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Westland's new officials take office



Westland Mayor William Wild starts a new term. With him are wife Sherri and daughters Lily and Peyton. CRAIG HEBERT

Three incoming council members
join Herzberg and Wild

LeAnne Rogers

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The new year is underway and Westland's returning and newly elected officials were sworn in at a ceremony at city hall Tuesday.

William Wild, mayor since 2007, was sworn in for a new four-term as the city's top elected official. He was sworn in with the help of his wife Sherri, accompanied by daughters Peyton and Lily.

Returning to the city council for a four-year term, having served for two years previously, was Councilman Peter Herzberg. He was sworn in by state

Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster.

This year, the council will add three newcomers: Tasha Green, Jim Hart and Michael Londeau.

The first African-American woman elected to council, Green was sworn in by Westland activist and precinct delegate Reasther Everett.

Hart was sworn in by his mentor Michael Kehrer, who failed in his own re-election bid last November.

Londeau was sworn in by brother Steve Londeau Jr.

Councilwoman Christine Bryant didn't seek re-election in November. Kevin Coleman ran unsuccessfully for mayor against Wild rather than seeking another term on council.

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New Westland council members (from left) Jim Hart, Tasha Green and Michael Londeau at their swearing-in ceremony. CRAIG HEBERT



Little Stars members perform a holiday concert at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks. LITTLE STARS

Little Stars bring holiday cheer to seniors

The Little Stars, a Canton-based youth organization (www.thelittlestars.org), brought holiday cheer to the seniors in four local nursing homes Dec. 24 with holiday concerts and gifts, as they have done the last 11 years.

Little Stars performed at Four Season Nursing Center (Westland), Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (Canton), Halsted Place Senior Residences (Farmington Hills) and Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks (Novi).

They also brought 360 fuzzy socks as this year's Christmas gifts, purchased with the funds they raised through fundraiser activities.



Little Stars director Anna Sun, an 11th-grader, distributes fuzzy socks at Halsted Place Senior Residences. LITTLE STARS



Little Stars members distribute fuzzy socks at Four Season Nursing Center. LITTLE STARS

Drunken drivers arrested during New Year's Day weekend in Livonia

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Quick tip to those wanting to spin in the middle of the road: It's probably best to not do it in sight of a police officer.

That was exactly the case early New Year's Day at the intersection of Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia, where a driver was seen by a police officer at the intersection doing "doughnuts" in the middle of it.

After pulling over the vehicle, the officer began doing a sobriety check, at which point the individual urinated on himself. Preliminary tests indicated alcohol and the man was arrested under suspicion of operating while intoxicated-first offense.

The case at Seven Mile and Middlebelt was one of five such drunken-driving cases Livonia police handled over the New Year's holiday, said Sgt. Brian Leigh of the Livonia Police Department.

It's more than a usual night, Leigh said, but the numbers appeared to be "on par" with previous New Year's holidays.

"That's pretty standard for a New Year's Eve," he said.

Another case took place at the Woodbridge Apartment, located east of Middlebelt between Six Mile and Seven Mile, that night. In that incident, a woman driving a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro struck a snow bank, causing the car to overturn. She did not sustain any injuries.

After police arrived, they investigated and determined she had been drinking and arrested under suspicion of operating while intoxicated-second offense.

Leigh said about 254 breath tests appeared to have been utilized over the holiday across the state.

Even with the numbers staying relatively the same, Leigh said the ultimate goal is to reduce drunken driving at New Year's Eve and other times of year to zero.

With more options in traveling around town, Leigh said it's always a better to find an alternative way home than driving drunk.

"Take a cab. Use Uber. Use Lyft. Call a friend," he said. "Don't drive drunk."

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Mom pens \$10K essay about daughter's kitten

Genoa Township woman wins grant

Laura Colvin
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It was Jack-Jack's big blue eyes that got him adopted into the Genoa Township home of Lauren and Jason Weber.

But it was his calming effect on their 5-year-old daughter Karina that earned him a place in their hearts.

A few days before Christmas, Lauren Weber learned her essay about Jack-Jack and Karina — who is learning to deal with sensory processing disorder — won a \$10,000 grant for Paws for Life Rescue in Troy.

"The story just flowed right out of me; it took maybe an hour to write," said Weber, a stay-at-home mom to Karina and siblings Kinley, 7, and Miles, 3. "It worked out that it's right around the holidays and I can essentially gift some funding to this amazing rescue organization."

Weber, who writes about family fun in her blog, Mrs. Weber's Neighborhood, said Karina began having "meltdowns" as a toddler, followed by a difficult time adjusting to preschool, struggles her older daughter did not have.

During that time, she began wondering, "What am I doing wrong?"

"I was following all the parent protocols," she said. "I'm involved in my kids' lives; why are

everyday tasks so difficult for her?"

Luckily, she had a pediatrician who listened and recommended getting Karina evaluated early.

Before long, the struggle had a name: sensory processing disorder and social communication disorder, which are similar to autism, but with three of the five criteria required for an autism diagnosis.

"Some social situations can be very stressful," Weber said. "Loud noises, bright light. Other times, she's drawn to that kind of thing. It's tough for me as a mom because, day to day, I don't know what she needs until we're going through the motions."

The family began getting a handle on things — learning, for example, that Karina thrives in a structured environment during the school year, but Weber felt Karina could use some additional support, especially after school and during the summer.

"I had read about how animals can help children with autism so much," Weber said, noting a friend was fostering Jack-Jack at the time and had posted about him on Facebook.

As soon as they met the kitten, who came home this past July, Weber knew he would fit right into their home.

"From the moment Jack-Jack was delivered to us, he knew just what my Karina needed," Weber wrote in her winning essay, titled "Playful kitten helps little girl find summer love." "Despite having zero training as a therapy animal, he distracted her with playful kitten shenanigans



Karina Weber, 5, poses with her cat, Jack-Jack. Her mom Lauren learned her essay about Jack-Jack and Karina — who is learning to deal with sensory processing disorder — won a \$10,000 grant for Paws for Life Rescue in Troy.

when her mind started to spiral and provided a loyal companionship when she needed a friend.

"She found calm to her chaos with slow pets to his chin and would instantly relax when the soothing sound of his purrs began. After they were acquainted, he would seek her out when she began to have a meltdown. In the thick of the

summer's heat, she became his preferred human and I rested easier knowing we were going to make it through this tough season with his superpowers in my arsenal."

Because of Weber's essay, Paws for Life Rescue received a \$10,000 grant from the Petco Foundation as part of the Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes campaign,

which will grant more than \$765,000 to animal welfare organizations nationwide this holiday season.

Jack-Jack, she adds, is the family's first pet.

"My mom had a Siamese cat when I was younger and she still raves about this cat and how great he was for the family," Weber said. "That always stuck in my head."

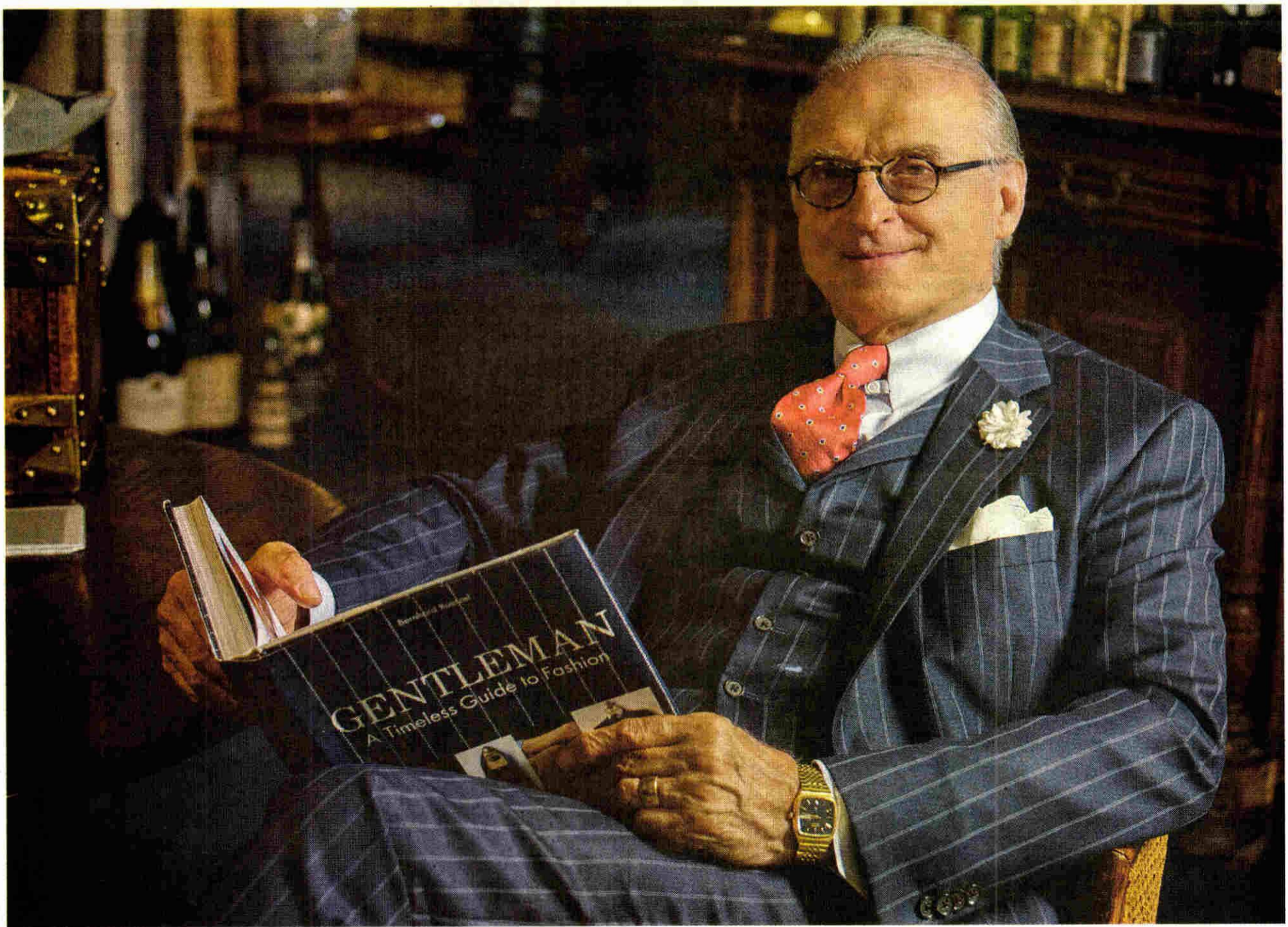
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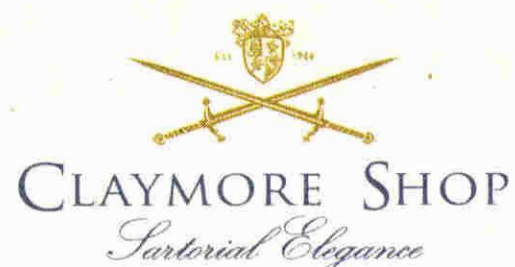
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We all need a big glass of fresh water this new year

The first summer my daughter and I hiked on the Appalachian Trail, we discovered there was something way more important than we'd expected. It was water.

When you hike or run on a trail here in southeast Michigan, like Maybury State Park or the Pinkney State Recreation Area, you always eventually come to a drinking fountain or a hose in someone's yard, etc. But the AT runs mostly along a remote, mountainous ridge line and, since you're at altitude, you become dehydrated much more quickly. Water is so important, hikers plan how far they'll go on a given day by the availability of a water source. Most of the water



Dean Johnson
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you get is from clear mountainous streams flowing out of the ground. It is ice cold and delicious.

John Chapter 4 tells the story of how Jesus sits down by a well and a woman there says, "Excuse me, but you're going to have a difficult time getting water because you don't have anything to draw with — no bucket or rope, etc." Jesus answers, in essence, "You know, I give people 'living water.'" The woman declares, "Oh my, I need some of that."

The woman has had a

hard life, including some bad choices of her own. She's been married and divorced five times and now she's living with another man. She's here at the well by herself because she has no friends, since all the other women reject her. The only people who ever talk to her are an occasional man who hires her for sex.

And Jesus says, "I can give you what you need. But what you need (living water — spiritual life) may not be what you think you need (physical water — just to get by today.)"

The Bible uses water as a spiritual metaphor a lot. In Genesis 1, Eden is a very well-watered place, with four rivers running through it. In

Exodus 17, the Israelites were panicking in the wilderness — "How will we make it?! Is God really with us?! Will we have what we need to live?!" and God causes water to gush from a rock.

Later the prophet Isaiah offers: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Ezekiel speaks of a new temple of God with living water flowing out of it. It makes what is stagnant fresh again, many trees grow and there is healing. And the book of Revelation predicts a city flowing with living water forever.

But the prophet Jere-

Ezekiel speaks of a new temple of God with living water flowing out of it. It makes what is stagnant fresh again ...

She all of a sudden asks about which temple she's supposed to worship at — the one in Jerusalem or the one in Samaria? Jesus replies that its not about religion or worshipping at the right place, it's our hearts. It's about trusting him "in spirit and in truth."

I love a cold Mountain Dew in the morning, but this year I've given up drinking anything but water. To be honest, I still crave a Dew every morning, but I realize that pure water is what I really need. That's true in body and soul.

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net.

WESTLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

Job Seekers Lab

When: 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 22 and 29

Details: Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights

When: Monday, Jan. 8, through Monday, Feb. 19

Details: Win a prize for what you're already doing — reading. For the time period, fill out a raffle slip for each book, eBook or audiobook you read or listen to. Each week, you'll be entered to win a prize.

Intro to Excel

When: 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8

Details: It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint

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

Details: You may bring a flash drive to save your work, but it is not required. Registration encouraged

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 commu-

nity.

What's An App?

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

Details: Learn all about apps, what they're used for and where to get them.

Meet artist Mike Wooley

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

Details: Join Mike Wooley of A to Z comics as he describes his life as a working artist and comic book collector. His time collecting and drawing may inspire you. Wooley will bring comics for purchase.

Writer's Workshop

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

Intro to Microsoft Word

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16

Details: This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Non-Fiction Book Club

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.

Friday Night Movie

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19

Details: Join us for a Friday night movie. Snacks/refreshments are provided — donations accepted and appreciated.

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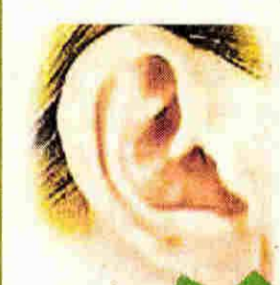
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Griffin Claw of Birmingham was one of more than 75 Michigan craft breweries to participate in the sixth annual Detroit Fall Beer Festival in 2014. JOHN FROELICH | SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

Griffin Claw Brewing Co. to can all beers in 2018

Robert Allen

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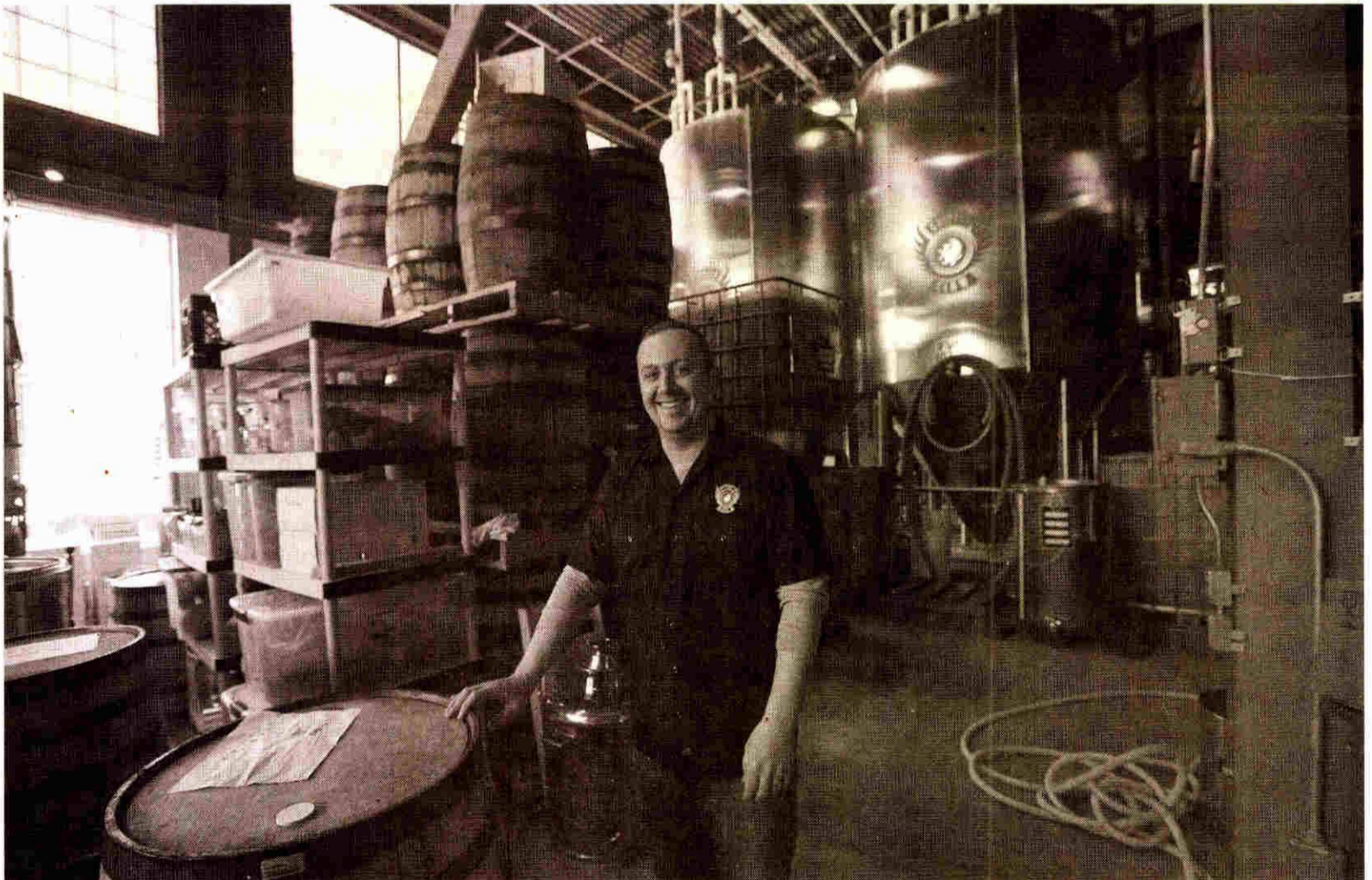
Griffin Claw Brewing Co. of Birmingham plans to can all of the 29 beers it releases in 2018 as it expands to a second location in Rochester Hills, the brewery announced last month.

The new, 33,000-square-foot location at Crooks Road and M-59 is to begin shipping beer in February. It will house brewing operations and, eventually, a tasting room, sales director Kyle VanDeventer wrote in an email.

The brewery is one of many across Michigan and the United States to shift to canning, a method that better protects freshness, is somewhat more sustainable (lighter weight means smaller carbon footprint for shipping) and is more travel-friendly than glass bottles, according to the Brewers Association, a craft-brewery trade group. Everything from Griffin Claw's flagship brews to limited-release, bourbon-barrel-aged stouts will be released in 16- or 12-ounce cans starting in 2018. It will also continue to offer its beers on draft.

The brewery opened in 2013 and its best-selling beer is Norm's Raggedy Ass IPA (7.2 percent alcohol by volume). Its Birmingham location will continue to offer a taproom and restaurant. Brewing operations will grow from a 17- to 50-barrel brewing system, part of an expansion allowing for triple the production capability, to 60,000 barrels (a beer barrel is 31 gallons).

Griffin Claw in 2017 will have made about 13,000 barrels and it's planning for up to 20,000 barrels in 2018. That would rank it among the larger brewers in the state, such as Dark Horse Brewing Co. of Marshall (about 20,000 barrels), but far from the top two, Founders Brewing Co. of Grand Rapids or Bell's Brewery near



Griffin Claw Brewing general manager Brandon Wright says, "We're always trying to be good neighbors." KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Kalamazoo, both of which planned to make closer to 450,000 barrels in 2017.

But unlike those other breweries, Griffin Claw exclusively distributes in Michigan. VanDeventer said that could change soon.

The brewery also released its 2018 availability calendar, with plans to start packaging its Copyright Cream Ale (4.5 percent ABV), Perry White (5 percent ABV) Belgian pale ale and Lemon Session (4.5 percent ABV) Belgian tripel made with lemon zest and juice, among others.

"We've been extremely fortunate to have four great years to open with, out the gate. Now we're looking forward to putting the (pedal) to the metal and really excelling in this great craft beer scene," VanDeventer wrote in a news release.

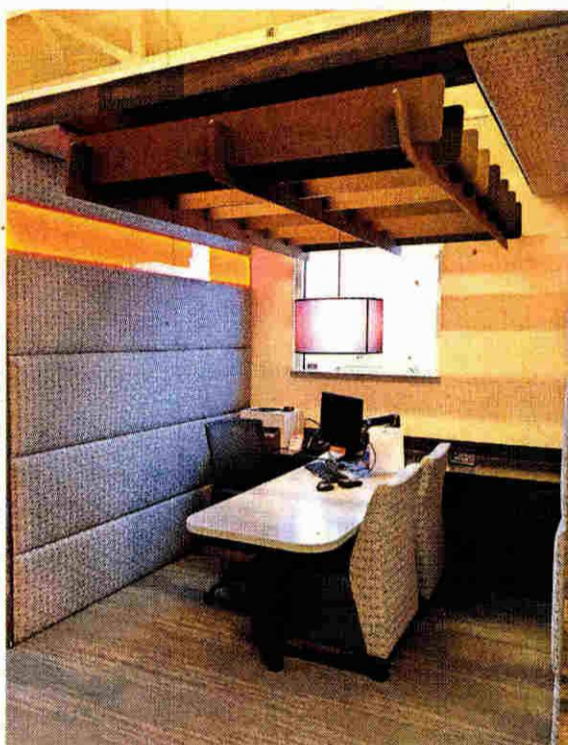


Griffin Claw Brewing Co. opened in Birmingham in 2013. Its planned Rochester Hills location is expected to open in early 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS

Zeal Credit Union scores a doubleheader



Zeal Credit Union likely set a record Dec. 11, with back-to-back ribbon-cuttings for two new branch offices in Livonia. In June, Zeal opened the Livonia West branch in the credit union's new headquarters building at 17250 Newburgh Road. In November, the Livonia East branch was relocated to newly built offices at 15950 Middlebelt Road, just around the corner from its former location on Five Mile Road. The hours at Livonia West are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. There is also a 24-hour drive-up ATM. The Livonia East branch also has a 24-hour drive-up ATM and the same weekday hours as Livonia West. In addition, drive-up service is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Middlebelt location. For more information about Zeal Credit Union, go to www.ZealCreditUnion.org or call 800-321-8570.



LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Binson's broken into

Livonia police were called Tuesday to Binson's, 13450 Farmington, on the report of a burglary that took place.

Police spoke to a manager, who said some petty cash had been stolen from the office back in November. Believing it was just an employee, no police report was filed. Another incident took place in December and it was believed an employee helped someone enter the business and take some money at that point. That employee was terminated. When an employee came in Tuesday morning, they discovered a vehicle had struck the business's overhead door, allowing access to the business. Some cash was taken from the warehouse office, as well as a cash register.

Gift cards stolen

A shopper at Costco, 20000 Haggerty, came into the police station Monday to report the

theft of some gift cards while she was at the store.

She said she was checking out when she placed some gift cards down at the register. She later realized they were missing. After going back to the store and speaking to a manager, they reviewed footage and saw two women in line behind her who apparently picked up the cards. A manager contacted the women and requested they return the cards, but they denied taking them and said they did not have them. The missing cards included ones to Target, Victoria's Secret, Outback Steakhouse and Starbucks.

Retail fraud reported

Police were called Monday to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police the suspect had a cart full of items. The suspect then selected a

bouquet of flowers in a vase and placed them in the cart as well. Going to the self-checkout, the individual bought the vase, but not the flowers inside of them. They then walked out without paying for several other items in their cart. They were stopped and detained until police arrived and issued a retail fraud citation.

Attempted break-in of gas station

Police were dispatched Dec. 31 to Marathon, 31401 Eight Mile, on the report of an attempted break-in of the business.

Police arrived and found part of the double-pane window broken, along with pry marks on the window frame. The owner said the station closed the night before and was still intact. Police reviewed the security footage, which showed a suspect approaching the business at about midnight.

— By David Veselenak

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Windows damaged on several vehicles

A report filed Dec. 6 with the Wayne Police Department reported some damage had been done at Storage Sense, 34333 E. Michigan Ave.

The victim said she was doing a walk through at the business that morning. She noticed some rocks from the railroad tracks laying on the property. While walking through the recreational vehicle part of the property when she found some vehicles with some broken windows and the fence cut.

Items taken from truck bed

A shopper at Northside True Value Hardware, 2912 S. Wayne, filed a police report Dec. 7 reporting some items had been taken from his truck.

He said he parked his

truck, which had several items in the bed of it, in the parking lot. He came out and found the tailgate open and the items inside, including a propane heater, fuel line, propane tank and extension cord, were missing. He checked with a manager, who said his truck was parked out of view of the security cameras.

Box stolen out of vehicle trunk

A resident who lives in the 31500 block of Van Born filed a police report Dec. 8 to report several items had been taken from their vehicle.

She said the trunk of the vehicle had apparently been left open when she and her fiancé left for a few hours. After returning, they found several items missing from the trunk. Those included a box that contained paperwork with Social Security informa-

tion on it, an ankle boot, a space heater, clothing, water tumblers and a candle warmer. The victim said there were lines in the snow left from the box when it was taken out.

Cellphone taken

A vendor selling items at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe, filed a police report Dec. 10 to report her cellphone had been taken.

She said she was doing a vendor show at the center when she noticed her phone missing. She said someone who took her phone called her friend, who said it was found outside. She did not go outside and had her husband text it several times, though the suspect turned it off. She said several other vendors had items taken from the center that day as well.

— By David Veselenak

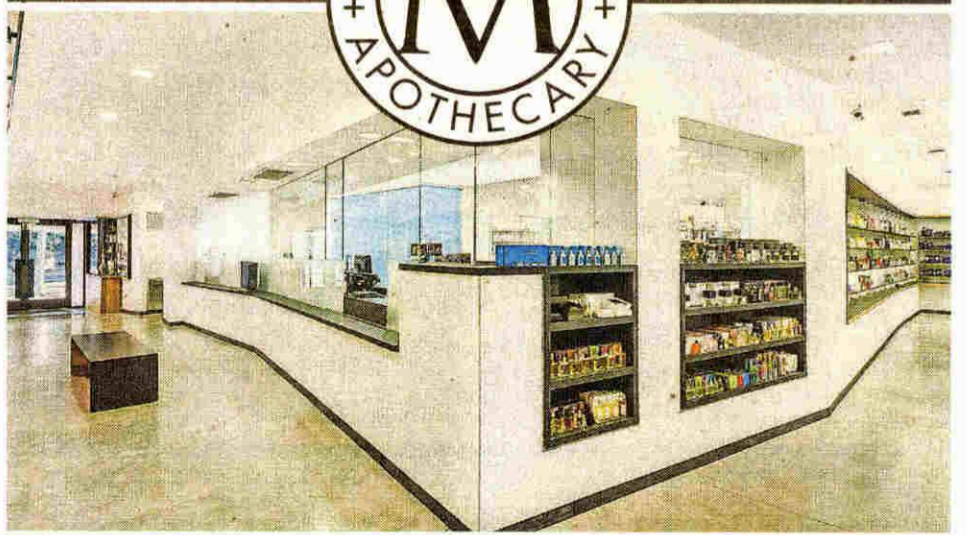
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First baby of the new year



St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia welcomed its first newborn of 2018 several hours into the new year. Livonia resident Alicia Kemp gave birth to daughter Isabella at 9:27 a.m. at the Livonia hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19.5 inches in length. She is the daughter of Kemp and Anthony Suffredini. She has three older siblings: Hailley, Giuliana and Aubri. Both mother and baby were doing well after delivery, according to St. Mary Mercy.

Dad shuts down teen house party as cops arrive

Darrell Clem

hometownlife.com

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A Canton father shut down his teen son's New Year's Eve party after about 150 people showed up, causing a ruckus with yelling outdoors and fueling complaints about cars parked in fire lanes,

police said.

The father told police he had allowed his 17-year-old son to invite a few friends over, but they apparently alerted others to the party on Amber Drive, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon.

Canton Deputy Police Director Chad Baugh said parties can easily spiral out of control as

word spreads, particularly on social media.

"It can get out of hand very quickly," he said.

Police began receiving multiple complaints from neighbors about 11 p.m., Dec. 31. Callers reported loud yelling and a large group of party-goers in the street, according to a police report.

Police could smell

alcohol and found one bottle in a front-yard flower bed when they arrived, the report said.

The father already was ordering the guests out of his house as police arrived. He denied any knowledge of the teens consuming alcohol.

Police issued the father a ticket for having an open house party, a

misdemeanor charge.

Baugh urged parents, before letting their teens have parties, to plan ahead and make sure their children understand the ground rules.

"Often there's not a lot of pre-planning to understand what could actually happen," Baugh said. "We've seen it a few times with social media.

An invitation goes out and causes it to quickly multiply on the families."

Baugh said parents and teens should take "a common-sense approach" to parties and "use sound judgment" in planning them.

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The Plymouth Ice Festival returns to the downtown area Jan. 12-14. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth Ice Festival set for Jan. 12-14

Downtown Plymouth will host the 36th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-14. The Plymouth Ice Festival has a long-standing history of turning the downtown area into a magical winter wonderland filled with ice sculptures and family activities. With more than 100,000 individuals and families from all over attending each year, this is not a festival to be missed.

This year's event will bring back fan favorite activities such as the Ice Playground, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition, presented by Genysis Credit Union, will host two carving competitions for various Michigan colleges and universities. The individual contest will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday. Competitors will have three hours to carve their masterpieces. The ice-carving competitors will take part in the team competition starting at 8 a.m. Sunday. Teammates will have to work together to build and sculpt their ice carving. The winners of each contest will be announced and receive trophies each day at 1 p.m.

Families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross Country Skiing Zone, presented by

Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help you suit up and set you off on the cross country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

Another highly anticipated area of the festival is the Ice Playground. This interactive area is full of games carved out of ice and has plenty of opportunity for pictures, while the kids play with the ice. This is simply a "must see" at this year's festival.

Those attendees looking to quench their thirst will want to visit the EG Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd, along with an awesome ice bar where you can enjoy some Svedka Vodka specialties. This year will feature live entertainment Friday for Power Play Detroit and Smoke and Mirrors on Saturday.

Other festival highlights:

» Opening ceremony — At 7 p.m. Friday, the festival will officially open as city commission members will help cut the ribbon.

» DFCU Financial Lights the Ice — The festival becomes even more magical at night, as the ice carvings glow with color. We will flip the switch during the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday.

» Ally Financial Dueling Chainsaws Competition — In this great competition, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings in the festival.

» Interactive Ice Sculptures — Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around. There are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures.

» Fire and Ice — See two basic elements as fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display Friday and Saturday that is sure to wow. Towers are lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. each day and will burn for approximately two hours.

» The Hot Spot heated by Ehlers Heating & Air Conditioning — Warm up in style at the Hot Spot. Located under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park, the Hot Spot features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to take a load off your feet and (most importantly) lots of heat. The Hot Spot is open during all of the festival.

For more information, go to www.plymouthicefestival.com or follow on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

Area veteran receives French Legion of Honor medal

Mort Harris, a World War II veteran, entrepreneur and philanthropist, received the Knight of the French Legion of Honor medal during a ceremony Nov. 14 at Cranbrook. Created by Napoleon in 1802, the Legion of Honor is the highest national decoration of the French Republic. The medal was presented to Harris by Guillaume Lacroix, consulate general of France in Chicago, on behalf of the president of the French Republic.

"I was a bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air

Corps Eighth Air Force, 95th Bomber Group, 334th Squadron, based in Horham, Suffolk, England," Harris told the audience of nearly 200 family, friends and dignitaries that gathered for the event. "I was a pilot because I didn't want to fight in the foxholes."

During Operation Cadillac, Harris led a squad of B-17s to deliver cannons to the town of Footman-Lilas, where the French Maquis — courageous freedom fighters — and farmers used the cargo to liberate the first major city in France. The

cannons were dropped out of planes with parachutes and helped turn the tide of the war.

The ceremony took place three days after Veterans Day in the West Wing of Cranbrook House, which was added on in 1918, the same year commemorated by the Veterans Day (then Armistice Day) holiday. Opposite the podium where Harris officially became a member of the Knight of the Legion of Honor hangs "The Great Crusade," a tapestry celebrating democracy and the end of World War I.

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- ✓ It can take your focus away from enjoying your life...like spending time with your children or grandchildren...
- ✓ It can mess up your work or force you to do a job you don't want to do...
- ✓ It can ruin your travel plans...
- ✓ And it can take away your ability to live life...having to rely on others... or to wait for you to sit down for a minute.

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We are Sciatica and Lower Back Specialists at ALLY PHYSICAL THERAPY, we've helped 100's of people from right here in Livonia, MI...and the rest of Wayne County...who have suffered needlessly with lower back pain and sciatica...it's our specialty.

So by request, I'm hosting a Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop here at ALLY PHYSICAL THERAPY ON 10TH February 2018 at 32858 5 mile Rd, Livonia, MI-48154 at 10:30am – 11:30am.

If you're confused about what to do and looking for answers, here's some of what you'll learn:

- ✓ The Biggest #1 Mistake back pain and sciatica sufferers make which actually stops them from healing...
- ✓ The 3 Most Common Causes of Lower Back Pain and Sciatica...
- ✓ A Sure-Fire Way to Pick the Right Treatment for the Cause of Your Pain (and save you a ton of time and money)
- ✓ How a problem in your back can cause pain, numbness or tingling in your leg...
- ✓ What successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery.

How Do I Register for the Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop?

Call our office to register at **734-525-3000** talk to Jessica or Nancy and reserve your spot today!!!!When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet which you will bring with you to the event.

We only have 15 seats available for the event...and this will be going out in our Newsletter and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Ally-Physical-Therapy>).

So if you would like to attend, be sure to register now... Call 734-525-3000.

How Much Is It to Attend? The Event is Free to attend.

As a Special Bonus...the first 10 people to call, register and attend for the event will receive 15 min one on one time to discuss with Physical Therapist regarding their low Back Pain (to be scheduled on different day).

All 15 attendees for the Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop will receive a Special Report: **"The Top 10 Burning Questions for Sciatica"**. Looking forward to seeing you there on 10th February 2018 at 10:30am.

Dr. Mehul Vaidya, PT, DPT.

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Installing security cameras takes careful deliberation



Robert Meisner
CONDO LIVING

Q: I'm on the board of directors of our townhouse-style condo association and we just received a request from a new co-owner who wants to install a security camera outside her unit. She has explained that she was previously a victim of assault committed in her prior home. Per the bylaws, the co-owners need to get the association's permission before modifying the common elements. We're leaning toward letting her do it,

but are there any risks involved?

A: This reminds me of a famous case from California, *Frances T. v. Village Green Owners Association*, which I frequently cited to my law students. The court found that there was a foreseeable danger to an owner due to a prior burglary of the unit and lack of exterior lighting and, with respect to a subsequent break-in and assault, the court found the association and individual directors could be held responsible for negligence in not addressing the lack of exterior lighting.

Does this mean that you must allow the security camera in your situation? Not necessarily.

The facts applicable to *Frances T.* that led the court to conclude there was a foreseeable danger are likely different from your situation in that I assume there is adequate lighting around the unit and there has not been a prior break-in at that particular unit. It may be that even if you were to deny installation of the camera and a crime subsequently occurred at the unit, you would be able to argue that the crime was not foreseeable and that you did not have a duty to allow a security camera. And associations do not have a general duty to protect residents from crime. On the other hand, if you have experienced security/safety issues

recently in the development, I would want to know how those have been addressed.

Of course, if you allow one person to install a camera, you might expect others to request the same and you would have to approve other reasonable requests to install cameras, lest you face a claim of disparate treatment or discrimination. Note that it would probably not be defensible to require that the applicant had previously been a victim of assault.

If you decide to allow co-owners to install cameras, the board should adopt rules that: 1) provide standard approved camera models to ensure uniformity (and choose a

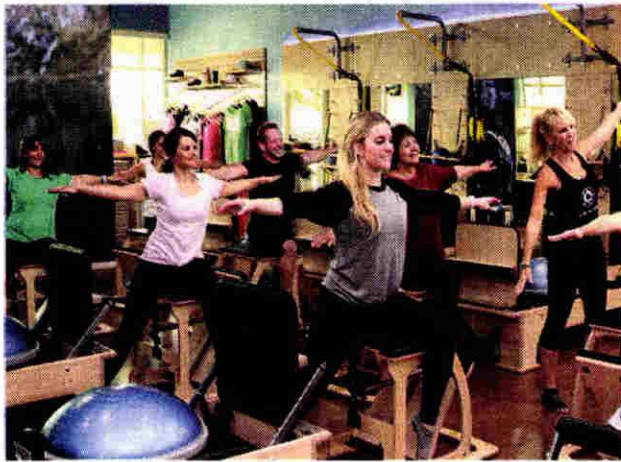
model[s] that you can observe which direction it is pointed); 2) require that surveillance be limited to the areas immediately outside of the unit and specifically do not monitor neighbors or amenities in the common elements (such as pools); and 3) require the co-owner enter into a standard modification of common elements agreement with the association.

Among other things, the modification agreement should identify where the camera is allowed to be placed and indemnify the association from any damage or injury caused by the installation/operation of the camera or any failure

of the camera to function.

Of course, all of the above should be considered further and prepared with assistance from your experienced community association attorney.

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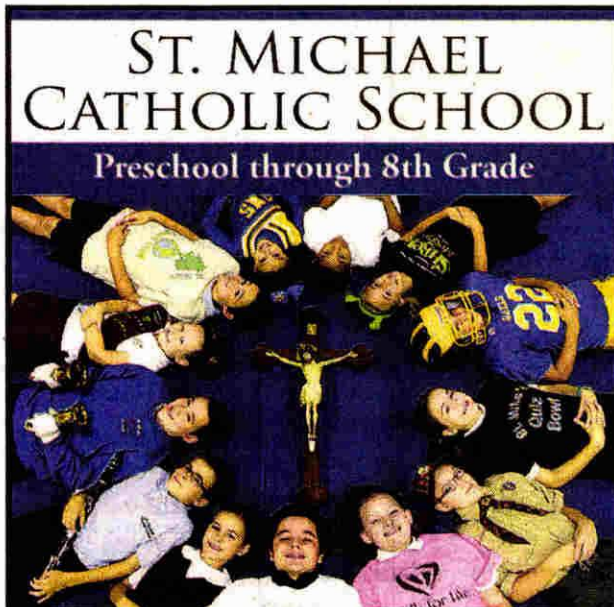
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MLK peace event

The Citizens for Peace present "MLK and RFK: Calling to Conscience" with the Rev. Rich Peacock at its first meeting of 2018. The program begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

The public is welcome to join Peacock as he speaks on the historic calls to conscience from Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy that form our strategies for overcoming "the giant triplets of racism, materialism (income inequality) and militarism." Peacock is a retired United Methodist pastor, co-chair of Peace Action of Michigan and convener of the Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network. He chairs the annual MLK Celebration for Detroit area United Methodists.

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

11th District Debate

The Michigan Conservative Coalition and Lakes Area Tea Party will host a debate for Republican candidates to succeed Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, and to represent Michigan's U.S. House 11th District at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi.

For information about the debate, call 248-225-1846 or email info@michiganconservativecoalition.com. Event details on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/222510174539264/.

Livonia Historical Society program

The Livonia Historical Society will present a Power Point program on "Aviation Pioneers: They Put America in the Air" at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, given by Russ Dor'e, historical speaker. There is no admission fee.

The program is at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, off Newburgh Road, just South of Eight Mile Road. The parking lot is to the right as you enter and in front of the house. For more information, call Barbara Mansfield at 734-464-0450.

Biblical Greek class

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Rd., Livonia will host a class on the basics of the ancient Greek language from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday, Jan. 13 to March 24.

The class will cover the basics of the ancient Greek language used in the Septuagint and New Testament, including the Greek alphabet, pronunciation, accents, nouns, definite articles, pronouns, present tense verbs, adjectives and prepositional phrases. Cost is \$24 for the textbook "A Primer of Biblical Greek" by N. Clayton Croy. Students must pre-register to ensure the correct number of textbooks are ordered.

Contact the Rev. Joseph Marquis at 734-522-3166 for more information and to register.

Classes at St. Michael

St. Michael's, 11441 Hubbard Road, in Livonia will present several classes. For more information, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

» "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are in-

terested in helping loved ones find their way home to the church in which they were raised. Four-week series meeting each Wednesday, Jan. 10-31, in the cafeteria.

» Praise, Prayer and Worship services are held 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. The next PPW will be held Jan. 12 and will include Eucharistic Adoration, confidential prayer teams and communal intercessory prayer.

» Revelation Bible Study continues 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the school cafeteria. The series is taught by Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta.

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.

This month's speaker is retired Sgt. Robert Haig of the Detroit Police Department, who discuss real life police procedures based on his many years of experience. The event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road.

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

Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration in 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.

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 Cultur-

al Center 18100 Merri-man Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, and 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24.

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

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

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 Jan. 25 will be speaker Barbara McQuade, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

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.

AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

You can apply by completing an application online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 888-227-7669.

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Savior Christian neighborhood program

Savior Christian Church of Redford, a mobile ministry, has started a program called "Redford Neighbors Helping Neighbors." It is offering assistance to the elderly and disabled in

the community who may need help with taking out their trash and recycling bins. This will not cost any money nor will any donations be accepted.

Elderly Redford neighbors ages 65 and older who are unable to take their new bins to the road or the disabled of any age living in Redford may call 734-469-7910 and ask for Stacey, Savior Christian Church's

service minister, to schedule a trash take out. It can also be reached by email at SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com.

Savior Christian Church would love to have volunteers, as well. Residents that are willing to donate one evening a week, for an hour or so, contact Savior Christian Church to sign up to lend a hand.

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Darel Michael Stevens

CLINTON - Darel Michael Stevens, age 70, of Clinton, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 surrounded by his family at his home. He was born February 1, 1947 in Plymouth, MI a son of the late Harold Wesley and Stella Antine Pedersen Stevens. In 1982 Darel married Kathleen Fegan and they shared 35 years together. Darel was an accomplished musician and at the age of 7 he learned to play the piano and by 16 was playing in bands and teaching around the Plymouth area. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Clinton for over 20 years where he played the organ. Darel worked as a precision machinist for over 30 years and made his start at Sydley Diamond Tool and finished his career with Federal Mogul. In later years he was a self-employed window washer.

Along with his wife he is survived by his children, Jennifer Stevens of Sykesville, MD, Adam and Colin Stevens both of Clinton; one sister, Karen (Otto) Bufe of Grand Marais, MI; three grandchildren, Lauren, Conni and Riley and two great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Wyatt and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by two brothers, Jared and Kim Stevens.

A Celebration of Life for Darel will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11am at St. John's Episcopal Church with Pastor Susie Shaefer officiating. Visitation will be held from 10am until the time of the service at 11am. Memorial contributions may be made to the Glio Blastoma Foundation. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com.



Irene Marcelle Jenks (Correll) Kortez

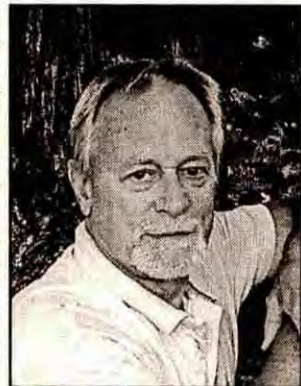
Irene Marcelle Jenks (Correll) Kortez, 98, passed away on December 13, 2017. She was born on July 2, 1919 in Wabash, Indiana to the late Charles E. Jenks and Cora Mae Nicely.

She was preceded in death by her parents, former husbands, Richard V. Correll and Howard W. Kortez; three brothers, Manard, Harold and Gordon Jenks; daughter, Kathleen Barry; and step-son, Thomas Kortez. Survivors include, son Steven A. Correll (Julie) of Marietta, GA; son-in-law, Jack Barry of Hot Springs Village, AR; step-daughters Margo A. Kortez of Lansing, MI and Mary Lee Ambel (Eric) of Brooklyn, NY; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Irene was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Niles, MI, First Congregational Church of Portland, MI and former member of the HSV Ladies 9-hole Golf League. She was a secretary at Miles Labs in Elkhart, IN, a legal secretary in San Antonio, TX and an executive secretary at TRW in Portland, MI. Irene moved to Hot Springs Village in 1979 from Portland, MI.

Memorial Service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2017 at Caruth Village Funeral Home in Hot Springs Village. Internment will take place at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Indiana at a later date.

Guests may register at www.caruth-hale.com



**DAVID BROOKS
JUNEAU, SR.**

January 2, 2018 Age 73. Beloved husband of 46 years to Judi. Loving father of Brooks (Heather) and Christopher (Katie). Grandfather of Brayden, Parker, Henry and Cliff. Owner of Midwest Restorations and a proud Eagle Scout. Funeral Mass at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills Saturday January 13, 2018, 11 a.m. Visitation at the chapel begins at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggest memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice or Strawberry Bankes, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, NH 03801. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com



**Flora Pearl
D'Agostino**

WESTLAND - D'Agostino, Flora Pearl, age 99 of Westland. Beloved mother of Lorrene (Larry) Winnie and Donna D'Agostino Dunn; loving grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 7. Preceded in death by her husband Flip, daughter Dolores "Dede", one brother and one sister. She was active in the Westland Friendship Circle. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements handled by the R.C. Aleks & Son Funeral Home, Lincoln Park, MI. <http://www.rcaleks.com/>

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Teen suspect due back in court Feb. 8

Son accused of killing mom set for pre-trial

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Muhammed Al-Tantawi, the 16-year-old Farmington Hills resident accused of killing his mother and then dropping her out a window, will be back in court early next month.

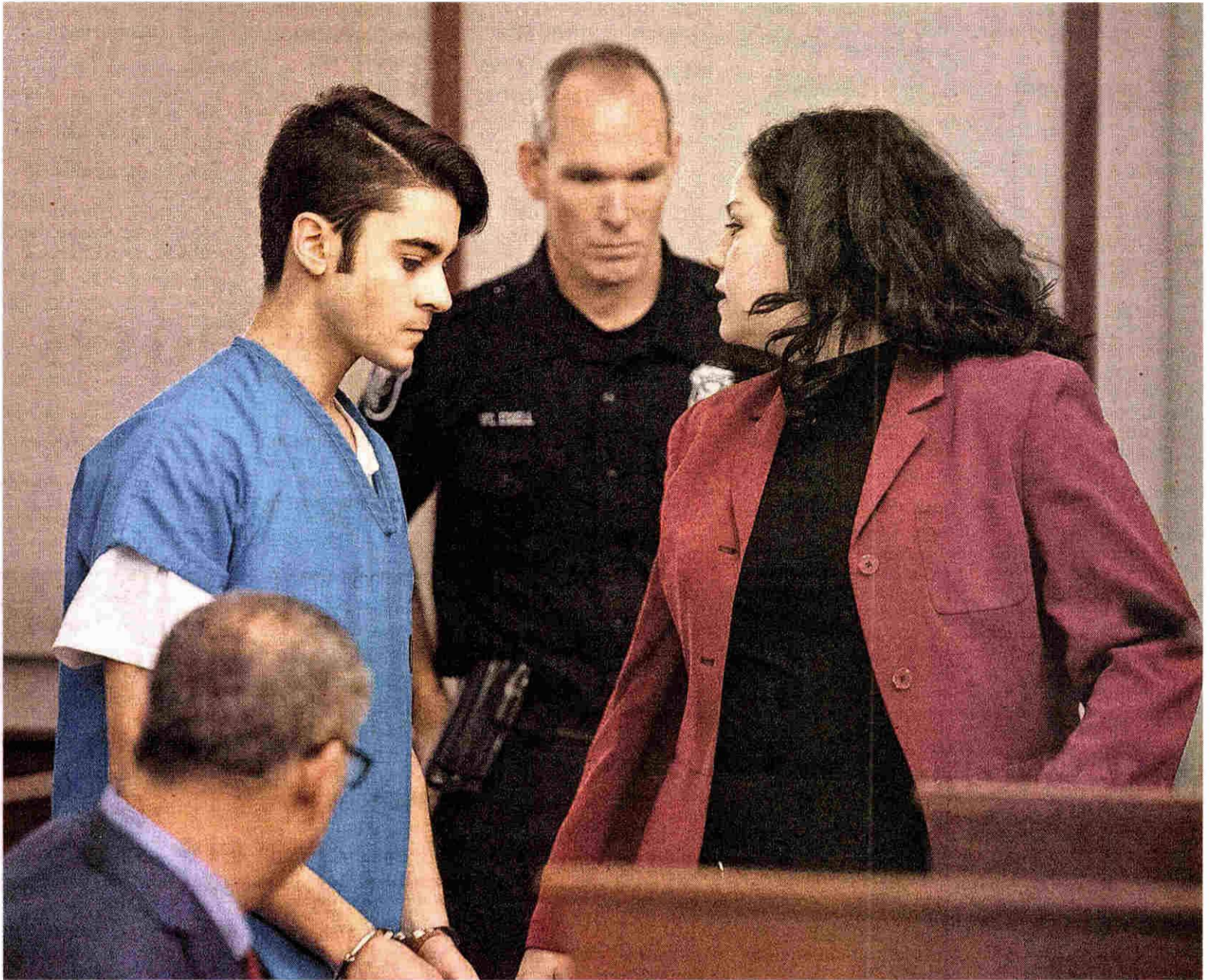
Al-Tantawi stood mute at his Dec. 21 arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court, where Judge Martha Anderson entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf. He'll be back before Circuit Court Judge Martha Anderson for a pre-trial hearing Feb. 8.

David Kramer, Al-Tantawi's attorney, said Wednesday his client continues to say he's innocent.

"Discovery is still continuing to trickle in; I don't think there's a chance it'll go to trial in February," Kramer said. "He maintains his innocence and he wants to go home."

Al-Tantawi, who is charged with first-degree murder and will be tried as an adult, is accused of killing his mother and then dropping her out of a second-floor window. Nada Huranieh, a mother of three, died Aug. 21.

Oakland County Deputy Forensic Pathologist Ruben Ortiz-Reyes earlier had testified he believed her death was made to appear accidental, but in fact was murder. An autopsy he performed on Huranieh two days after she died indicates the cause of death was asphyxia and



Muhammed Al-Tantawi enters court for preliminary exam. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

smothering.

Testimony in Al-Tantawi's preliminary exam included evidence of a videotape that reportedly captures images of someone dragging Huranieh to the window and tossing her out. The end of the video reportedly captures Huranieh's

body hitting the patio.

While the video itself was shown only to the judge and attorneys, Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Brian Wehby described it in court.

"It appears that the person that was in the room looks out the window that the body came

out of. Then it disappears, then there's another appearance by a person, looks like they might be putting the ladder in front of the window," he said.

Wehby also testified Al-Tantawi changed his story a couple of times after learning of the

existence of the video. Ultimately, he told police he'd seen his mother fall from a ladder while cleaning the window.

According to published reports, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor John Skrzynski maintains that Al-Tantawi tried to convince in-

vestigators his mother's death was from an accidental fall — but the positioning of the body and other evidence shows otherwise.

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Pledge to do better with finances in the new year



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

first want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I also want to thank you for the privilege of being able to write this column and help you with the challenges we all face when it comes to personal finance.

When I first became an adult and on my own, personal finance was not something very complex and the issues were rela-

tively straightforward. Back then, when you said shop around, that may have meant making a couple of calls. Today when you say shop around, it means something totally different. When I got involved in this business and they were talking about retirement, the general rule was, as you get older, you need less money to live on and that, at most, you plan for a 10- or 15-year retirement. Today, you must have a rising income and plan for a 30-year-plus retirement. Bottom line: Our lives have become much more complex and challenging.

I hate making new year's resolutions be-

It would be nice if you could look at your personal financial affairs once a year and forget about them. It doesn't work that way. Handling your personal financial affairs is a 12-month job.

cause I never keep them. However, a goal we should all have for 2018 is to take better care of our personal finances. Whether it's paying closer attention to our investments, making sure our estate planning needs are taken care of or making sure we are living within our means, we all have to take more of an active interest in our personal financial affairs.

It would be nice if you could look at your personal financial affairs once a year and forget about them. It doesn't work that way. Handling your personal financial affairs is a 12-month job. You need to make sure that, every month, you spend time on your personal finances. Will they ever be in perfect shape? No, but if you start embarking on a project of continuous improvement,

you will find that, over a short term, you'll be in much better financial shape.

Personal financial planning is more than just having a well-balanced and diversified portfolio; it also means taking care of your estate planning needs. Have you reviewed your estate plan lately? If you don't have one, what are you waiting for? It is always important to review your insurance coverages and to receive competitive bids. Other areas of personal financial planning that we all need to review on an occasion are our outstanding debt (to see if we can be more efficient with it) and our tax situation. Remember, it is

not patriotic to pay more than you have to in taxes.

One last thought — when you have financial difficulties, it doesn't impact just you. Your loved ones are affected as well. Poor finances can put pressure on marriages, family and friends and even impact your job. As we enter 2018, let's all pledge to be more proactive when it comes to our personal financial affairs.

Happy new year and good luck!

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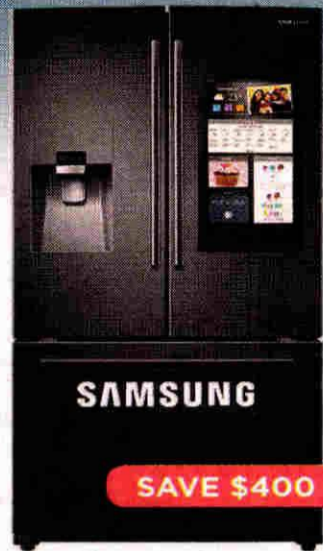
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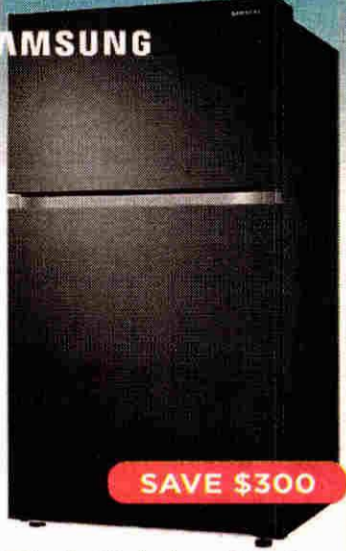
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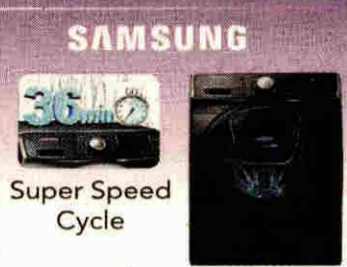


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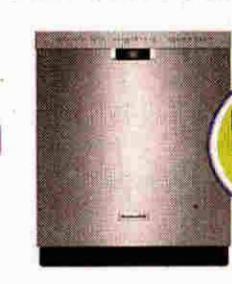
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USA HOCKEY NTDP

Team USA takes 5-1 bite out of Bulldogs

U.S. NTDP Under-18 team up to speed and then some against Ferris State

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Little Caesars Arena in Detroit hosted the annual Great Lakes Invitational Tuesday, but there was also some compelling hockey going on in Plymouth.

More than 1,100 fans braved bone-chilling temperatures to watch the U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team host Ferris State University at USA Hockey Arena. The U.S. played a strong, all-around game and posted a 5-1 victory.

Leading the charge with a solid, 26-save showing was goalie Drew DeRidder (Fenton), along with defense-

man K'Andre Miller (two goals, assist) and forward Gavin Hain (two assists).

Other goal scorers for the U.S. were forwards Oliver Wahlstrom, Patrick Giles and defenseman Mattias Samuelsson.

"(DeRidder) played a winning hockey game today," U-18 head coach Seth Appert said. "I thought he rallied in North Dakota really well (a 5-2 loss Dec. 30). He struggled early, but he rallied and gave us a chance to win that game."

"I thought he was really good early (Tuesday), because Ferris' goalie (Darren) Smith was playing great in the first



Jack DeBoer (left) of the NTDP U-18 team checks Ferris State's Dominic Lutz into the boards. Lutz is a Livonia Stevenson graduate. ANDREW KNAPIK

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BOYS HOCKEY

State tourney feel in air, Spartans win

Livonia Stevenson scores late to outlast pesky Plymouth, 3-2

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

If the Division 2 boys hockey tourney resembles Wednesday's game between Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, it should be quite a treat.

After the Wildcats rallied from a two-goal deficit to tie the game at 2-2 early in the third, the No. 1 Spartans found a way to score next and, finally, hold off a late Plymouth surge for a 3-2 victory at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Stevenson junior forward Austin Adamic fired home a goal scorer's goal with 4:11 to go and then Spartans senior goalie Will Tragge stood tall with Plymouth putting on furious pressure in the closing moments.

"All the credit in the world to Austin, a kid that's been working tirelessly to better his game, to work on his game," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "He got to the scoring area, he got to the middle and he shot to score."

Adamic carried the puck along the right half-wall inside the Plymouth zone and then weaved into the center of the ice. He ultimately snapped a short inside the right post past Wildcats junior goaltender Josh Montroy.

"I saw both my wingers go to the net, the middle was open, cut to the middle

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After scoring the tie-breaking goal late in the third period, Livonia Stevenson's Austin Adamic (right) is congratulated by Connor Jakacki. MICHAEL VASILNEK

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



After prepping at Birmingham Seaholm, Karl Marback is about to conclude a prosperous college career at Yale. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

'ROCKET MAN' SPARKS YALE

Maple Nation launches Karl Marback's incredible college football career with Ivy League champion Bulldogs

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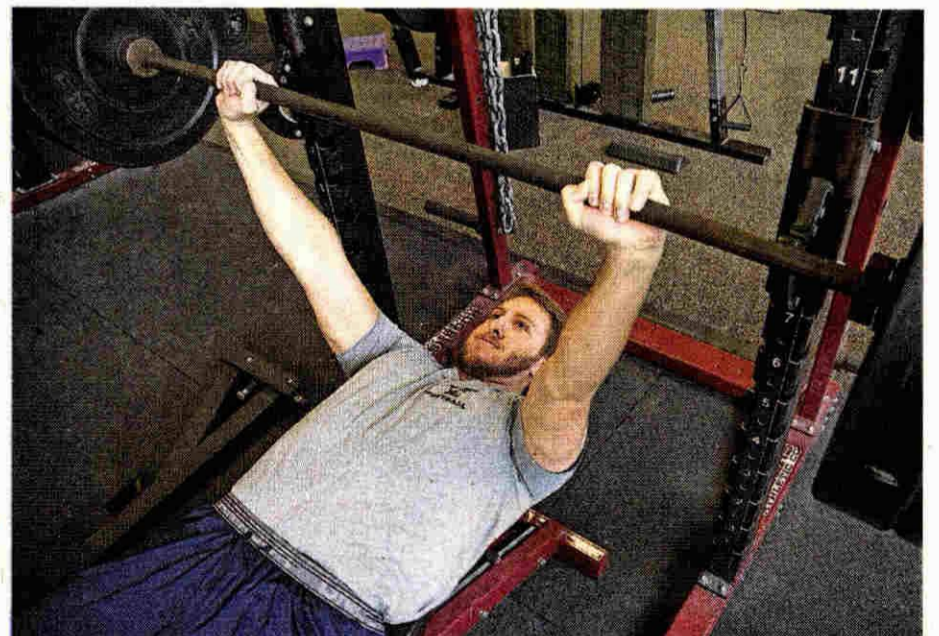
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Biomedical engineering. Rockets. Football.

Those primary interests fueled Karl Marback's amazing Yale University experience.

The Birmingham resident will graduate in May sporting a major in biomedical engineering, hoping to launch into an ambitious career working in medical research and development. A member of the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association, Mar-

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Birmingham native Karl Marback was a strongman on an offensive line that helped carry Yale to the Ivy League championship this past season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks bounce back, down Eagles to win their own holiday tourney

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The way Salem's varsity boys basketball team performed against Canton in its final pre-holiday contest Dec. 22, it wouldn't have been crazy to think the Rocks would get lumps of coal in their

stockings.

But veteran head coach Bob Brodie's squad redeemed itself for the 67-28 loss at the hands of the Chiefs, taking both games it played in the Salem Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Salem opened Dec. 28 with a 54-45

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Salem's varsity boys basketball team celebrates Dec. 29 after winning the Salem Holiday Tournament. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

YEAR IN REVIEW

Livonia readers push Franklin football to top story of 2017

Livonia Franklin football may have found the going tough Nov. 24 at Ford Field, but its appearance in the Division 2 state final game capped a remarkable season for the Patriots. And readers of hometownlife.com agreed, voting it the top story for 2017.

It was a one-two finish for Livonia story lines, with Franklin receiving 65 percent (4,752) of the vote, while the dedication of Livonia Clarenceville's Shaw Stadium came in a distant second with 33 percent (2,418) of the votes.

Franklin had hoped to repeat the performance of the 1975 team that won the inaugural Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A championship. But in 2017, Warren De La Salle

pounced on a series of Franklin first-half mistakes to secure its second state title in school history with a convincing 41-6 victory.

On Aug. 26, amid standing ovations and chants of "Shaw, Shaw, Shaw!", Livonia Clarenceville's football facility became known as David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium in honor of former Trojans and NFL star Tim Shaw.

An emotion-packed halftime ceremony unveiled the new Shaw Stadium sign.

Livonia Franklin players run onto field before the start of the Division 2 state championship game at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



MARBACK

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back worked on a rocket-building project as a sophomore and eventually gained the nickname of "Rocket Man."

Marback not only excelled academically at the prestigious Connecticut institution, he also gained all-star football recognition.

Marback was a key member of the offensive line that helped lead Yale this past season to its first Ivy League championship since 2006 and its first outright title since 1980. The 6-foot-5, 296-pound senior was one of just two Bulldogs to earn all-ECAC first team honors as Yale finished with a 9-1 record (6-1 in the Ivy League).

How in the world did the 2014 Seaholm graduate manage all those commitments? Marback will tell you it wasn't easy, but high school certainly helped prepare him in the classroom and on the field.

"Football in college becomes pretty much a full-time job," said Marback, who was home over the holiday break. "We totaled it up and, on a regular week, we'll have 40 hours a week with meetings and practice. It's not that we practice more, it's just that we met so much more. It becomes much more of a mental game and I learned so much more about the strategy and it was very interesting."

"The thing that stuck with me most from my Seaholm experience that really benefited me in college was the ability to work harder than everyone else, to be able to get through things. Because at Seaholm, we did, like, the week of champions. We'd get up at five in the morning and go to the gym and do workouts in the spring and stuff like that prepared me for doing similar things in college with spring ball."

"A lot of high school kids don't have things like that," he added. "Having that experience and being prepared in that way really helped me out going into college."

A versatile lineman

Marback displayed tremendous versatility as a college lineman.

After committing to Yale as a defensive end, Marback was moved to defensive tackle as a member of the junior varsity team. He moved up to varsity as a sophomore and played in seven of 10 games at right tackle, starting five of them.

Because of a teammate's injury heading

into his junior season, Marback became the starting center and played all 10 games. While Marback found hiving the ball an intriguing experience, he gladly transitioned to left tackle as a senior and again played the entire year.

Marback was an iron man, starting 25 straight games over his three varsity seasons. This year, Marback and his veteran linemates sparked an offense that averaged 34.5 points and 450.7 yards per game (12th in the FCS).

"I was happy to do whatever I had to do to help the team out," said Marback, who captained both Seaholm's football and basketball teams. "And if coach says he needs me to play on the offensive line, I'm going to do that. I picked it up as if I had never stopped playing offensive line and it went incredibly smoothly."

"I played offensive line pretty much as long as I've played football. Because every year I played football, except for probably the first year, which was in, like, sixth grade, I've played both ways."

"I played with the Birmingham Patriots (youth program) and that was the best thing I could have ever done. I was part of the group who was coached all four years by Doug Fraser (Seaholm's former varsity head coach)," he added. "I couldn't have asked for a better first coach for football. There were a few of us who played four years together with the Patriots and we all went to Seaholm together."

Seaholm's soothsayers

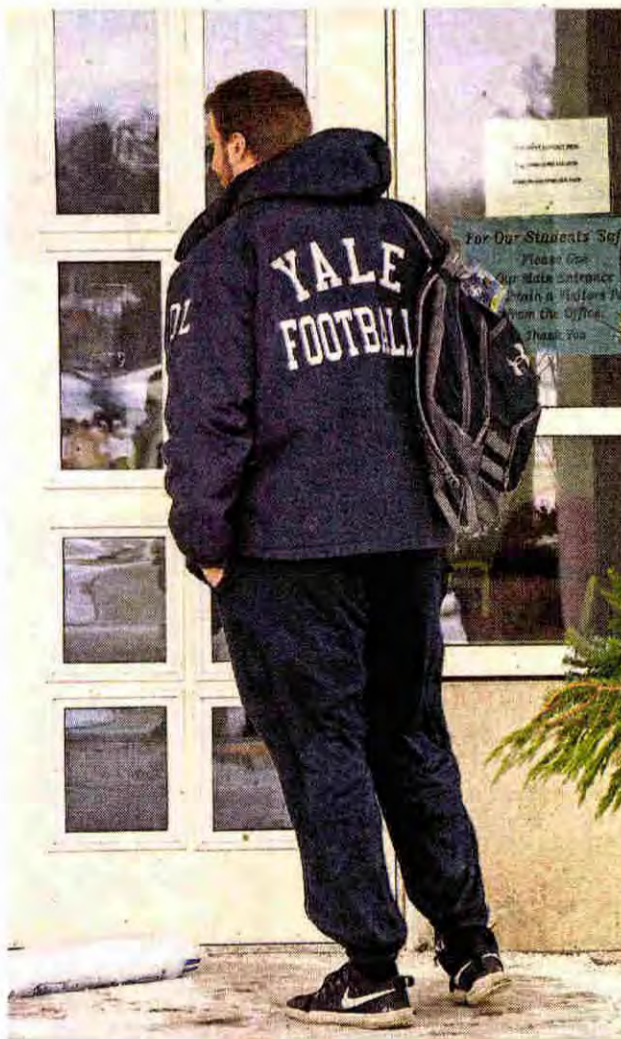
Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald is not surprised that Marback prospered in college as an offensive lineman. In fact, one of the team's varsity coaches at the time predicted as much.

"During Karl's junior year, we noticed his potential at the next level," said DeWald, who will start his seventh season at Seaholm next fall. "He was a multiple-sport athlete who was very athletic and strong. One of our coaches, coach Dontayo Gage (the former offensive coordinator) used to say, 'Mark my words. Yale will move him to the offensive line and he will get a chance to play in the NFL.'"

While Marback had considered the NFL a possibility, he decided his desire to delve into medicine was the more achievable career course. Marback plans to spend time earning his master's degree in England and then continue working in the medical research and development field.



Karl Marback (right) was a key member of head coach Jim DeWald's Seaholm squad that captured the OAA Blue Division championship in fall 2013. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Seaholm grad Karl Marback enters the school to meet his former coach Jim DeWald. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I had a couple of options, but after talking with my family, it wasn't the way I wanted my future to go. I decided that I didn't want to pursue (pro football)," Marback said. "I really like being able to find clinical problems that doctors have and create a solution to those types of problems."

"Really what I want to do is study abroad because, as an athlete, I haven't had the chance to do so," he added. "So I'm looking at master's programs in the U.K. I think it would be really cool to have an experience of living and studying

abroad."

Missile launching experiments

Missile launching was an activity that simply skyrocketed for Marback. A passion for engineering and a "loose interest" in aerospace led him and a friend at Yale to build and launch rockets to learn more about microbes living in the Earth's atmosphere.

Marback and his YUAA friends had two launches – one in Maryland and one in Utah – where their missiles traveled some 9,000 feet skyward. A local newspaper and television

station in Connecticut featured their missions, his football teammates eventually learned of their escapades and thus the "Rocket Man" moniker was born.

"The day after the story came out, when I walked in the locker room, a bunch of the guys played Elton John's 'Rocket Man.' It just kind of stuck after that and it was funny," Marback said. "The last time I flew back to school after Thanksgiving, I ran into this guy at the (Hartford) airport who asked me about the football team and the season. Then he asked me if I was 'Rocket Man' and that was the first time anyone outside the football program ever recognized me from the news and it's something I never expected to happen."

Marback said he hopes to rejoin his friend on another launch of a three-stage rocket in the near future. According to Marback, it would be the highest flying rocket the YUAA has ever made.

"I think rockets is one of those things where everyone has an interest in space or an astronaut or the final frontier type of thing and, of course, that's never going to be a dream that I will realize," Marback said. "During my sophomore year, my friend was telling me about this rocket project that he was the leader of. I thought to myself that would be so cool, to build and launch a rocket for academic purposes."

"The idea was to try and find out what microbes were living in the atmosphere and do a DNA amplification on," he added. "We flipped off our samples to a lab after we did it. It was a cool opportunity that was presented to me and I decided to run with it. I

had a good time with all those people."

Enjoying life at Yale

Marback thoroughly enjoyed his time at Yale and the 2017 football championship made it that much more special. He compared it to his senior season at Seaholm, when the Maples defeated crosstown rival Birmingham Groves to win the OAA Blue Division championship. Both play-off-bound teams entered that monumental Week 8 battle with an undefeated record.

"One of the best things about ending my career at Seaholm was being able to play the last game against Groves at home when both teams were undefeated," Marback said. "That was a big game. We sort of had a similar experience being able to play Harvard at home for the Ivy League title this year."

"A lot of people will tell you going into college is not the same as in high school, that you won't develop the bonds in college that you did in high school. But I did not find that. Because the Ivy League does not give college scholarships, there's nothing that keeps you from quitting other than wanting to be on the team."

"All the guys who are playing really want to be on that team, so it's very similar to what it's like in high school," he added. "We had a tight-knit, close group of guys. And being around such a fun-loving, positive atmosphere and seeing it translate to results on the field really was incredible. It was a great experience and definitely a good way to go out. I couldn't have asked for a better team."

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USA

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period, the first half of that game.”
The U.S. scored three times in the middle period to break open the game, with Miller scoring the first two — including a point shot that hit a Ferris State player and eluded Smith (32 saves).
Ferris State (9-13-1) finally got on the scoreboard with 2:48 to go, when Drew Dorantes skated up the middle and ripped a high shot past DeRidder.
“I just try to keep calm, act like it’s another game,” DeRidder, 17, said about facing a college team. “I don’t think about the age at all. I’ve been playing against older kids all my life.”
DeRidder, although wishing he had the Dorantes shot back, was overall happy with how he performed.
“I thought I played a pretty good all-around game,” DeRidder said. “I just tracked pucks, controlled rebounds and played the puck behind the net pretty well.”
Following are several other takeaways:

MOVING ON UP
Forward Jack Hughes, who tore it up for the NTDP U-17 team with 13 goals and 35 assists in 24 games, was called up to the U-18 squad in late December. The Ferris match-up was his second with the older squad. He notched an assist against the Bulldogs.
“I think I just got to be a good guy in the locker room and produce on the ice, play well, play my game and click with some of the players,” the 16-year-old Hughes said.
He said the biggest adjustment will be get-

ting used to facing older opponents on college teams rather than the younger players the U-17 team always faces in the United States Hockey League.
“Of course they’re heavy, they’re big, strong guys, older,” Hughes said. “It’s tougher to play than in the USHL, but it’s been a good adjustment so far.”
Appert said he likes what he has seen so far from Hughes in two games, including an “off the charts” compete level.
“I think he’s playing pretty good,” Appert said. “It’s college hockey games, it’s hard, he’s 16 years old. He stepped into a game at North Dakota, No. 6 team in the country, in front of 10,000 fans. And North Dakota and Ferris are both old, strong, physical teams.”
“I know he’s going to keep getting better as he gets used to the strength and the pace of college hockey. He has a couple points and I think he could easily have four or five.”

LOTS OF LUTZ
Ferris State’s roster includes several area players, among them Livonians Dominic Lutz and backup goalie Cullen Barber (both grads of Livonia Stevenson).
Lutz, a forward in his second year with the Bulldogs after playing two seasons with the Topeka Roadrunners of the NAHL, has two goals in nine games, while Barber was still looking for his first action with the Bulldogs. He graduated from Stevenson in 2014.
“It’s been a long way since Stevenson, obvi-



Lutz



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder looks through traffic against Ferris State. Helping out are Trevor Janicke (left) and Spencer Stastney. ANDREW KNAPIK

ously,” Lutz said. “It’s been good. I like it there a lot. We have a great group of guys, a great coaching staff. I’m enjoying it so far.”
Lutz added that he continues to work hard every practice and game to keep up with the physicality and pace of college hockey.
“Everyone here is the best guys from their junior teams, so coming from where you might be the star, you have to readjust,” Lutz said. “We’re a very competitive group of guys and it’s very tough in practice every day. Just getting used to keeping up with that.”
Playing at USA Hockey Arena, less than 10 miles from the Stevenson campus, was “a great experience,” Lutz said.
“My parents are able to come to most of my games, but some of my other extended family and friends are very busy with school and college

and work,” Lutz said. “This gives them the chance to come watch me play and I get to play in front of them. It’s just a good experience to come back home and play.”
Barber was ready to go in during the first period, after junior goalie Darren Smith was knocked over and slow to get up. But Smith ultimately shook off the cobwebs and showed he was OK, making a nifty glove save against DeBoer a couple of minutes later.
Other Ferris players with area ties include forwards Taylor Fernandez (Northville) and Zack Szajner (White Lake) and defenseman Tyler Dorantes (Waterford).
BLASHILL IN THE HOUSE
Detroit Red Wings head coach and Ferris State hockey alum Jeff Blashill was in attendance at USA Hockey Arena. Blashill and Ap-

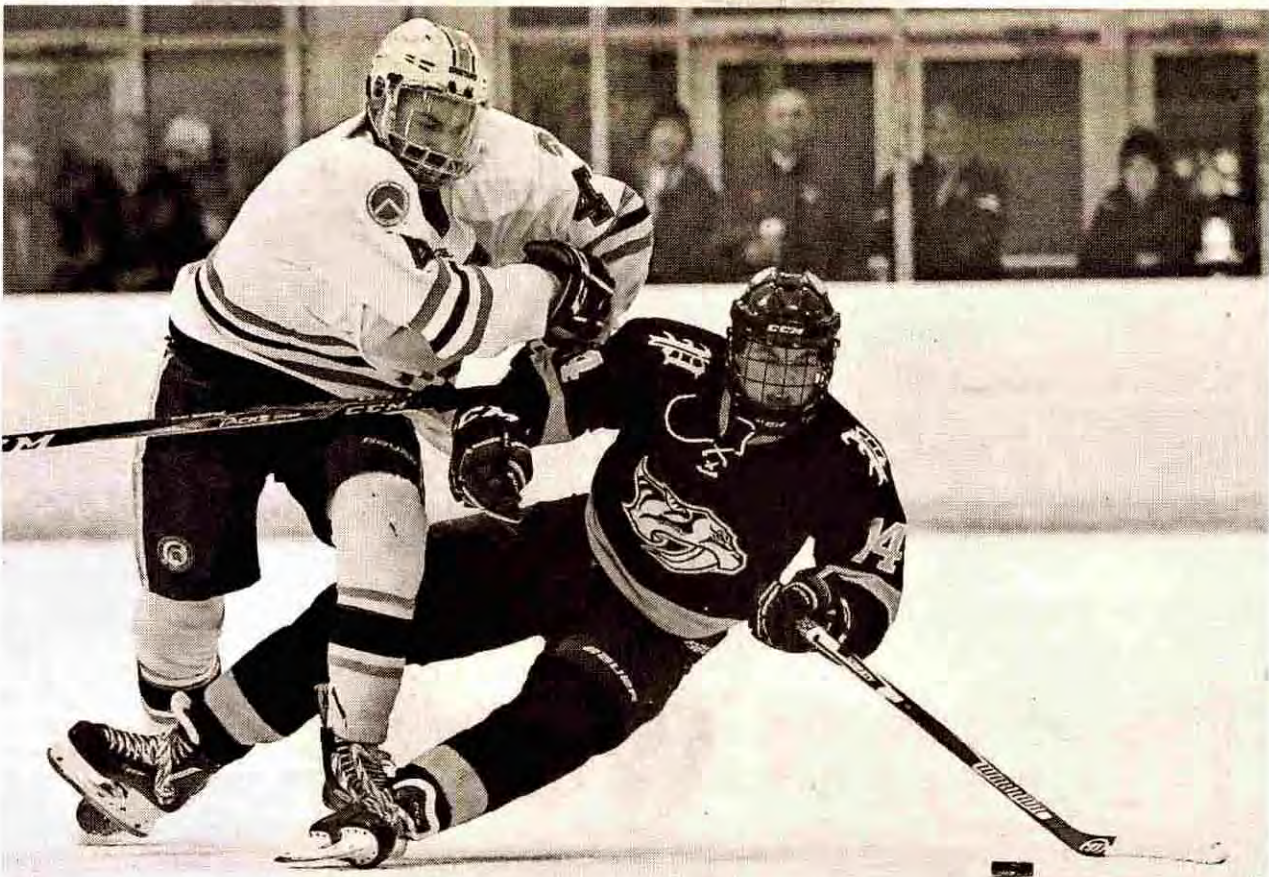
pert are good friends and made up a goaltending tandem for the Bulldogs during their college years.
“Ferris is a special place for me,” Blashill said. “I met my wife there, so it was good to come out and see Ferris and the U.S. team play. Obviously, the game ended up one-sided with the U.S., but I thought it was a hard-fought game both ways.”
Blashill added that college teams such as Ferris State coming in to play the NTDP is intriguing.
“They’re obviously a real special group of talented young guys,” he said, “and this gives them measuring sticks against older players who are a little bit more physically mature. But as you saw tonight, certainly the skill level of this U.S. team is phenomenal.”
Appert, meanwhile, said Blashill is “as good a

friend as you can have. We’ve been through everything together, teammates, goalie partners (at Ferris), in each other’s weddings, going on family vacations together.”
But he laughed when asked about which of them was the better college goalie.
“He beat me out more often than not,” Appert said. “I don’t think either one of us were good enough. Ferris State’s had a lot better goalies than us in the last 20 years, thankfully.”
BRING YOUR SKATES
The U-18 team will host Utica College at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Following the game, fans will get the opportunity to skate with the team. Kris Nolt of the NTDP said the annual event always is a good way for the community to bond with players.
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SPARTANS

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and just let it go,” Adamic said, noting that the way the Spartans responded to Plymouth’s tying salvo is part of the team’s DNA.
“That’s what we’re strong at, we can bounce back at any moment,” he added.
Stevenson (8-2-0, 5-0-0) broke out to a 2-0 lead on goals in the second period by senior defensemen Kevin Stefanick and Jake Beaune.
It looked like the Spartans would carry that lead into the third period, but the Wildcats had other ideas.
With 42 seconds to play in the second, junior defenseman Adam Rebecca — jumping up into the play — tapped in a feed from senior defenseman Andrew Garby. Winning the faceoff in the Stevenson zone and making the play possible was senior forward Tim Baldwin.
“It was a hard challenge, it was really fun,” Rebecca said. “They threw everything they had at us, we threw everything we had at them. Battled both ways, it was a good game.”
Plymouth (6-3-1) then drew even at 2-2 just 1:22 into the third period, when senior forward Thomas Casari sent a wrist shot from the high slot that got past Tragge. Making the perfect pass was junior linemate Jack Blake.
That set the table for a back-and-forth home stretch, with both Tragge (18 saves) and Montroy (18 saves) trading clutch stops. Montroy, who is playing in a rotation with senior Brendan Olepa, displayed solid positioning and quick reflexes.
Following are several other takeaways, the second half of an Eddie Edgar twinbill (North-



Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune (left) delivers a check against Plymouth's Luke Kaledas. MICHAEL VASILNEK



Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge, with help from defenseman Joe Sharkey, thwarts Plymouth's Tim Baldwin (right). MICHAEL VASILNEK

ville edged Livonia Churchill 3-2 in the opener):
FRIENDLY RIVALRY?
The contest featured the two top teams in Division 2, with Steven-

son facing his former assistant coach (Vento).
“They’re a top 10, top five team overall, in D2 they’re two or three, they’re right there with us,” Mitchell said.

“They’re an extremely well-coached team with a lot of high-end players. We have the utmost respect for Plymouth and what they do. It was a good hockey game.”

“It was a hard challenge, it was really fun. They threw everything they had at us, we threw everything we had at them.”
ADAM REBECCA
Plymouth junior defenseman
Even though the coaches are friends and former colleagues, the game was physical throughout and even chippy at times.
WAIT A MINUTE
After the puck drop to start the second period, both teams waited for about 10 minutes because of excess water on the ice. Finally, an official emerged with a squeegee to help alleviate the problem.

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Also on the scoresheet for Plymouth was senior defenseman Luke Kaledas, who drew the second assist on Casari’s goal in the third period.
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Then, following the ensuing faceoff in the Plymouth zone, Stefanick rifled a shot past Montroy.
“I thought (Montroy) played really well,” Vento said. “The first goal was a screen shot from the point, he didn’t see it and it goes in the net. The second one, we don’t pick up the late guy coming and the third one’s off a rush. They didn’t get anything off sustained pressure and I’m happy with that.”
ZONED IN
According to Vento, it was good to see how well his team performed in all areas of the ice against one of the state’s best teams.
“I thought we did a great job in all three zones,” Vento said, noting that he thought it was the Plymouth defense’s best showing of the season. “I don’t remember us being hemmed in for long periods of time and, against a team like that, it’s quite an accomplishment.”
CHEER UP
As usual, the east end of the Eddie Edgar bleachers was filled with loud, enthusiastic Stevenson fans — most of them standing from start to finish.
Plymouth fans were less vocal in the visitor’s student section. But when the Wildcats bounced back to tie the game, the Stevenson section became very quiet.
FOR THE RECORD
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PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Wayne will hold two (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS as listed below to consider the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for eligible activities for the 2018-2019 program year.

Hearing #1: City Council - Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.
Hearing #2: City Council - Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

Both hearings will be held in the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. The proposed activities and estimated amounts are as follow:

Code Enforcement	\$ 25,000.00
Public Services, Senior Citizens	\$ 13,500.00
Demolition	\$ 20,000.00
Housing Rehab	\$ 58,821.00
Administration	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 127,321.00

Final funding decisions by the City Council are also subject to U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, as administered by the County of Wayne. Inquiries: Lori Gouin, Community Development Director (734) 722-2002.

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**REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS
DISTRICT WIDE EMERGENCY BALLAST
REPLACEMENT/ALTERNATE
NEW LED LIGHTING**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of removal and replacement of the existing emergency ballasts as shown for main corridors of the School District Buildings, on the drawings.

Two Alternates are being solicited:

The first is to replace the existing lamps and ballasts on the existing lighting and install new LED lamps and associated driver. The second Alternate is to replace the existing light fixtures in the main corridors of the District Buildings with new LED lighting, new acoustic tile and grid, occupancy sensors and associated material. All work (base bid and/or alternates) shall be done on 2nd shift.

Bidding documents will be available on or after noon on January 12, 2018 by calling Wakely Associates Inc. at 586-573-4100 or email at aduda@wakelyaia.com for a link to access the documents.

Redford Union Schools, The Owner will receive sealed proposals for the work herein set forth until **1:00 p.m. EST, on Friday, January 26, 2018, at Redford Union Schools in the Administrative Building, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240.** Bids will be publicly opened shortly thereafter. Late bids will not be accepted or considered.

The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the School Board, or the Superintendent of Schools. The Owner will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. The right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all informalities and/or irregularities in bid proposals submitted during the bidding process is reserved by the Owner, which right may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Owner. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic, or facsimile proposals will be considered.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or a satisfactory Surety Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid price as guaranty. **No bid shall be considered unless it is accompanied by the required guaranty.** Checks shall be made payable to Redford Union Schools. Such cash, checks, or bid bonds will be returned to all except the three lowest bidders for each contract within five (5) days after the opening of bids, and the remaining cash, checks, or bid bonds will be returned promptly after the Owner and the accepted bidders have executed the Contract, or if no award has been made, within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening of bids, upon demand of the bidder at any time thereafter, so long as he has not been notified of the acceptance of his bid.

PRE-BID MEETING

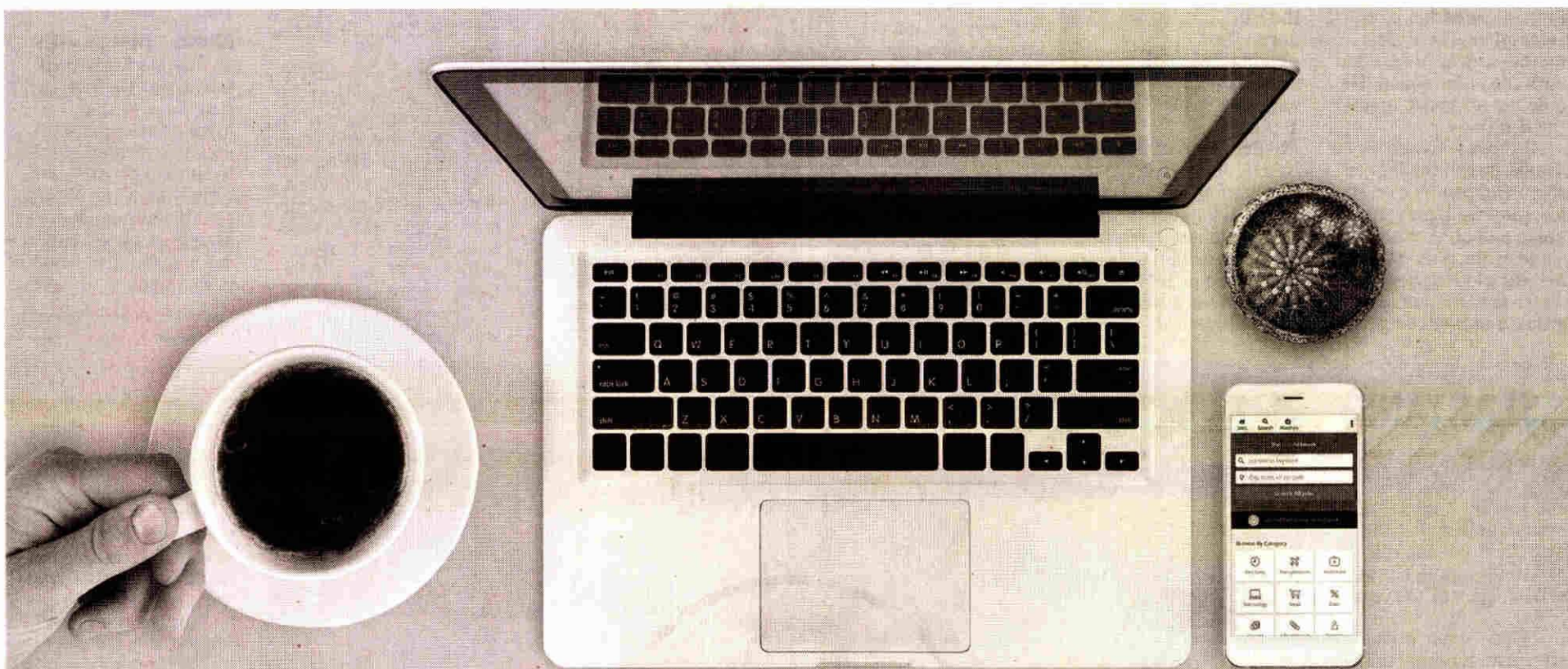
A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at The Administration Building, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240 at **1:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.** Attendance at this pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, however, absolutely no extra cost will be allowed for any item or thing which could have been seen by visiting the site.

The full bid proposal can be seen on our website at www.redfordu.k12.mi.us under Request for Proposals. Please direct questions to Chuck Martin at martinc@redfordu.k12.mi.us

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PREP ROUNDUP

Plymouth falls in Motor City Roundball Classic

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

Boys basketball

WITHROW 61, PLYMOUTH 57: Abby Lawal, a 6-foot-11 junior center, scored 17 points and Mike Hill added 14 as Cincinnati Withrow (4-4) edged the Wildcats (3-3) at the Motor City Roundball Classic on Dec. 28 at Detroit Renaissance.

Anthony Crump tallied a game-high 19, while A.J. Neal added for 14 for Plymouth, which gave up 22 offensive rebounds leading to 18 Withrow points.

NORTHVILLE 82, LINCOLN PARK 31: Mark Grimes scored a game-high 17 points to lead four players in double figures as the Mustangs (5-2) earned a spot the Northville Holiday Tournament final with a convincing victory Dec. 27 at home over the Railsplitters (3-2).

Northville, jumping out to a 56-18 halftime lead, also got 14 points from Niko Barach, while Steven Morrissey and Sriram Papolu added 12 and 10, respectively. The Mustangs made 7-of-15 free throws.

Khalid Flemming paced Lincoln Park with 12. The Railsplitters went 6-of-9 from the line.

WAYNE 73, NORTHWESTERN 20: Isaiah Lewis led the way with 21 points as Wayne Memorial (4-1) drilled Detroit Northwestern at the Detroit Public Schools' Christmas Hoops Classic



Plymouth senior Anthony Crump (right), shown during a game earlier this season, scored 19 points Dec. 28 against Cincinnati Withrow at the Motor City Roundball Classic. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Dec. 27 at Detroit Cass Tech.

Rashad Williams added 17 points and 10 assists, while Terrence Williams also contributed 13 points and eight boards for the victorious Zebras.

COUNTRY DAY 77, NOVI 58: Wendell Green poured in 32 points and Dylan Sandhu added 23 as Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (3-3) downed the Wildcats (1-5) in the Motor City Roundball Classic Dec. 27 at Detroit Renaissance.

Julian Roper chipped in 10 for the victorious Yellowjackets, while Traveon Maddox Jr. scored 22 points to lead Novi.

Boys hockey

SALEM UP NORTH: The Salem Rocks won two of three games over a three-day span in Traverse City.

On Dec. 28, Salem lost 7-5 to Saginaw Heritage at Centre Ice Arena, despite Colin Goleniak's hat trick.

But the Rocks bounced back on Dec. 29 with a 5-4 win over Bay Reps and capped off the annual trip on Dec. 30, with a 5-1 victory over Midland.

Against Bay Reps, the Rocks received single tallies from Garrett Christie, Alex Schaumburger, Tyler German, Dante Doute and Devan Grayshaw. Splitting time between the pipes were goalies Austin Goleniak and Max Van Wert.

Salem then posted the win over Midland, sparked by multi-point games by Tyler German (two goals), Schaumburger (goal, assist) and Colin

Goleniak (goal, assist). Adding a single goal was Anthony Gattoni.

Stopping 28 of 29 shots for the victory was goalie Austin Goleniak.

NOVI 7, FRANKLIN 2: Issac Gibbs scored a pair of goals, while Nathan Graff added one goal and two assists as the Wildcats (5-7, 2-6 KLAAs Gold) earned the crossover win Dec. 22 over host Livonia Franklin (6-5-1, 2-4 KLAAs Black) at Edgar Arena.

Novi, jumping out to a 4-0 first period lead, also got goals from Jay Naidu, Eric Budd and Maanas Sharma, while assists went to Logan Londo (2), Chris Martin and Evan Chipipa.

Trevor VanVliet scored both Franklin goals in the second period with assists going to Trey Ziebol and Nic Anderson.

Ethan Hunsinger was in goal for Novi, while Will Augustine tended net for Franklin.

Wrestling

SALEM ELKS TOURNEY: The host Rocks took sixth place out of a field of 27 teams at their annual Salem Elks Invitational. Winning the Dec. 30 tourney was Livonia Franklin, with Dearborn Fordson second.

"There were some really tough teams here and to place sixth was awesome to do in front of a lot of our family, friends and alumni," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said.

Canton also participated, with top performers including senior captain Zack Dehnke (third in 145-pound weight class) and junior Chris Little (second at 171).

PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

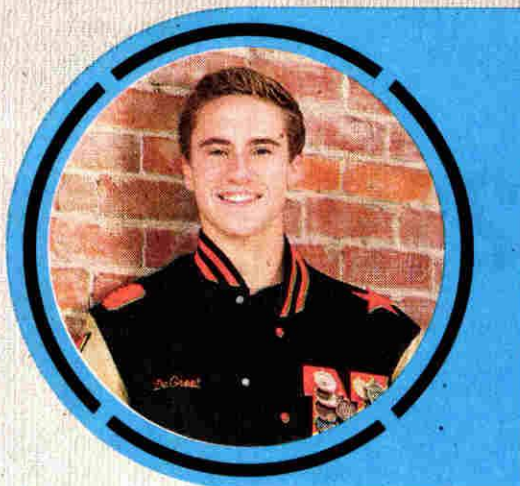
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TREVOR DEGROOT

SWIMMING SENIOR NORTHVILLE MUSTANGS

Northville senior boys swimmer Trevor DeGroot did what he does best to win the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week poll for the week ending Dec. 15.

He finished strong to outlast staunch competition.

Such was the case both in the pool and in the poll -- DeGroot tallied 6,957 votes, more than 49 percent of the total 14,121 votes cast.

DeGroot's main competition entering the final "lap" was Canton senior girls basketball player Carli Vaughan (6,021 votes, 42.6 percent). In third place was Livonia Franklin senior boys basketball player Mark Mettie (1,009 votes, 7.15 percent).

WHAT HE DID: The Mustang won the poll thanks to a big-time effort Dec. 12 against defending Division 1 champion Birmingham Brother Rice. He swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:48.49 and 4:59.34, respectively, to spark the fifth-ranked Mustangs to a 94-91 victory over the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in the state. "For the past three years we didn't beat Brother Rice so I was pretty excited heading

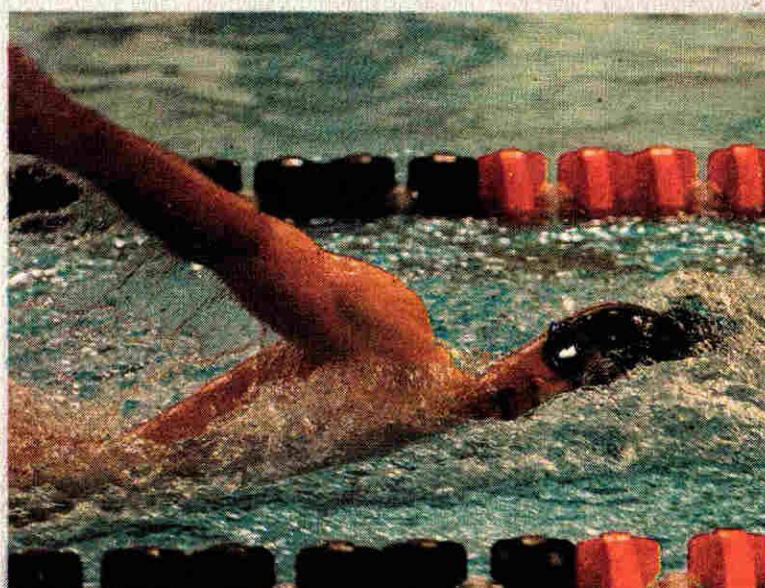
into this one," DeGroot said. "I really tried to focus in on those races and we just had a great team effort all-around." DeGroot said he "just felt good, felt loose in the water. I felt like I had pretty good turns."

PERSPECTIVE: Northville coach Rich Bennetts also stressed to the Mustangs not to get too wrapped up in defeating Brother Rice.

"Coach Bennetts told us at the end of the meet that it was an awesome win," DeGroot said.

"But at the end of the day it was just a dual meet. We have bigger goals than that. It really can't be the highlight of our season."

ABOUT WINNING AOW: DeGroot said winning Athlete of the Week is "an honor. I'm happy that people recognized swimming because it's not in the news too often. I'm thankful for that."



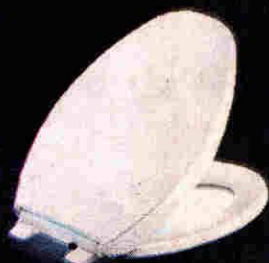
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BOYS HOCKEY

Plymouth brings heat in 9-1 triumph

Tim Smith

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High school hockey fans brought new gloves and hats Dec. 27 to Canton's Arctic Edge Arena, to help the needy stave off unrelenting winter chill.

And after they helped stuff a box with the items that the Plymouth Community United Way will distribute for its Hats for the Homeless drive, they were entertained to some red-hot hockey by the Plymouth Wildcats.

Plymouth thumped campus rival Canton, 9-1, spearheaded by a four-goal game from senior forward Tim Baldwin (who also had two assists for a six-point night).

"The feedback I received from the United Way is that it was a huge success," Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Gerry Vento said. "They said the amount of hats and gloves they received was what they would see (donated) from one of their major corporate sponsors. It was a great effort by Canton and



On Dec. 27 at Canton Arctic Edge Arena, hockey fans brought new hats and gloves to donate to Plymouth United Way. Those who did received free admission to the varsity hockey game between Canton and Plymouth. From left are Gavin Vaughan, Hailey Vaughan, Rachel Smith, Randi Williams of United Way, Karishma Nair and Nick Yoshioka. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth."

Chipping in a goal and four assists was senior forward Jack Chumley, while senior forward C.J. Mullenax helped the cause with a goal and two assists.

Other Plymouth contributors on offense included junior defenseman Adam Rebecca (goal, assist), senior defenseman Andrew Garby

(three assists), junior forward Nathan Stoneburg (goal) and junior forward Jack VanDen-Beurdeury (goal).

Wildcats junior goaltender Josh Montroy made 13 saves.

A Plymouth hockey alumni game preceded the varsity contest.

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Fighting for a rebound are Salem's Jordan Ingram (middle) and Redford Thurston's Zach Crofford (right) during the tourney final. At left for the Eagles is Karlos Berry. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ROCKS

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win against Southgate Anderson and then captured the tournament championship Dec. 29, defeating Redford Thurston by a 53-47 score.

"We had a bad taste in our mouth after that (Dec. 22 loss). Canton took care of us pretty good, they're a good basketball team," Brodie said. "We regrouped a little bit, had some pretty good practices. The kids stepped up and (won the) two-game stand here for a championship. And it was at their house."

The Rocks, now 3-4 and idle until Jan. 9 against Dearborn, were spearheaded by all-tourney players Ben Dierker, Jordan Ingram and Thomas Noble.

Dierker had back-to-back double-doubles, including a 15-point, 12-rebound effort against the pesky Eagles (4-2).

"Ben Dierker had a good game; he had a good tournament overall," Brodie said, adding that the junior forward registered 13 points and 13 boards against the Titans.

Ingram helped the cause both nights (19 points total), while Noble scored 10 against Thurston.

"Jordan Ingram is starting to step up a little bit better," Brodie said. "He had 10 points in the first game and nine points in the second."

Thurston's Karlos Berry also made the all-tournament team.

"Karlos Berry played well, he kept us in the game," veteran Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "I thought we played hard, but I thought Salem played well and deserved to win the tournament. They ran their offense and defense well."

The Eagles reached the championship game thanks to a 52-47 victory over Pontiac in the other

game Dec. 28.

Both coaches said having holiday week tournaments is a good way to stay sharp over a long break.

"If you don't put some games in there, it's tough for those kids to practice regularly every day when you're on break," Brodie said. "It's good to have something to look forward to and a chance to maybe win something, like we did here."

"You get to meet competition you don't see all the time. It gives them new energy and new hope to move into the new year."

Bates said playing over the break "gives us the opportunity to continue to improve and get meaningful practices in. If we didn't play over break, we would have had almost a month off between our last game before break and the first one after break."

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How to answer 4 top phone interview questions

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You've submitted your resume for a job opening, and now you've got your first bite — a phone interview. You might encounter the phone interview for two reasons: You're currently far away from the hiring company, or the company wants to do a preliminary screening.

Either way, it's likely a precursor to some kind of physical meeting. The main goal is usually to see if you meet certain requirements and would likely be a good fit for the job. If a company has a lot of great-on-paper applicants for a single position, phone interviews are a way to narrow the candidate pool.

How do phone and sit-down interviews differ?

There's the obvious format difference, for starters. Instead of physically sitting face-to-face and being able to read body language cues, you're sitting by yourself. That can be a benefit, but also a drawback. You're in a bit of a void, counting on your conversational skills to get you through to the next round.

Also, while an in-person interview is usually with the hiring manager, you may be talking to a human resources representative or a recruiter



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for a phone interview. It's important to know who the interviewer is upfront. If it's a recruiter or HR person, you can be a little more general. If it's the hiring manager, you should be more detailed about your qualifications.

How to prepare

Make sure your voice is calm, confident and conversational. It may help to dress

up in your normal interview clothes and call a friend or family member right before the interview to get into a conversational mode.

You want to come across as friendly and competent. Make sure you're allowing the person to finish speaking before you answer, and don't feel like you need to fill in any brief silences with nervous chatter. Do your homework on the

company, the job and the interviewer. The beauty of the phone interview is that you can have notes right in front of you, without the interviewer knowing you've got a crib sheet, or the talking points about your resume that you want to emphasize.

Lastly, make sure you're settled in a quiet spot where you can conduct your interview in peace.

THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Here are some common phone interview questions, and how to approach them:

"Tell me about yourself."

Limit your answer to a few highlights about your career, especially those relevant to the job for which you're interviewing. An elevator pitch comes in very handy here.

"What interested you about this job?"

This is where your pre-interview research comes in handy. Talk about one of your goals that this job would help you achieve or mention something you like about the company.

Make it clear that this job is an opportunity you didn't want to miss. The more specific and authentic your answer, the better.

"Tell me about your current/most recent job."

The interviewer isn't necessarily interested in every one of your daily tasks, thoughts and opinions about the work. Instead, focus on the parts of your job that relate most directly to the job you want, and highlight the accomplishments.

"Why are you leaving your job?"

Part of the phone interview process is weeding out people who aren't a good fit. They want to know you're not a flight risk or unable to work as a member of a team. The answer shouldn't focus too much on what dissatisfies you about your current job. Instead, emphasize your goals and this new job.

A phone interview may not be the main interview in your hiring process, but it's such an important first step that it should be treated every bit as seriously as any other kind of interview. Being prepared will help you be ready to answer any question that comes your way.

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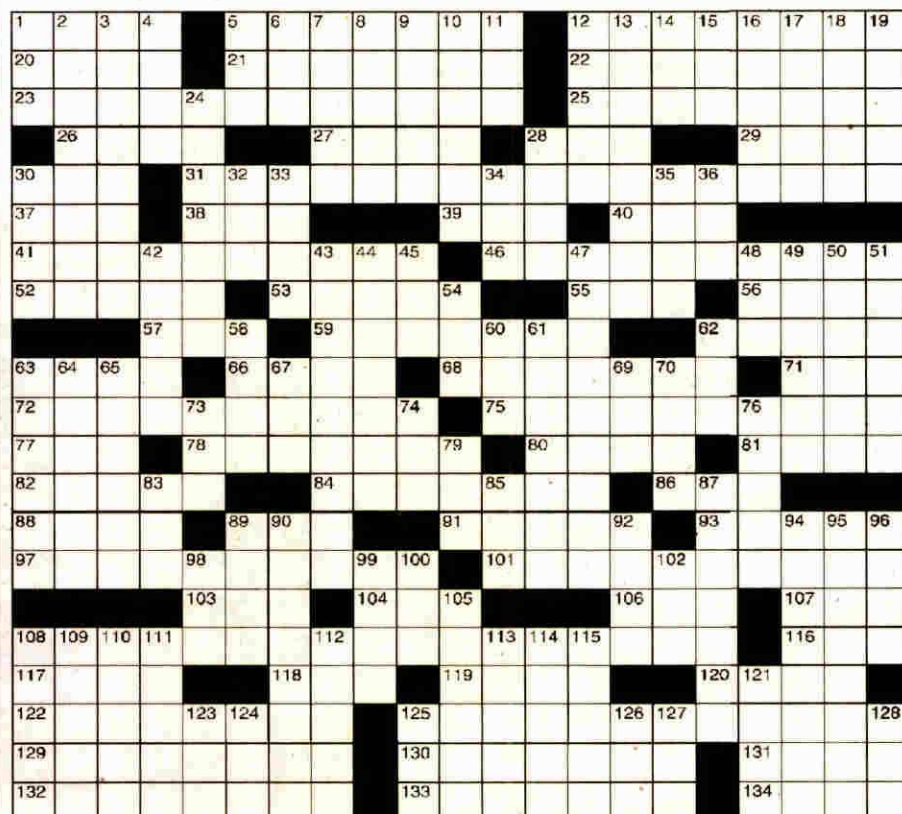
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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tuna salad ingredient
 - 5 Remove by vaporizing, as impurities
 - 12 Tough guy's display
 - 20 Holiday preludes
 - 21 One heralding a new era, say
 - 22 Refusing to face reality
 - 23 Game with sticks and wheeled skates (#17)
 - 25 Differs in opinion
 - 26 Choke up
 - 27 Settled up
 - 28 Suffix with minimal
 - 29 Flatten
 - 30 See
 - 31 Public sale of seized property, maybe (#19)
 - 37 Bother
 - 38 Le demier genre
 - 39 Rock music
 - 40 Communist Mao — -tung
 - 41 Keyword that helps people find an online video (#2)
 - 46 Economic divide (#24)
 - 52 Bar, legally
 - 53 Parcels
 - 55 Foe of Frodo
 - 56 Tahiti, e.g.
 - 57 Free TV ad, for short
 - 59 Bills or Jets
 - 62 Started the poker pot
 - 63 Largest city in Yemen
 - 66 La Jackson
 - 68 What G-rated films are suitable for
 - 71 Old cloth
 - 72 What awards may be laid out on (#6)
 - 75 Last stage (#1)
 - 77 Despite this, bottles hidden in nine answers in this puzzle
 - 80 Parakeets of
 - 81 Ogles
 - 82 Self-help book
 - 84 Shrewish
 - 86 Pitcher's stat
 - 88 Potpourri
 - 89 Old flier over the Atl.
 - 91 K.P. veggie
 - 93 Efface
 - 97 Antiterrorism legislation of 2001 (#9)
 - 101 Combat vehicles in a hobby shop (#4)
 - 103 Felony hated by MADD
 - 104 Road service gp.
 - 106 Neither here — there
 - 107 In-favor vote
 - 108 Bell Labs, for one (#22)
 - 116 Gen. Pershing's conflict
 - 117 Trek of TV
 - 118 Wahl of TV
 - 119 Fuentes of baseball
 - 120 Arthur of tennis
 - 122 Atomic group
 - 125 Things hidden in nine answers in this puzzle
 - 129 Did surgery
 - 130 Gruel base
 - 131 Cookie often taken apart
 - 132 Cuddled-up couples
 - 133 Flourish
 - 134 Couples up
- DOWN**
- 1 French sea
 - 2 Falty fruits
 - 3 Shouts
 - 4 Nobel city
 - 5 Rough husk
 - 6 —Kosh
 - 7 "God willing!"
 - 8 Old Renault
 - 9 Terminix
 - 10 "I need grub!"
 - 11 Cook in fat
 - 12 Center
 - 13 Cartoonist
 - 14 PC inserts
 - 15 — So Fine"
 - 16 With
 - 30 Across, neon or xenon
 - 17 Exodus peak
 - 18 Seder staple
 - 19 NFL Hall of Famer
 - 24 Holders used during breakfast
 - 28 Privy to
 - 30 Scout's
 - 32 Bard's eye
 - 33 Josted (for)
 - 34 British music co.
 - 35 Pye's org.
 - 36 So-so grade
 - 42 November gem
 - 43 "Taxi" cabbie played by Danza
 - 44 Forage crop
 - 45 Styling goop
 - 47 Ovarian jointly
 - 48 Ginlet liquor
 - 49 Errant
 - 50 Make glad
 - 51 Fen plants
 - 54 RR stop
 - 58 — boy!"
 - 59 Goblin, e.g.
 - 61 Unknown by
 - 62 Nile reptile
 - 63 Whale's half-rise out of the water
 - 64 Iris ring
 - 65 Bonehead
 - 67 Sculling item
 - 69 Gang gun
 - 70 Different
 - 73 Lead-in to friendly
 - 74 Brain test, for short
 - 76 — pin-crop"
 - 79 NCO in the 35-Down
 - 83 Rocky top
 - 85 — so sorry"
 - 87 Sanctuary
 - 89 Acerbic
 - 90 Unyieldingly insistent type
 - 92 Big name in lens care
 - 94 In whatever location
 - 95 Like kebabs
 - 96 Morales in movies
 - 98 Ore —
 - 99 Son of Adam
 - 100 Ecu or lawn
 - 102 Slew
 - 105 Stellar
 - 108 Novarro of "Ben-Hur"
 - 109 Split to hitch
 - 110 Monica of tennis
 - 111 Apply
 - 112 Listons to
 - 113 Link up with
 - 114 Agenda bits
 - 115 Puffs
 - 121 Tuck away
 - 123 Ripken of baseball
 - 124 Pickup's kin
 - 125 Soft lump
 - 126 Northern Thai
 - 127 Stately tree
 - 128 Distress call



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	2			5	3			
9			1					7
		5		6			1	
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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!

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

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WORDS

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- CAKE
- CHOP
- COCOA
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- CONFECTION
- COOKIE
- CORNMEAL
- CREAM
- DENSE
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- LIQUID
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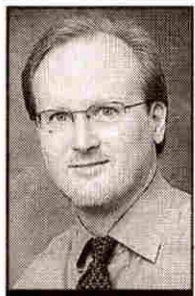
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LINCOLN LAUNCHES ALL-NEW NAVIGATOR AT IDEAL TIME, ASSISTED BY BRAND MUSE MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY



By Dale Buss

Lincoln is about half-way toward tripling its sales volume, its goal for 2020 over 2014 levels, and its marketing partnership with Matthew McConaughey gets a substantial share of the credit for that.

It may have seemed counterproductive for Lincoln to stage the marketing launch of this crucial vehicle in the midst of the zenith of holiday messaging by competing auto brands that were all trying to get their pieces of what has become a very important seasonal market for premium marques.

So do a handful of worthy new vehicles that the Ford-owned luxury brand has fielded over the last few years.

Now, Lincoln is debuting one of its most widely-anticipated and timely models ever—an all-new version of its big-body Navigator SUV—and once again, the much-decorated, enigmatic actor with broad appeal is helping to do the honors.

“But when you look at luxury and the luxury automotive industry, the last two months of the year is a very high-volume period,” John Emmert, Lincoln’s marketing manager, told me.

Nearly given up for dead by previous CEO Alan Mulally, and revived under recently ousted CEO Mark Fields, Lincoln has a long way to go to recall its glory days of a generation ago. It’s aiming at 300,000 sales globally in 2020; this year’s sales in the US will be north of 100,000, and more than 45,000 in China, where Lincoln started just a few

years ago. In an effort that launched last week, Lincoln is breaking a new campaign featuring McConaughey in a Navigator doing what he does best: saying little, implying much more.

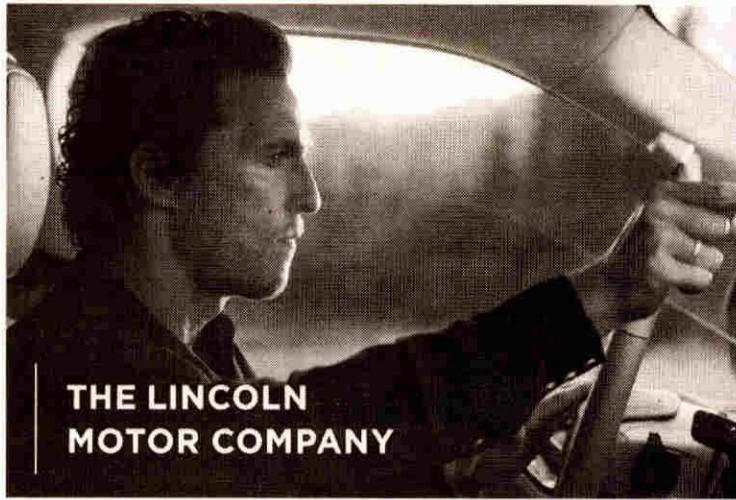
“Perfect Rhythm’ is our launch spot,” Emmert said. McConaughey doesn’t have any dialogue, “but what’s really interesting about the spot is this idea around one of those moments where everything is going your way. He’s on a journey of sorts, where he’s kind of in the zone and he’s just in that moment.”

I talked with Emmert about the new Navigator on the even of its big launch, as well as about working with McConaughey:

John, how would you describe Lincoln’s competitive position these days?

It started with the new MKZ, MKC, MKX and Continental. We’ve got the new Navigator. We introduced a freshened MKC in LA at the auto show [in November]. There’s also coming a new Lincoln Nautilus which is the successor to MKX in the lineup.

Our U.S. retail sales are up this year by 5%, which is pretty significant when you look at the overall luxury part of the (U.S. auto) industry, which is down. We’re off to our strongest start since 2007. In 2015 we crossed the 100,000 overall sales mark for first time since 2007. Both cars and utilities are up and we’re seeing tremendous momentum in China, where we’re up almost 100% over last year. That helps us everywhere.



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What do you still need to accomplish in terms of the brand’s renaissance?

Our products have achieved world-class stature but what else do we need to do? We’re saying the products are great and need to bring along the world-class client experiences. Pick-up and delivery launched in 2016 and gained momentum through this year. Service satisfaction has spiked up. We’re working toward this ecosystem of services that deliver warm, human and personally crafted experiences.

This is the ethos of our brand. We want to deliver this idea of effortlessness. With luxury, consumers are expecting more than great products.

We’ve got the subscription service and a personal-driver service being piloted. Our subscription service is lower-priced because these are pre-owned vehicles so the benefit of the subscription fee is that it incorporates [car] payments, insurance and maintenance into one payment for a

one-month commitment. It gives you a lot of flexibility.

What’s the significance of the new Navigator, particularly given how every brand now seems to be focusing on enhancing or adding large SUVs?

For us, it represents a big step forward in terms of competitiveness in this segment. It’s a big vehicle in a relatively small segment, but a stable one. It’s really the flagship utility for us and sets the tone for the rest of our utility lineup. It’s important to have a strong presence there.

And it’s actually our youngest and most affluent customer. The utility that comes along with a vehicle the size of Navigator—it’s a great vehicle for families. We found out that most of the folks that influence the purchase decision and actually drive the Navigator are women. These people tend to be aspirational folks in areas that tend to be thought leaders.



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