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Westland woman celebrates 105th birthday



Birthday girl Phyllis Brown (right), who recently turned 105 years old, with fellow Ashford Commons resident Ruth Barter, who turned 100 last August. LEANNE ROGERS

Phyllis Brown credits her longevity to 'clean living'

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The balloons were purple and pink, the birthday girl's favorite colors. Naturally, her choice for dessert was another favorite, carrot cake.

"As Lawrence Welk said, 'It was wonderful, wunnerful,'" Phyllis Brown said, offering her best impression of the bandleader, about the party celebrating her 105th birthday. "I had a big party when I turned 100, now I had one at 105.

I'm done."

Family, friends and neighbors at Ashford Court Senior Living Community in Westland gathered to celebrate Brown's birthday somewhat belatedly. She was actually born Jan. 11, 1913, in Hart on Michigan's west coast, one of seven children. The party was delayed due to flu at the senior housing facility.

Along with cake and balloons, there was music from singer Robin Peck, Brown's friend and former neighbor who performed at her request.

Brown, who attributes her longevity

to clean living — no smoking and only an occasional cocktail — is still mentally sharp, said her grandson, Clark Brown of Brighton.

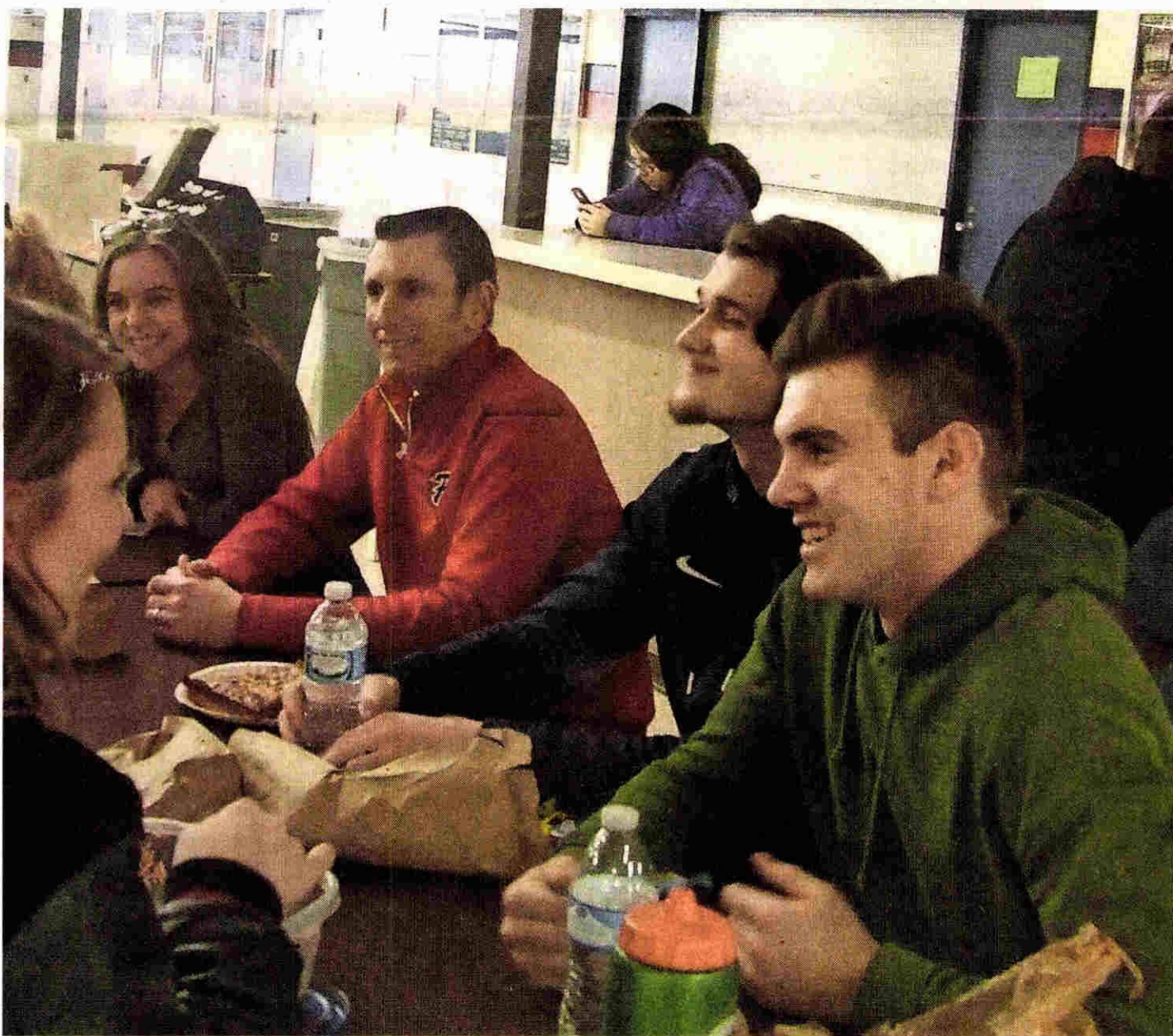
"She likes to say she is still kicking, just not as high. Her mental capacity is there, she's just slowing down," he said.

Despite living in an apartment that is the farthest away from the dining room and common area, Brown walks there daily, said Julie Jenkins, Ashford Court life enrichment coordinator.

"She doesn't hear well, but after meals, she goes to the lobby and visits.

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New Franklin High principal natural fit



Andrew Pesci, principal at Franklin High School, joined a table of seniors at lunch Jan. 19. To his right is Rachel Salisbury and to his left are Jacob Mass and Colin Metzler. MATT JACHMAN

Pesci pledges 'to work cooperatively' in new assignment

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The new principal at Franklin High School in Livonia says he's committed to inspiring all students to become lifelong learners.

"We need to think critically. We need to work cooperatively" and listen ac-

tively, Andrew Pesci said Friday at the school on Joy Road, describing "soft skills" that can enhance learning.

And students, Pesci added, are on board with that mission.

"They are very invested in getting an opportunity" to achieve at Franklin, he said after kibitzing with a group of seniors during their lunch period. "They are all in."

Pesci, formerly a Franklin assistant principal and before that an English teacher at Churchill High School, took over Jan. 17 from Daniel Willenborg, who had led Franklin for 17 years. Willenborg last month was named the Livonia Public Schools district's director of secondary programs and district

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Dealing With Dad
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Alzheimer's doesn't give a damn who you are

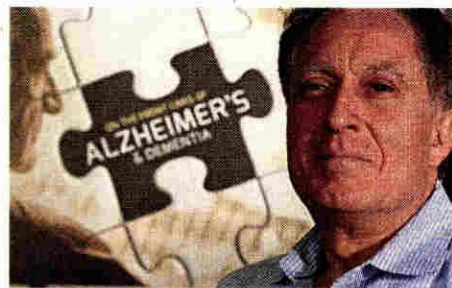
Keith Famie has taken many journeys in life. The documentary producer has traveled the world with his own celebrity chef television programs, appeared on "Survivor: The Australian Outback" and owned top-rated restaurants in metro Detroit. But it was dealing with his dad's dementia that altered his life course.

"Alzheimer's doesn't care who you are ... just does not give a damn," Famie said from the office of his production company, Visionalist Entertainment Productions, in Novi.

Visitors entering the VEP office are greeted with a visual record of Famie's vast travels. A cooking photo from a Maasai village in Kenya on 9/11 in one corner. Numerous framed photos showing him with the likes of President George H.W. Bush and Steven Spielberg from his Food Network days adorn a wall in another corner. In between, photos and memorabilia honoring World War II veterans featured in the documentary "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation" form a prominent display.

But tucked into a cupboard above his computer is a special black box. Adorned with images of his dad, it holds his father's ashes and is a constant reminder of the most challenging journey of the 57-year-old Novi resident's life.

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Keith Famie's documentary "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's and Dementia" is scheduled to debut in May on Detroit Public Television. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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She said she doesn't hear everything that is being said, but she enjoys what she does hear," Jenkins said.

Brown's family moved to Detroit when she was 4 and the family lived behind her father's tailor shop on Michigan Avenue. It was after that move that Brown made friends with a girl called Hazel and she said they remained friends for more than 90 years.

During an era when many women didn't drive, Brown got her driver's license without even taking a test — she said it didn't hurt that her boyfriend was the police chief. Her first job at 16 was wrapping packages at J.L. Hudson for 45 cents an hour, but noted they threw in a sandwich and fare for the street car.

Married in 1937, Brown had met her husband Robert at a beer garden and he asked if he could take her home. She agreed, incorrectly thinking he had a car. "We walked about a mile and half," she said, although when asked if they held hands on the walk or kissed goodbye, she claimed not to remember those details.

Asked when she knew Robert was the one, Brown said, "It was four or five years. I had to coax him into marriage. I loved his sense of humor."

The couple had one son, David, and moved from northwest Detroit to Livonia in 1956. Brown worked and retired from Awrey's after 20 years — initially working at an Awrey's baked goods store at Northland Center, later visiting grocery stores to stock the company displays.

After retirement, the Browns moved to New Port Richey, Fla., in 1973. The couple was married 55 years before Robert's death in 1992. Phyllis moved back to Michigan the following year.

Looking back on her life, Brown said if there was one thing she could do over it would be to study harder in school and go to college.

"I like languages. I also had ambitions to be a ballroom dancer, but that never materialized. My husband

didn't like to dance — he only did it under pressure," she said.

Over the years, Brown has been a collector of tea cups and decorative plates. She has her collection of plates with scenes from fairy tales hanging in her unit at Ashford Commons.

"All except the 'Three Little Pigs' — she never had that plate," said Jenkins, who presented with Brown with that scene to complete her collection.

Brown was also presented with certificates honoring her birthday from Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

As the festivities were winding down, residents came up to congratulate Brown and offer good wishes. Among those was Ruth Barter, guest of honor at her own party last August when she turned 100 years old.

"It's the good medicine today. More people are living to be 100. I was on television with that weatherman when I turned 100," Brown said.

Aside from the music by Peck, Brown said the best part of the party was the carrot cake. "It was delectable," she said, adding she was also looking forward to having some lemon meringue pie brought by her family.

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Phyllis Brown, celebrating her 105th birthday with grandson Clark Brown (left) and son David Brown at Ashford Commons Senior Living in Westland.
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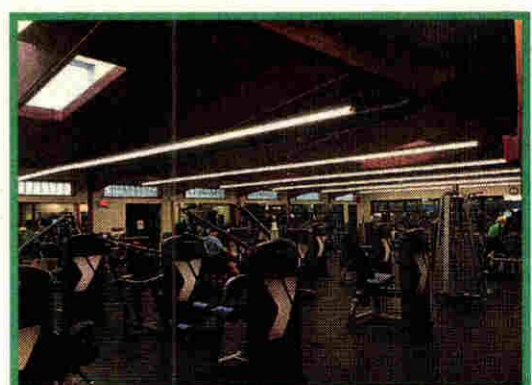
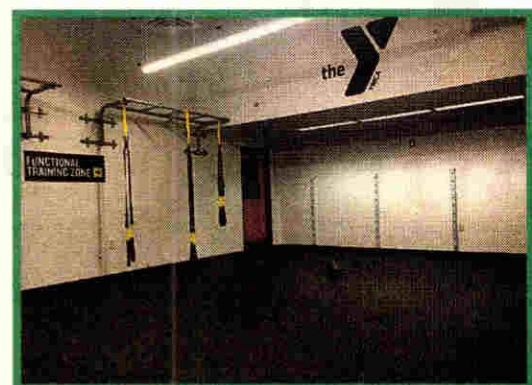
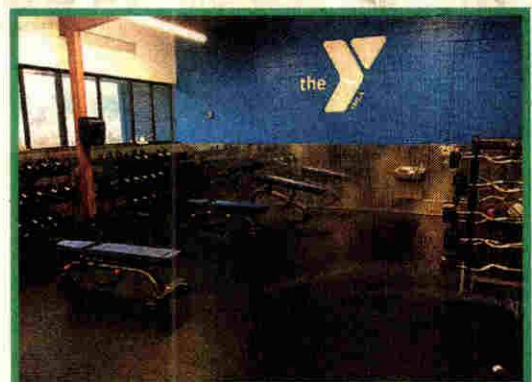
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"Until you've had a loved one living with Alzheimer's, or a friend, do you really understand the journey they are going to go on or the journey you're going to go on?" Famie said. "It's as hard on the caregiver as it is for patients."

When his dad died in 2003 from complications associated with Alzheimer's, he started to question what he was doing, who he was doing it for and who gains from it all. That experience led to him hanging up his apron to become a documentary filmmaker.

Vested interest

"I was tired of everything being about me ... I just wanted to live life differently — I wanted to tell other people's stories, I wanted to do documentaries," he said.

Famie's latest project hits close to home. "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" will air in the spring on Detroit Public Television.

"I lost somebody — I have a vested interest in this story," he said. "I always vowed to one day do what I could to help families facing the same fate."

"When my dad died, I made a conscious decision to make a documentary on Alzheimer's, as we did the series on aging. It was only a matter of time," he said.

Between the photos and memorabilia, on a wall directly in front of his desk, a large dry erase board is a constant reminder to the breadth of the story he has set out to tell. The history of Alzheimer's; what new facilities are adding to treatment; what a doctor tells a new patient; what is memory? The list goes on and keeps growing as Famie learns of new leads.

When Bill Gates announced late last year that he was donating \$50 million to Alzheimer's research, an article was posted on the white board and Famie started to call on contacts in an attempt to get Gates to appear on camera.

Famie's goal is to open a window into dementia. Get people talking about the sixth leading cause of death in America so we can get beyond it being thought of as just a disease people get when they get old. A large part of the film is dedicated to new research that is showing the disease can be prevented or slowed.

"So now, there is a way to try and stack the deck in your favor or your loved one's favor for the clearest, healthiest, cognitive aging journey that you can go on," Famie said.

We can control how we age

"(Dad) was smarter than most, but he didn't know how to live, he didn't know how to age," Famie said. "One thing that I have learned over the years is how we live today will determine how we age tomorrow and that is just as simple as it can be."

It is a common theme in "On the Front Lines." Segments of the film will show tai chi classes, ballroom



A photo in his office shows Keith Famie with movie producer Steven Spielberg. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dancing, yoga and community center activities, along with interviews with experts from the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center, Henry Ford Hospital, Wayne State University and the Alzheimer's Association. Interspersed will be real stories on the front lines like that of my dad, who was filmed for the documentary after battling scammers for more than three years. All these story lines are meant to be weaved together in an attempt to inform and change the mindset that Alzheimer's and dementia do not have to be a common part of aging.

"As human beings, we make a lot of excuses," Famie said. "We're lazy. I am speaking for myself. We're always, like, 'It will happen tomorrow.' 'I will take care of it later,'" he said. But, he explains, later is now and one of the most important things we need to find inside ourselves is discipline.

"We have been given a plethora of information — it comes at us in all stages every day," he said. "Don't do this, do that, drink this, don't drink this, eat more of this, do more exercise. It's there. We can discern commonsense stuff — it's how much of it do we apply to our own lives?"

"I think you have to dig down deep a lot of times and just say, 'Hey, if I am not going to do this for myself, let me just do it for the loved ones around me.' To help them, as I age, to not have to take care of me," he added.

"I think that is a real concern for ... the baby boomers who are aging now — it is like a tsunami," he said. "Never before in history have we had so many people aging simultaneously. A lot of baby boomers are concerned over whether the millennials will be there to take care of them. It is a good serious question, a very serious question: 'Will they be there? Will they be as caring, as empathetic and as concerning as we were, as we are, for the Greatest Generation?'"

"We, as a society, we can all work together to navigate through these waters of aging and, hopefully, the documentary will help people."

For more about "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's and Dementia" go to <http://www.ontodayfrontlines.com/alzheimers/> or Facebook @FrontLinesofAlzheimers.

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Westland re-appoints Fausone as city attorney

The Westland City Council unanimously approved two re-appointments at its Jan. 16 meeting.

City Attorney James Fausone of Fausone Bohn, LLP, was re-appointed to serve as director of law for the term of Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2019. Fausone has served at Westland's attorney since September 2009.

"My firm and I are proud to serve the city of Westland as legal counsel," Fausone said. "I am particularly pleased by the support of Mayor Wil-



Fausone

liam Wild and the confidence shown by the city council in this two year appointment."

The council also confirmed the reappointment of Plante Moran & Associates as city auditor, which provides auditing and financial consulting services, for a term of Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2019.

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services.

Pesci told the board of education, which appointed him Jan. 16 with a unanimous vote, that he has big shoes to fill, but would pour his "heart and soul" into the job.

"He is a man of high character, he has a dedication to students and staff that he serves and we believe that he is ready to step into this role with a tremendous amount of experience and fortitude behind him," Superintendent Andrea Oquist said at the meeting.

Pesci has an easygoing manner and mingles comfortably with students at lunch and during class exchanges. It's his way, he said, of getting to know students on their own turf, where they tend to be more comfortable.

"This is their time to socialize," he said. "And you get to see them with their peers."

Franklin teachers, he said, nurture those personal connections as well and will go the extra mile when they feel they're reaching students. "We value those relationships," he said.

Pesci came to LPS in 2012 from a high school in Harford County, Md., in suburban Baltimore. He grew up in Baldwin, Long Island, outside New York City, and said he was influenced to go into education by his mother Susan, a long-time elementary teacher.

His mother, he said, would try out new teaching strategies on him and his sister Kristen, disguising the lessons as family outings or hands-on projects.

"She made it a fun experience," he said. "It was to get us thinking, but also to help her professionally." Pesci's father worked for a major airline.

Pesci started out teaching English, he said, because of his love for reading and because he recognized the capacity literature has for sparking meaningful conversations and deeper thinking. Pesci has also been a reading specialist and has coached basketball, volleyball and tennis.

The biggest challenge of his new job? Making sure students stay engaged in an era of smart phones and social media.

"It can be a device of convenience, but it's a lot harder to monitor what's going on," he said. "Gone are the days of students passing notes in class."

Pesci's wife Theresa, a Churchill graduate, is a physical therapist who works with developmentally challenged students. They have two sons: Brennan, 10, and Caleb, 8.

Pesci has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Kansas State University and a master's in leadership in teaching from Notre Dame (Md.) University.

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Whitmer speaks to full house in Livonia

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News that came Jan. 18 of Amazon declining to locate its second headquarters in Detroit because of a lack of talent had Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer clamoring to return the state to the days when Michigan had "the best skilled workforce on the planet."

"It's not the fault of people of this state. It's a lack of leadership in our capital," she said. "It is college degrees that used to be funded 75 percent by the state and 25 percent by the student. Now that's reversed, where so few people in our state can afford to get a four-year degree, if that's their path."

Whitmer, a former state senator and representative from East Lansing, spoke Jan. 18 to a fairly full auditorium in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. Brought by the Livonia Democratic Club, Whitmer spoke about infrastructure, education, gun control and various other issues facing the state.

Whitmer, widely believed to be the front-runner for the Democratic nomination later this summer, spoke highly about her desire to keep education funding in the schools and said she would work to keep school aid money from being moved to the general fund.

She said programs such as the industrial arts, in which she learned such skills as how to change a vehicle's oil, are crucial to helping students determine their life goals, whether it's a two- or four-year degree or going into a specific trade.

"These are the experiences that expose us to different paths," she said. "You can make a phenomenal living in almost any community in this state as a plumber, as an electrician, as a drywaller."

Whitmer was the latest gubernatorial candidate brought by the Livonia Demo-

cratic Club, which has also seen speakers such as Abdul El-Sayed and Bill Cobbs come to town to share their campaign goals.

Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said using the library's conference rooms would not work for a candidate with as much support when she came to visit.

"Because of the strength and momentum behind Gretchen's campaign, we anticipated using the conference rooms would not suffice," he said. "She has stated what, I think, truly are the kind of ideas voters look for in a candidate."

He said more than 200 people attended the event.

Whitmer addressed several issues that have risen in recent years, including the tainting of city water in Flint several years ago that still haunts the Genesee County city to this day.

"The Flint water crisis is a prime example of government failing at every level, where people were ignored," she said. "And some people paid the ultimate price in losing their lives, because their government didn't care enough to treat the water."

Voters will go to the polls to vote in the gubernatorial primary Aug. 7. The top candidates in each party will run in the general election Nov. 6 to replace Gov. Rick Snyder, who cannot run again due to term limits.

The Livonia Democratic Club has several other speakers lined up for both statewide and local offices before the August primary. Those dates can be found at the group's website, livoniademocraticclub.com.

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Young Inventors Project winners selected

More than 200 people gathered Jan. 17 at Schoolcraft College to hear invention concepts from 30 middle school students as a part of the Young Inventors Project.

The Young Inventors Project was coordinated by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Alpha USA and Schoolcraft College, in conjunction with the Livonia, Clarenceville and Wayne-Westland school districts.

"This event is a lot of fun and it is a real joy to see all the adults respond in awe to what the students present," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the fourth year the project culminated with the Young Inventors Showcase, where students display and explain their concepts to a large crowd of their parents, teachers, business managers and community leaders.

"This community-wide effort by local business and education leaders is a way to get young people to think about the types of careers that might interest them," West said. "It is our hope this project inspires these students to look at the high-demand skilled and technical careers."

Educators at each school chose five finalists from each building. Business leaders then review each finalist's invention to determine the top two inventions at each school and three overall winners.

The three overall finalists chosen were first place: Ethan Kovie, Mastercrafter, Livonia Holmes Middle School; second place: Madeline Johnson, Salteasy, Livonia Emerson Middle School; third place: Madison Morgan, Fingerprint Car Seat, Clarenceville Middle School.

Top two winners at each school:

■ Holmes Middle School: 1. Ethan



Madison Morgan presents her "Fingerprint Car Seat" concept, which was rated the top invention in the Young Inventors Showcase.

Kovie, Mastercrafter; 2. Patrick Farris, Reclaimed Rubber Roofing

■ Frost Middle School: 1. Evan Ortell, Alpha Mower; 2. Danny Ewing, Bedmi Bus Experience

■ Emerson Middle School: 1. Madeline Johnson, Salteasy; 2. Eric Hobson Jr., Ground Rover Intelligence Tracker

■ Clarenceville Middle School: 1. Madison Morgan, Fingerprint Car Seat; 2. Braden Sims, Eye Lock

■ Franklin Middle School: 1. Owen Borsvold, My Pitch; 2. Ta'Trianna Pruitt, Tech Oven

■ Stevenson Middle School: 1. Nicholas Tomlin, Multi-Fire Extinguisher; 2. Patrick Bowie, Extendo Plug

Hundreds of students from the six local middle schools were invited to develop an invention in the fall when champion race car driver Danny Kellermeyer spoke to each school and showed off the Corvettes he uses in races.

Kellermeyer's presentation came on the heels of more than 400 students from these same schools visiting six manufacturing facilities as part of Manufacturing Day in October.

AREA EVENTS

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11th District town hall

Constituents of Michigan's 11th Con-

gressional District are invited to discuss the state of the infrastructure in the 11th District and throughout America during a constituent town hall 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road.

Hosted by West Bloomfield resident

and district constituent Bryan Watson, the town hall will provide a chance for the community to come together to share their thoughts and ideas. Invitations were sent to all of the announced candidates for the open congressional seat, as well as to current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott. The event is free and open to the

public. Seating is limited. You can learn more about the town hall and RSVP at Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/138750423478112/>) or by contacting Watson by email at mil.townhall@gmail.com.

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle struck at Kroger

A shopper at Kroger, 36430 Ford Road, came in to the police station Jan. 12 to report a hit-and-run accident that happened in the parking lot of the store.

She told police she parked her car and went inside the store. When she came out, she found her car had been struck by another car, causing damage near the left wheel well. No suspect information was available.

License plate stolen

A resident who lives in the 5000 block of Hickory Lane came in to the police station Jan. 15 to report a license plate stolen from his vehicle.

The resident said his plate was taken off of his vehicle sometime in the past day. He said he did not know who took the plate. It was entered as stolen.

Fraud reported

A resident who lives in the 5700 block of Farnum came in to the police station Jan. 13 to report his identity had been stolen.

He said someone opened an account with Comcast for cable using his information, including his Social Security number. He said Comcast declined to give him any other information regarding the account. No suspect information was available.

— By David Veselenak

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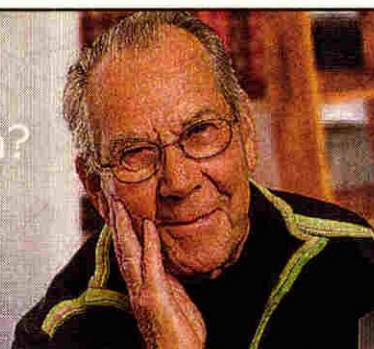
St. Mary School open house

St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 W. Michigan Avenue, in Wayne will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 1

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Obituaries

Patricia M. LaFond

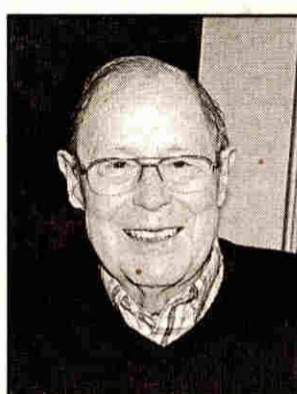
HOWELL - Patricia M. LaFond, age 73 of Howell, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018. She was born January 7, 1945 in Fresno, California, daughter of the late Robert W. and Rossanna (Beaufait) Cahill. Beloved wife of David C. LaFond. Loving mother of Michele (Kevin Schaffer) Lafond Burke of Highland and Amy (Joy) LaFond Cornista of Georgia; grandmother of Keely, Jack, Quinn, Angel and Jaiden; sister of Robert (Sally) Cahill, Jennifer (James) Shannon and Timothy (Deborah) Cahill. Pat was a 1963 graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School in Farmington. She was a former realtor; was known as an artistic person who enjoyed painting water colors, was a very fashionable dresser, enjoyed playing tennis, dancing, taking walks through her neighborhood, spending time at her lake house and especially being with her grandchildren. She was a fun person to be around and her laughter and enormous generosity will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Visitation was Monday, January 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Association. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com (Please send proof and cost to our Funeral Home)

MacDonald's Funeral Home



William Robb Aikens

BIRMINGHAM - 1933 - 2018 William Robb Aikens, 84, died on January 20th. Bill was a Birmingham, MI native. He attended Baldwin High School and graduated from Princeton in the class of '55. After a stint in the US Marines and marriage to Alice Shaw, he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1960. Bill practiced law in NYC with Dewey Ballantine, but soon returned to Birmingham to join his brother Bob's law firm. Bill's adventurous spirit fueled his love for flying. He was especially fond of his numerous float planes, one of which he flew to Alaska to sell. One summer with a crew of 8 he sailed a 58' sailboat across the Atlantic. He enjoyed scuba diving, skiing, wine making, and duck hunting. He loved collecting classic cars and boats. Bill served on the board of the Cranbrook Art Academy for 15 years and was a supporter of Cornerstone Schools in Detroit. He was a founder of the Bank of Birmingham and its first chairman. Bill was also involved in real estate and manufacturing. He was CEO of Whyco Finishing Technologies. He leaves his wife Alice, daughters Susan Post (Nick), Sarah Post (Tom), and son Andrew Robb Aikens (Gina) and 8 grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for 11:00 am at Christ Church Cranbrook on Saturday, May 19th. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Cranbrook Academy of Art, c/o Cranbrook Academy of Art Development Office, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303, Attn: Bill Aikens Fund.



Leonard Little

LIVONIA - Age 90, Cherished husband of the late Blanche for 68 years. Loving father of Linda (Kimo) Doole, and Michael Little. Beloved grandfather of Joseph Burford, Monica (Henry) Egan, and Nicholas Little. Dearest great-grandfather of Charles Egan. He also leaves behind many other loving family members and friends. Leonard retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1990. He was a proud member of the Ford Yacht Club for 61 years.

Funeral Services have been held. Share memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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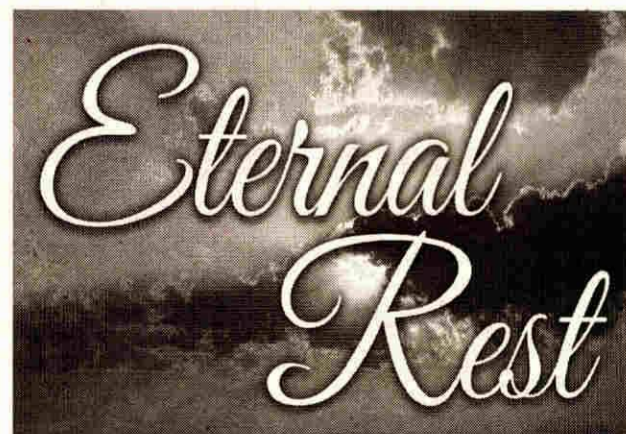
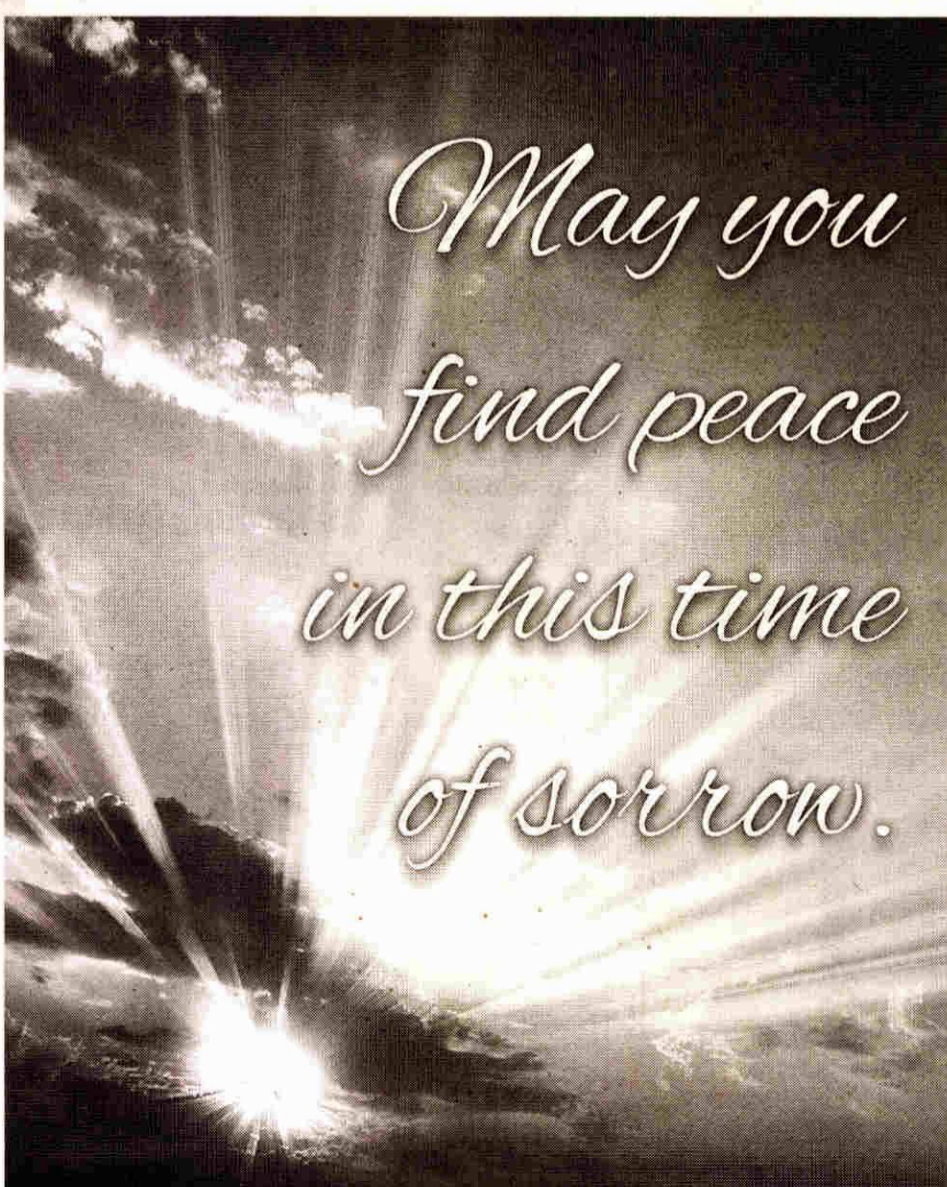
Joan F. Helka

BELLEVILLE - Age 78 December 23, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Dan for 60 years. Loving mother of Susan (Tom) Romero and Terri (Tom) Chapman. Cherished grandmother of Steven (Elysia) Chapman, Adam Chapman, Filipina Romero and Alexandria Romero. Great grandmother of Courtney and Nathan Chapman. She was very dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Memorial Service Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City (Just South of Ford Rd.) www.santeiufuneralhome.com



James Richardson

FARMINGTON - RICHARDSON, James E., age 92, of Farmington, WW II Army Veteran, died Friday, January 19, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (d. 2005); loving father of Derrick (Candy), Jim (Debbie), David (Alice), Virginia and the late Renee; devoted grandfather of Rhuta, Wesley, Amelia, Gillian, Jessica, Michael, Kailyn and great grandfather of Allison. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington (248) 474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com

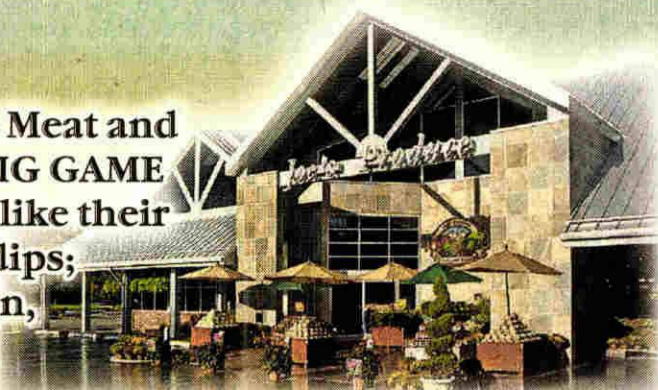




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Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Canton escapes Plymouth in thriller

Plymouth's Anthony Crump (left) takes Canton defender Vinson Sigmon to the basket. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



State-ranked Chiefs improve to 10-0 with victory over Wildcats

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Canton is 10-0 at the mid-point of the boys basketball season, but the Chiefs are finding out quickly that they're going to be getting every team's best shot.

Host Plymouth came in locked and loaded Friday, only to come up two points short in its upset bid against the state-ranked Chiefs, who pulled out a 44-42 victory.

To say it was a dogfight throughout the 32-minute battle would be an understatement.

With the game tied at 38-38 and Plymouth in-bounding just inside half court with 1:38 left, Canton got a clutch steal from Eian Barker, followed by a short put-back from B. Artis White with just 17 seconds left before eventually holding on for the win.

It proved to be the pivotal play of the game.

"I saw it was a loose ball and I had to get to it," Barker said. "I tried to get down and get a bucket for us, but I got blocked (by Anthony Crump). My team came up with the ball ... we pulled out the win. Plymouth came out and battled tonight and we still got to the winner's circle, so I'm happy about that."

White, a junior point guard, finished with a game-high 16 points on a night when Canton shot an uncharacteristic 16-of-41 from the field (39 percent).

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

The world awaits



Olympic ice dancers Madison Chock of Novi and Evan Bates will be competing in PyeongChang, South Korea, next month during the 2018 Winter Games. BRAD EMONS

#Team Novi ice dancers Chock and Bates savor PyeongChang sendoff

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There was a stream of cars backed up on Novi Road trying to turn on to to Nick Lidstrom Drive as ice dancing fans came out in recently to the Novi Ice Arena for

an Olympic sendoff celebration.

Five international ice dancing teams headed to the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games in South Korea, including Novi's own Madison Chock and partner Evan Bates, greeted fans and signed autographs.

It will be Chock and Bates's second

Olympics. They represented the U.S. at the 2014 Sochi Games in Russia, with an eighth-place finish.

The 25-year-old Chock, who graduated from Novi High School in 2010, has become a fixture on the local skating scene, training under the direction of Igor Shpilband and his staff of coaches.

The Novi Ice Arena has become her second home.

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PRO SOCCER

Canton's Krolicki is selected in MLS draft by Impact

Former Michigan State standout goes in third round, 53rd overall

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Former Canton High and Michigan State standout Ken Krolicki was drafted Sunday by the Montreal Impact in the Major League Soccer Super Draft.

The 5-10, 159-pound midfielder, who grew up in Fukuoka, Japan, was the 53rd overall pick, chosen as the seventh player in the third round.



Krolicki

Krolicki reacted on his Twitter feed after his selection: "Thank you @impactMontreal for the amazing opportunity. Never been more excited and ready to work for the amazing fans and club."

The Plymouth resident was the first MSU player picked in the MLS draft since defender Zach Carroll was taken in 2016 as the 38th pick overall drafted by the New York Red Bulls in the second round.

"I am really excited and happy for Ken, his family and the Michigan State program," MSU men's soccer coach Damon Rensing said in a press release. "It's great to see a young man who put four years of hard work into the team and bettering himself get a chance to play in Major League Soccer. Montreal is not only getting a very good soccer player, they are also getting a great person and teammate."

In 2017, Krolicki started all 20 games as MSU finished 13-3-4 and reached its third elite eight berth in the last five seasons. He was a key part of the Spartans' midfield, adding five assists.

Krolicki was named first team all-Big Ten, as well as first team all-Midwest. He also made the aAll-Big Ten freshman team (2014) and was an all-academic Big Ten selection as well (majoring in applied engineering sciences).

In his four seasons at MSU, Krolicki appeared in 81 games, starting 67. He played more than 5,700 minutes and finished his storied career with seven

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Izzy and U.S. eye spot in U20 World Cup

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First Salem, then Ohio State — now the world? Women's soccer stalwart Izzy Rodriguez perhaps will follow that prestigious path — hopefully all the way to the 2018 Under-20 Women's World Cup this summer.

Rodriguez, a defender now in her freshman year at Ohio State University, played for Team USA in the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship, Jan. 18-28 in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Canton native had a strong rookie year with the Buckeyes, ranking fourth on the team with five assists. She made the all-Big Ten third-team and Big Ten all-freshman team.

As part of the U.S. team, Rodriguez played in

games against Nicaragua, Jamaica and Mexico. Winners of the semifinals and the winner of a third-place match-up will each earn a spot in the Women's World Cup set for August in France.

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Rodriguez

Dancers

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"It's just so wonderful the whole community has come together to show support of all the teams that train here," she said. "We have such a great group of people that we're training with and it's amazing to have so many teams from one camp going to the Olympic Games. And the fact that our community is recognizing that is pretty special."

Five qualifiers

In addition to Chock and Bates, Shpilband is coaching five other ice dancing teams headed to PyeongChang: Yura Min and Alexander Gamelin (South Korea), Penny Coomes and Nicholas Buckland (Great Britain), Cortney Mansour and Michal Ceska (Czech Republic) and Oleksandra and Maxim Nikitin (Ukraine).

Another #TeamNovi ice dancing team from France could also land one of the 24 qualifying spots, depending on its performance at the upcoming European Championships.

Chock and Bates, coming off a bronze-medal finish at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, Calif., will depart Feb. 5 for PyeongChang. They will spend a few days outside the Athletes Olympic Village at an alternate training site while soaking up the Olympic experience.

Last season, they competed in the Four Continents Cup at the Olympic venue in PyeongChang.

"It's a beautiful venue," Chock said. "So far of what we've seen, the site is coming together. Not everything was done, but the rink was done. We were able to compete and it was absolutely beautiful, so we're excited to go back."

Olympic schedule

The ice dancing team competition is Feb. 10-11, while Chock and Bates will hit the ice Feb. 18 (short program) and Feb. 19 (free dance) in search of their first Olympic medal.

"It would be an honor for us to walk in the opening ceremonies, so we definitely plan on doing that," Chock said. "We're just so thrilled to have been named a part of the Olympic team again. There's no greater feeling than to represent your country abroad, especially at the Olympic Games, so we're really fortunate to be on the Olympic team for the second time together and we cannot wait to go to PyeongChang."

Chock and Bates certainly have the credentials to make a run at an Olympic medal. They are two-time World medalists, with a silver in 2015 and a bronze in 2016. They were U.S. champions in 2015 and have been runner-up four times.

The margin of error last week in San Jose was razor-thin as the team of Madison Hubbell (Okemos) and Zachary Hubbell upset two-time defending champions Maia and Alexa Shibutani, 197.12-196.93, for their first U.S. title. (Brother and sister, the Shibutanis train out of the Arctic Edge in Canton.)

Chock and Bates, who posted the best score among all 13 teams in the free dance program, finished a close third with 196.60.

Tight scoring

"I think we were really thrilled with both performances — short and free — and I think they were the best performances we've had all season long," said Bates, an Ann Arbor native who graduated from the University of Michigan. "And that is part of the plan, to peak in February, so I think we're right on a good track."



Novi Ice Arena skating director Micki Freier introduces the five Olympic ice dancing teams headed to PyeongChang during the sendoff celebration. BRAD EMONS

Chock and Bates have captured the free dance program two years in a row at the U.S. Nationals and could be considered for the team competition, but Shpilband has been informed that more likely they will not be under consideration for one of two spots by U.S. Figure Skating selection committee.

"I thought they had two solid performances there. I couldn't ask for a better skate," Shpilband said of the San Jose showing. "They skated the best that they could there. They had a great audience reaction. And it's up to the judges to decide and the calls were very close, with all three teams ending up within a half of a point, which is really tight. Unfortunately, it wasn't in our favor. I felt like they deserved a better score. That's my opinion and I don't want to sound like a sore loser, but it was a tight competition."

Coach confident

"It's obviously a lot of disappointment, but there's a big competition ahead — the Olympics — and this is what they have to focus on," Shpilband said. "They have two solid programs, they're great skaters and I think they're one of the best in the world. They're going to go there and prove it one more time."

Two of Chock's biggest supporters, mother Barbara and father Wes, will be in PyeongChang. They were both at Sochi in 2014.

"It's quite amazing. It's quite a thing to see in person and experience meeting

all the athletes from other countries," Wes Chock said. "I've been to Seoul, on the other side of town, for business, but this is on the other side of the country."

It was Wes and Barbara Chock who made the ultimate life-changing decision to move from California to Novi to help further Madison's skating aspirations.

"We've been here for about 12 years," Wes said. "It's a little bit of a sacrifice, but she's our only daughter, so she's worth it to us to have that opportunity."

Planting the seed

Madison, born in Redondo Beach, Calif., seemed destined to be an Olympian at an early age.

"She wanted to be a skater," Barbara said. "When Michelle Kwan was in the Olympics, she was almost 6 (1998) and started taking skating lessons. And she just took off; she loved it. They did a piece on her at the rink. She was, like, 5 years old and they asked her if she knew who Michelle Kwan was. The lights were bright and she covered her eyes and she goes, 'Ice skater, ice skater.' But she knew right then. We ice skated a lot, so we put it on TV and she asked me, 'Mommy, show me how to do a double axle?' And I'm, like, 'I don't know how to do one.'"

The Chock family arrived in Novi on her 13th birthday and her career took off from there.

"We packed up everything, transferred our jobs and away we came," Bar-

bara said. "And she started ice dance really with Igor. So we just took a chance. When I saw her go across the ice, you could just see something different. She just had a certain way that would glide across the ice that didn't look the same as a lot of the other kids. And I told my husband, 'She has something special, there's something special.' And her coach said she should really try ice dance, her coach in California. And she did."

At the intermediate level, Madison skated with Kurt Ligenfelter and then switched over to Greg Zuerlein. They competed five years at both the junior and senior levels.

After their partnership ended, Bates and Chock teamed up in summer 2011 working under both Shpilband and Marina Zueva.

"(Zuerlein) was a good partner and then he decided he didn't want to skate anymore and she found Evan," Barbara said. "And it was meant to be."

The future for Chock and Bates after they compete in PyeongChang can only be left up to speculation. The 2022 Winter Games will be in Beijing, four years away.

"They have to make that decision themselves," Wes said. "It seems they're looking forward to (more) skating, but you never know."

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Krolicki

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goals and 14 assists for 28 points. During his junior year, he made second team all-Big Ten.

"The MSU soccer family looks forward to following his career along with the other Spartan pros," Rensing said.

Krolicki also played in the USL's Premier Development League for both the Michigan Bucks and Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United. He was also a midfielder for the U-16 and U-18 Crew Acad-

emy Wolves in 2013 and 2014 under coaches Lars Richters and Brian Doyle.

In 2014, three Spartans signed to play for MLS led by Fatai Alashe (Northville), who was selected fourth overall by the San Jose Earthquakes. Jay Chapman also signed a homegrown contract for Toronto FC, while Adam Montague was

taken in the third round by the Vancouver Whitecaps.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Farmington fries Ferndale for third straight triumph

Marty Budner

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Farmington's boys basketball squad extended its winning streak to three straight Friday.

Veteran head coach Terrance Porter was happy with the offensive balance the host Falcons showed in their 73-63 victory over Ferndale. In fact, it was his team's highest scoring output this season.

However, he was a bit disappointed in his team's defensive effort. It was the fourth time in eight games that an opponent went off for at least 61 points against the Falcons.

Porter, whose team was up by 17 points in the third quarter only to have Ferndale cut it to seven points entering the fourth, believes Farmington needs to focus on its defensive efficiency.

"Offensively, we did a decent job of sharing the ball. My concern is being there for your teammate defensively," said Porter, whose team is now 4-4 overall. "We went up 17 and we allowed them to cut the lead to eight because we lost focus.

"Instead of putting our foot on their neck, we kind of thought the game was over with. The game of basketball is never over until there are triple zeroes. Even if you are up by 17 points, you still have to continue to play until the end of the game.

"You have to learn how to win games and close teams out and that starts at the defensive end with rebounding," he added. "We didn't do a good job of defensive rebounding tonight. Toughness is shown on the defensive end with defensive rebounding, not on the offensive end."

Ferndale rally falls short

Farmington broke an early 8-8 first-quarter deadlock with a 9-0 run en route to a 17-12 lead at the end of the quarter. The Falcons enjoyed a 35-29 halftime lead and scored 15 of the third quarter's first 20 points to go up 51-34.

At that point, Ferndale went on a run of its own with 12 straight points by causing a few Falcons turnovers. Farmington held a tenuous 53-46 lead after three quarters.

The Falcons surged ahead with another 9-0 run to begin the final eight minutes and had things under control from that point on. Ferndale got within eight points on a couple of occasions, but Farmington was never in danger of losing its lead.



Ferndale's Teonta McKeithen (left) attempts to hide the ball from Farmington defender Christian Smith. MARTY BUDNER

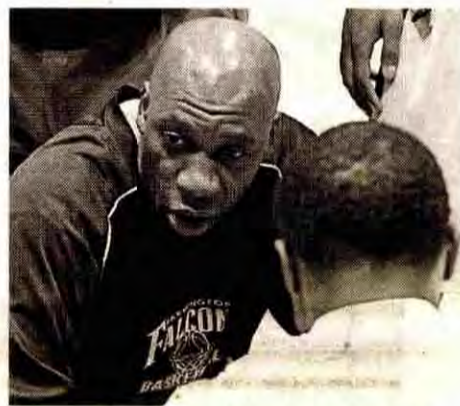
"I thought we had them when we cut the lead to seven. I thought the momentum was on our side, but we missed a couple good shots and they got the lead," said Ferndale head coach Tom Staton, whose team is now 3-6 overall. "We turned them over a whole lot, but they are so tough going to the basket. They are big and strong.

"The one thing about it is that it's always going to be tough winning in Farmington's home," he added. "But the one thing you want to see is that the guys don't quit and they keep going to the end and I thought our guys did that tonight."

Four Falcons reach doubles

Farmington had six players who scored, with four of them reaching double figures.

Senior guard Christian Smith led the way with 19 points, including four treys.



Veteran head coach Terrance Porter led Farmington to its third straight victory Friday over Ferndale. MARTY BUDNER

Senior Ray Bryant and freshman Jaden Akins both finished with 17 points, while senior Russell Norris contributed 10 off the bench.

Bryant also had seven rebounds and four assists, while Norris finished with six rebounds. Senior Austin Anthony had five rebounds and senior Bashir Shalal added four steals.

Ferndale's leading scorers were Keelan Lucas and Teonta McKeithen, in just his second game back after an injury, with 19 points each. They combined for six treys. Brian Pozolo canned three treys and scored a dozen points.

The victory kept Farmington in the chase for the OAA Blue Division title with a 3-2 record. Ferndale fell to 2-3 in the division.

"We've been kind of up and down all year," Porter said. "We're going to take it game-by-game, one step at a time and go through the process. Hopefully, we can put ourselves in position to be able to compete for a division crown."

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Canton

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"We didn't play Tuesday, so we had a long week and we talked it being a rivalry game and these guys (Plymouth) are going to be ready," said Canton coach Jim Reddy, whose team also improved to 6-0 in the KLAA Black Division. "Coach (Mike) Soukup does a good job. We tried to tell our guys that this was going to happen. From watching practice, we had a tough time believing it was going to happen. I'm glad it did, because they need a little bit of a wakeup call."

Vinson Sigmon scored a layup with 6:33 left in the second quarter to put Canton up 17-4 and it appeared another rout was on for the Chiefs.

But Plymouth refused to fold and tied it midway through the third quarter on a 3-pointer by senior forward Joey Robb (11 points) to make it 23-23.

The Wildcats (6-4, 4-2) trailed only 30-29 after three quarters, but tied it again at 38-38 with only 2:26 left on a hoop by Justin Reynolds (10 points).

Canton then turned over the ball and Soukup called a timeout with 1:38 remaining, but the drawn up in-bounds play went awry.

"It was right there, we just dropped the ball," Soukup said. "We had them maybe second-guessing themselves at that point and time. But there's about three or four plays a ball game and, in that instance, we had to have all of them go our way and that one just didn't go our way in that instance."

After Canton went up by six on two free throws by White with only 45.8 seconds left, 44-3, the outcome appeared to be all but decided.



Canton's Eian Barker (right) looks for an opening against Plymouth defender Joey Robb. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

But another 3-pointer by Robb cut it to 44-41 and three straight Canton missed free throws gave Plymouth one more opening.

Down three, Robb went to the line with only 3.3 seconds, making the first while intentionally missing the second. But White grabbed the ensuing rebound as the clock ran out.

"My kids battled tonight, as their kids did, too," Soukup said. "(Reddy) had them well-prepared. They're the seventh-best team in the state, so you really have to play well against them and I thought we did."

Here are four other takeaways:

CRUMP SIGHTING

After being limited to three points in

the first half, Plymouth's 6-foot-7 point-forward Anthony Crump, who signed with NCAA Division I UNC-Asheville, came alive during the third quarter, scoring nine of his team-high 14 points.

Crump began to assert himself offensively.

"He took a couple to the basket," Soukup said. "Obviously, he's going to be a focal point every night of everybody we play and I thought he took that challenge on the second half especially well. We're proud of him."

TRANSFER CONTRIBUTES

Canton's Kendall Perkins, a junior transfer from Detroit Cass Tech, played his first game for the Chiefs after sitting out the first semester.

"It felt great, great atmosphere coming back home," Perkins said. "It was great competition. Felt great to get the stops and thank God we got the 'W.'"

Perkins contributed seven all-important points off the bench in the low-scoring game.

"He's still trying to figure things out," Reddy said. "He gave a spark to us. He's a good offensive rebounder, he can shoot it a little bit and he's skilled. He's going to help us down the stretch, for sure."

COUNTER-PUNCHING

Plymouth held the Chiefs, who had been averaging 69 points per outing, to their lowest point total of the year.

"They're used to playing in the 80s and so are we, but the game just kind of fell into that pace," Soukup said. "It was almost like a boxing match, for lack of a better term. We were both just kind of exchanging punches and that's just how it fell, I guess. I can play in the 80s, I can play in the 40s. We kind of dictated a little bit of tempo. I thought we were in

control of that piece of the game."

Reddy tried to make some adjustments during the game, but the Wildcats proved to be a stubborn out.

"They did a great job of sagging off and not allowing some of our guards getting to the rim, like they usually do tonight," Reddy said. "We just didn't shoot it well tonight. We had open ones ... I don't know what we were from the free throw line (9-of-14), but I know we didn't shoot it well there, either. We missed some big ones down the stretch."

CORE VALUES

The Canton heroes in last week's impressive 71-44 win over Wayne Memorial, Sigmon and Meredith, both had off-nights, finishing with just five and four points, respectively.

So some others had to pick up the slack for the Chiefs.

"We weren't really playing Canton basketball and we weren't really playing good enough defense," said Barker, who had six points. "And as the score showed, they slowed us down. They really played their game tonight and came out strong. It was a close game, but we still did our thing on the defensive end."

Perkins, meanwhile, made the most of his first action.

"(Reddy) expects me to give it my all, do what I've got to do and make the most of my opportunity," Perkins said. "He said, 'Keep our composure, play as a team and play Canton basketball instead of letting the crowd get to our heads.'"

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BOYS HOCKEY

Spartans nip Trenton in tourney-like tilt, 4-2

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In a furious last-minute push Friday by Trenton, Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge's legs were moving like flippers on a pinball machine, keeping pucks out of his net.

And with just under 23 seconds remaining in the tournament-like non-conference match-up of Division 2 standouts at Eddie Edgar Arena, Stevenson senior defenseman Jake Beaune — taking a frantic swipe at a loose puck while falling to the ice — launched it all the way down the ice and into the empty Trenton net to seal a thrilling 4-2 victory.

"It was crazy. We were battling adversity out there and we ended up getting the job done," Beaune said. "I was falling, shot it on the ice and it ended up going in. Nothing better than that, I guess. We finished it off well."

But Beaune might not have had the chance for an insurance goal if not for the clutch performance by Tragge against a fierce Trenton attack, led by senior center Drew Welsch.

"You know what, we lucked out," said Stevenson head coach David Mitchell, whose team improved to 12-2-0. "We kind of got caught cheating a little bit and sending too many guys out there and they had a chance there and Tragge was Tragge."

"We have to clean things up on our end, (we were) lucky to throw one the length of the ice and put it in. It's not the game plan, but sometimes things work out like that. We know we have to pay more attention to detail to be successful in the long run."

Trenton coach Chad Clements said his team (12-3-1) had possession in the Stevenson zone after goalie Joey Cor-



Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune (left) stays with his man, Trenton's Nolan Szczepaniak, during Friday's game. TOM BEAUDOIN

mier was pulled for an extra attacker with just over a minute left. But the bounces didn't go in favor of the Trojans.

"We had a shot on net and we had a chance for the rebound," Clements said. "It was a loose puck and, unfortunately, it bounced over our guy's stick and the rest was history."

The two teams could eventually meet again, in what would be a tremendous postseason match-up. But Mitchell wasn't about to get caught looking too far down the road.

"I don't know, you saw our draw," Mitchell said. "We probably have the toughest region and quarterfinal in the state with Plymouth and Canton and Novi."

"Trenton's just a heck of a team; they'll always be there in the end. Well-coached and tradition-rich hockey there. It was a nice win for us, but we got to clean a lot of things up. We can't even think about the playoffs right now."

Stevenson will face Plymouth in a pre-regional opener Feb. 27, in a game pitting the top two teams in Division 2

(based on current rankings).

The Spartans drew first blood with 4:50 to go in the first, when senior forward Jack Williamson knocked in a rebound past Cormier, who had just made a sprawling save on a one-timer.

Before the end of the period, it was a 2-0 lead thanks to senior forward Cole Parkhurst's snipe from the right circle.

But Trenton's Welsch cut that lead in half midway through the second. He let a wrist shot go from between the circles that eluded Tragge.

Less than two minutes later, however, Stevenson got it back with the eventual game-winner. Junior forward Austin Adamic stayed with his rebound and jammed the puck in at the right post with 6:27 remaining in the period.

The 3-1 score remained until Welsch set up linemate Nolan Szczepaniak for a power-play goal at 5:27 of the final period. Szczepaniak drilled a slap shot from the right circle that Tragge had no chance on.

"They've been our best line this year, we rely heavily on them," Clements said. "Especially (Welsch), but he gets his li-

nemates going and they scored both our goals tonight."

Here are several other takeaways:

SINGLE HELPINGS

The Spartans had six players who notched one assist in the victory: Easton Schlatterbeck, Brenden Preiss, Julian Decina, Vinny Decina, Josh Suzio and Seth Lause.

ANSWER TIME

Bodies were flying early in the game. First, Trenton's Donte DiPonio leveled Stevenson's Jack Williamson with an open-ice hit.

Only a half minute later, the tables were turned when Vinny Decina of the Spartans rode James Boyd hard into the boards.

LIKE A PLAYOFF GAME

It remains to be seen whether the two teams will meet again in the postseason, but the intensity on display Friday was much like a playoff contest.

"We've had a nice little rivalry going the last six or so years," Clements said. "Kids are excited, coaches are excited and fans are excited. It was definitely a playoff atmosphere and it gets you prepared. It was a good game, a hard-fought game."

HE'S THE BEST

Mitchell pulled no punches when talking about his goalie and his penchant for performing under pressure.

"Will Tragge's Tragge, he's up for the state player of the year for a reason," Mitchell said. "He's the best goalie in the state, he's earned that title. He is a tireless worker, he pays so much attention to his craft. That kid's going to play hockey for a long time."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Hockey night in Livonia: Churchill tops Franklin

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Livonia Churchill broke out to a fast 3-0 lead Friday and held off a third-period comeback bid by Livonia Franklin, earning a 7-3 boys hockey win at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Scoring two goals each for the Chargers (9-6-1) were senior forwards Carter Swider and Josh Friend, while senior defenseman Seth Kucharczyk (three assists) and freshman forward Jimmy Targosz (goal, assist) also helped the attack.

For the Patriots (7-10-1), senior forward Trevor Van Vliet scored two power-play goals and junior forward Dakota Keaton scored a goal with about 10 minutes remaining to briefly help the young team pull to within 6-3.

Churchill actually enjoyed a 5-0 lead during the second period, before Van Vliet got one on the board, scoring against Chargers freshman goalie Bryant Riley (who played the first two periods before junior Joey Proctor came in for the third).

"We knew (the Patriots) were going to come at us," Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said. "We certainly knew that when we brought a cold goalie in for the third period, Joey Proctor, his first opportunity to get in."

"We wanted to make sure we did right by Joey. At the same time, other teams are going to find opportunity when they know another goalie's coming in."

According to his Franklin counterpart, Dan Phelps, it was a case of too little, too late.

"We played with a little more energy in the third and we played a little more physical," Phelps said. "But give them a lot of credit, they're certainly a powerful team and they came to play tonight."

"I don't think we really did the first period. We came out flat and a good team will take advantage of that. They minimize their mistakes and maximize yours."

Following are several other takeaways:

LIKE A VETERAN

Reynolds said Riley has been outstanding over the past couple of weeks, filling in following a hamstring injury sustained by senior goalie Chris Sergison.

During that span, Riley has backstopped the Chargers to a 2-1-1 record,



Holding the fort during this Livonia Franklin scoring bid is Livonia Churchill freshman goalie Bryant Riley. TOM BEAUDOIN

including wins over Howell and Franklin and a tie against Hartland (the lone loss coming against Brighton).

"Bryant Riley, a freshman, has really had to take the workload for us," Reynolds said. "To his credit, he's been outstanding. It's such an unfair task to ask of a freshman goaltender, to go out and play Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Livonia Franklin over a span of two weeks."

"Having said that, considering how we did over those two weeks, he did a phenomenal job. He took a tremendous amount of shots, he's got a lot of composure for a young man and I can say, honestly, the goaltending situation at Churchill has a bright future with him at the helm."

TWICE AS NICE

In the third period, Friend scored a pair of goals. His first was unassisted at 2:13 against Franklin senior goaltender Will Augustine.

Friend later scored the final goal of the game, finding the rebound of sophomore forward Tyson Wisner's shot and flipping a backhand inside the far corner.

"I had a good shot from my buddy on the point, Wisner," Friend said. "He's a team player, getting shots at the net."

KEEP 'EM COMING

Friend added that a key to the win was maintaining offensive pressure and getting plenty of shots at Augustine. "You just got to put a lot of shots on the net, everybody on our team just peppered him, he played really well," he said.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Canton beginning to turn the corner

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Fueled by some of the KLAA's most prolific scorers, the Canton varsity boys hockey team might be on the cusp of a serious turnaround.

Before the season, first-year head coach John Bartle preached the importance of working hard during every shift in hopes of reversing a team culture that had trended in the wrong direction in recent winters.

Although Canton's record remains sub-par (4-10-1), recent results indicate the best might be yet to come. After hanging tough the previous week against Salem, the Chiefs routed Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 17 at Arctic Edge Arena, 8-2.

"That was probably the best game of our season," Bartle said. "We came out flying and led 4-0 after the first period."

Spearheading the lopsided win were forwards Paul Maurer (four goals), Hugo Fonovic (two goals, three assists) and Daniel Bourgeois (two goals, assist).

Helping the cause with two assists was freshman forward Declan O'Hare, while goalkeeping duties were divided between freshman Michael Renzi and senior Donald Jardine.

"Our big gun is Hugo, he is averaging almost two points a game," Bartle said about the sophomore winger, who had 17 goals and 28 points entering last weekend. "Hugo is a phenomenal player."

Another key offensive player has been senior forward Sam Reinders, second on the squad with 15 points.

Canton also played a strong game the previous week against campus ri-

val Salem. The game was 1-1 after two periods, but the Rocks had a late surge to win 4-1.

According to Bartle, the win over Huron will hopefully be the catalyst for a strong second-half run, with the mission of finishing at .500 or better and entering postseason play with confidence and momentum.

"We have about 10 games to go and I'm feeling pretty confident we can reach that goal of .500 or better," Bartle noted.

One of Bartle's main objectives for his first season at the Canton helm was to build a winning culture. That seems to be happening.

"It was a struggle getting the boys to skate hard on a consistent basis," Bartle said. "At the end of (December), they started to figure it out. It just seems like we're playing a heck of a lot better and I'm looking forward to the second half of the season."

Regardless of how the rest of the regular season plays out, Canton knows it will have a formidable tourney test. The Chiefs drew a first-round bye in the D2 pre-regional at Eddie Edgar; they will play at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, against the winner off the Feb. 27 match-up between Plymouth and Stevenson.

"I think we were fortunate to draw the bye, so that it only takes one game for us (to win the pre-regional)," Bartle said. "And on any given day, we feel confident, especially if we play well the next couple weeks. I think we will."

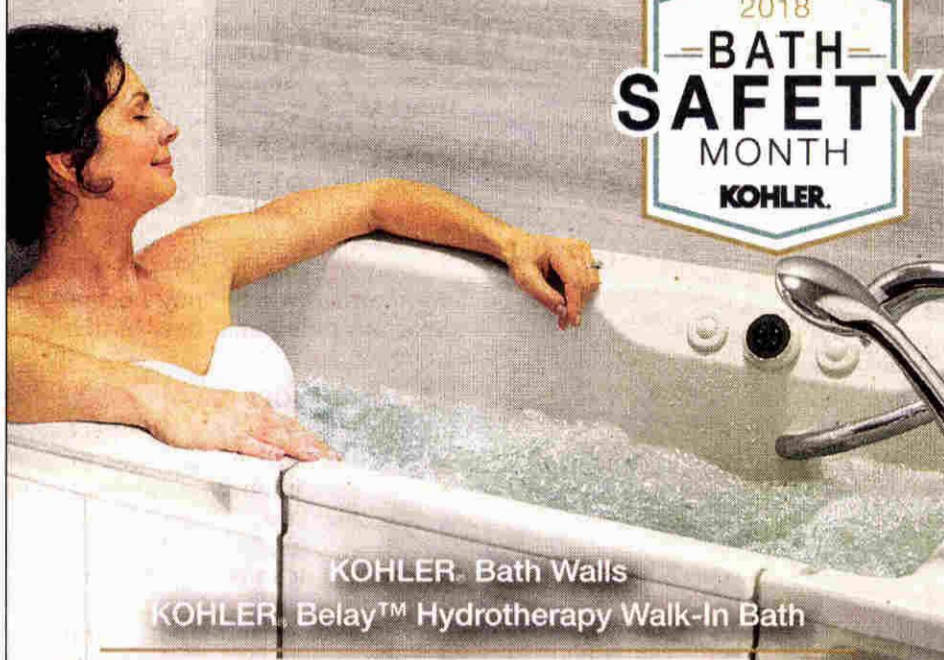
"The culture is definitely changing. You can see the change in the effort on the ice, both in practices and games."

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Canton senior forward Paul Maurer against Ann Arbor Huron. He scored four goals in the Chiefs' 8-2 win.

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Transfer from;	New Funds and Balances
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The hearing shall be held at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI 48184 at 8:00 p.m.
 Questions should be directed to: Lori Gouin, Community Development Director (734) 722-2002.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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**ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2018-03
JANUARY 16, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of Silence for M. Wojewski. APPROVED: agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Jan. 2 and Special City Council meeting of Jan. 3; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; First Readings of Ord 2018-01 & 2018-02; reapt. of C. Burton to DDA; resignation of R. Abdo from DDA; appt; W. Daniel to DDA; appt. C. Burton, W. Daniel, J. Demmer, V. Law, M. Morrow, D. Steinhauer, K. White-Jenkins to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority until Feb. 2021; PSA with Stantec, TCO #618, rescind TCO #220; call a Public Hearing for CDBG; sale of 55-010-01-0470-300 for \$2,000.00; extend Mechanical Amusement Devices and Bowling and Billiards; 2018 Receiving Board; BRA application fee \$2,500; AccuMed billing; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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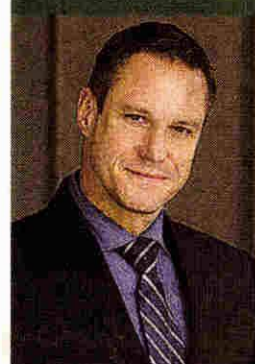
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 Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson, Londeau
 13: Minutes of regular meeting held 1/2/18.
 - Motown H.O.G. Toy Run 9/23/18.
 - 3 yr. Lease Agrmt. w/VAR Technology for FD technology support svcs.; \$889.83/mo.
 - Purchase of Ford F-250 Pick-up truck for DPS; amt. not to ex. \$24,839.
 - Purchase of 2 Ford F-150 Super Cabs for DPS; amt. not to ex. \$50,064.
 - Into Ord. 179-A-4 re. minors in possession of alcohol.
 - Adopt MDOT resolution re. maintenance program for E. Newburgh sidewalk.
 - Adopt City of Westland Poverty Exemption for 2018.
 14: Bid for Official City Newspaper to Observer & Eccentric Newspaper; \$4.10 per column inch.
 15: Conf. re-appt. of J. Fausone as City Atty., thru 12/31/19.
 16: Conf. re-appt. of Plante Moran & Assoc. as City Auditors thru 12/31/19.
 18: Conf. re-appt. of M. Harris to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/19.
 20: Conf. appt. of J. Hart to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/19.
 21: Appr. checklist: \$ 815,515.12.
 Mtg. adj. at 8:43 p.m.

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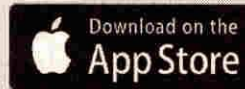
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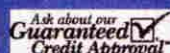
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