hurts to lose, but we'll be better and we'll build on this. We will be better. I think this will be an incentive for us to work hard in the off-season. They know how to win now. We'll see how they come back."

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to win the Catholic League championship and to move on in the playoffs farther than we ever did," he added. "We didn't accomplish that (in the playoffs) — we didn't get to the state finals, obviously. But I predict we'll be there in the future."



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NO. 3044

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 35 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3952 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the report of the City Planning Commission, dated July 12, 2017, setting forth its resolution 09-50-2017 recommending approval of Petition 2017-07-01-04, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on October 9, 2017, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2017-07-01-04 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3952. Petition 2017-07-01-04 submitted by Elizabeth Nace, is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from OS to R-1:

Land situated in the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows:

That part of the South 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 of Section 35, T 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as containing Lots 6 through 30 inclusive, of E. G. Settle Realty Co's Bonaparte Gardens Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 54, Page 75 of Wayne County Records, except the east 7 feet thereof.

and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the changes made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 968 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 5th day of December, 2017.

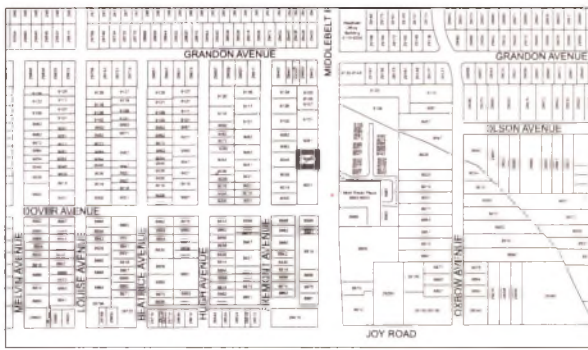
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Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

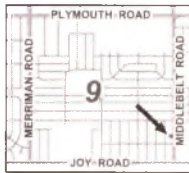
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**BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED
FROM OS, OFFICE SERVICES
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PETITION NO. 2017-07-01-04
A PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 35

AMENDMENT NO. 968 TO THE
ZONING MAP OF THE
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There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Interested bidders shall congregate prior to the meeting time in the public parking lot on the East side of the Fox Creek Golf Course located at #36000 Seven Mile Road.

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All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID - FOX CREEK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT PATIO REPLACEMENT" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

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Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

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WITH DASHBOARD MARKETPLACE ON LATE-MODEL VEHICLES, GM AIMS FOR COMMERCIALIZED, CUSTOMIZED COMMUTE



By Dale Buss

There are many ways for brands to create loyalty as the driving and riding experience undergoes vast changes. General Motors is taking a further plunge into this new era of mobility by creating what it calls "the industry's first commerce platform for on-demand reservations and purchases of goods and services."

Dubbed "GM Marketplace," it allows customers to buy coffee, order take-out food or make dinner reservations by tapping an icon on the vehicle's dashboard touchscreen. Brands that have already signed up for Marketplace include Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Applebee's and Shell.

In a nod to consumers' demand for personalization, GM's on-board analytics will use information from consumers' established digital relationships with those brands as well as location-based data from the vehicle to shape and customize experiences.

If your favorite Starbucks order is a grande Cinnamon Dolce Latte, for example, a driver with Marketplace can make that preferred order—and pay for it—just by pushing the Starbucks icon on his or her car's screen.

"The beauty of this platform is that it is designed from the get-go to be used while driving," said Santiago Chamorro, GM's VP for global connected customer experience, in a press release. And because the simple (and distraction-free) user interface integrates a clear UI with driver preferences and machine

learning, "it's an even faster and simpler interaction the more you use it."

More than two million GM vehicles on the road—the late-model ones that are embedded with 4G LTE connectivity—are now equipped with this service, which makes car ownership (in a time of sharing) even more relevant and useful.

In addition to branded dashboard buttons, Marketplace also features a "Shop" section dedicated to offers specific to GM vehicles, such as purchasing Wi-Fi data, discounts for an oil change or deals on GM accessories.

Given that the average U.S. driver spends 46 minutes a day behind the wheel, GM figures Marketplace could "make this time more productive, more enjoyable and safer."

At the same time, brands get a big opportunity to cater to consumers when previously the only time to reach them safely on the road was with a radio ad.

Shell, for instance, is tapping into Marketplace for easy notification of drivers of its more than 14,000 stations, representing the largest refueling network in the U.S.

Shell's Marketplace presence also offers discounts through its loyalty program as well as seamless digital payments.

GM's Marketplace move is a win-win as a brand partner, says Dan Little, head of North America marketing for Shell, and "a testament to both brands' leadership in their respective fields and our shared commitment to quality and mobility innovation."

The first brands accessible through Marketplace include:

- GM lets customers buy 4G LTE Data packages, extend their OnStar subscription or receive offers for certified



service, parts and accessories for their specific vehicle.

- Starbucks offers another convenient way for customers to order ahead and enjoy their favorite handcrafted beverage or food item. And as part of the Starbucks Rewards™ program, members enjoy more value by earning Rewards towards free food and drink. (Early 2018)

- Dunkin' Donuts will help customers start their day off right through an experience that allows DD Perks members to preorder and pay onscreen for their favorite coffee and donut, at their preferred pickup location.

- Wingstop will allow you to skip the wait by re-ordering your favorites and paying ahead, so you can get home in time for the big game

- TGI Fridays will let customers schedule a table reservation for them

and their closest friends and family when they need a break from the week.

- Shell will enable the exceptional driver experience, providing ease of payment and savings with INSTANT GOLD STATUS in the Fuel Rewards® program. Customers' closest Shell station will be identified and station amenities showcased among the largest fuel station network in the U.S., with the ability to pay in-dash coming soon.

- ExxonMobil will quickly locate Exxon and Mobil fuel stations with details of what they offer, route you there and get you back on the road faster.

- Priceline.com gives drivers access to hundreds of thousands of hotels and exclusive hotel savings on the go.

- Parkopedia allows drivers to find, reserve and pay for parking, all at the click of a button.

- Applebee's ensures customers are never too far from Eatin' Good in the Neighborhood whether close to home or miles away with the ability to locate their nearest restaurant, order featured menu items and reorder recent favorites through the convenience of their vehicle's touchscreen.

- IHOP makes it easy for guests to enjoy hot, fresh all-day breakfast favorites like fluffy buttermilk pancakes on the go, thanks to safe and secure on-dash ordering and location service capabilities that help search and find the nearest restaurant for pickup.

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