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Johnson starts state House run

Westland councilman would replace Kosowski

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Appropriate levels of revenue sharing, public safety and insurance rates are among the top issues that Bill Johnson would like to tackle if elected to represent Westland and Wayne in the Michigan House.

Johnson, 67, a Westland city councilman, recently kicked off a campaign to fill the 16th District seat being vacated by Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who is term-limited.

"I just believe that Lansing is so screwed up it's pitiful. I believe there are more moderates than people on the far left or far right," Johnson said. "The moderates have got to put some sanity into what they are doing up there."

To address that divide between Dem-



Johnson

ocrats and Republicans, Johnson, a Democrat, said the double desks on the House floor should have one member from each party assigned to sit together.

"That aisle divides them. This way, they would have to talk to each other. It would stop a lot of deadlocks. I'm sure it would never happen," he said.

Appointed to Westland council in 2007 and elected for his first term the following year, Johnson's current term ends Jan. 1, 2020. He retired last July af-

ter 48 years working at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant, 42 of those years serving full time as an elected UAW representative, including the last 20 years as building chairman. The 16th District includes all of Wayne and most of Westland.

As a councilman, Johnson said he knows that if state-shared revenue reductions were restored to local communities, cities like Wayne and Inkster wouldn't be in the financial mess they

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"Scientist" Travis Dombroski, interviewer Bradley Teeple and "retiree" Nathan Duff answer questions from Dinesh Seksaria. The team is from Trinity Lutheran School in Utica. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

AAUW brings Disney classic to stage

"Harry Potter" star Emma Watson brought the Disney classic "Beauty and the Beast" to the big screen last year and now the American Association of University Women Plymouth-Canton branch is bringing it to the stage at Garden City High School.

The AAUW presents "Beauty" Feb. 1-3, with 7 p.m. shows Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. matinee performances Saturday.

"Beauty and the Beast" tells the story of a monstrous-looking prince and a young woman who fall in love. The AAUW production is being directed by Sue Bellows, with Kaytee Bellows starring as Belle and Lisa Gapa as the Prince.

It's the latest presentation by the AAUW Plymouth-Canton chapter, which got its start in 1952. Nationwide, the group started in 1881 and supports more than 170,000 local branches and

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The American Association of University Women presents "Beauty and the Beast," celebrating the group's 58th year of live drama. The Beauty/Prince (Lisa Gapa) and the Beauty (Kaytee Bellows) dance during the performance. TOM BEAUDOIN

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Engineering contest shows off students' forward-thinking ideas



Cameron Ripple holds a sign for his team's city, Stratified. Maya Deshmukh and Nandhini Shivaswamy are the other presenters. The team is from Geisler Middle School in Walled Lake. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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In Valdada, in the year 2065, senior citizens get help from Herbie, a robotic personal assistant that can cook, clean, have conversations and even use Braille to communicate with the visually impaired.

"It looks like us, but it's animatronic," said Joseph Waller, an eighth-grader from New Era Christian School, who explained Valdada — and Herbies — to visitors at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. "It's made by Apple, so you know it's good."

In Kutali, where it's 2232, older people routinely interact with college students and seniors can get groceries or prepared meals delivered by drones.

Implanted microchips keep track of individual dietary needs, which are relayed to the central food emporium so that meals can be customized.

And in Stratified, in 2150, seniors benefit from moving walkways, get household help from an AVCS, or advanced voice command system, and can ward off the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia with a memory chip implanted in the temporal lobe.

These imaginary towns and several dozen others were on display at SCS during the Michigan Future City competition.

Organized by the Engineering Society of Detroit, the contest has middle school students plan various aspects of a city of the future — the economy, in-

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Papa (Marie Mack) speaks to the Village People (Marie Noel, Anna Schumaker, Becky Decker and Lee Robinette). TOM BEAUDOIN

Disney

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has some 800 college/university partners.

Club officials point out that some 25-35 women turn out to audition either as actors or to work behind the scenes with costumes, sets, lighting, etc. Only women take the acting roles.

Each year, the club stages the play at Garden City High School for kids.

To add more oomph to its traditions, the Plymouth-Canton AAUW has also created a night for Boy and Girl Scouts, who attend programs on theater and learn all of its facets either from club members or the Garden City High School Drama Club. For their attendance, the Scouts earn a patch.

Tickets are \$6 online or \$7 at the door and can be purchased at plymouthcanton-mi.aauw.net. Garden City High School is located at 6500 Middlebelt.



Dixie (Helene Lisa) and Lumiere (Melissa Uhl) in a scene from the AAUW's "Beauty and the Beast." TOM BEAUDOIN

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have been working through.

"A healthy increase in revenue sharing would help cities that are barely making it avoid possible bankruptcies and may enable them to add to their public safety workforce," he said.

Also regarding public safety, Johnson said he spent the day in Lansing a couple of weeks ago with police and firefighters from across the state as they protested efforts to dismantle contractual benefits.

"These are our first responders and they put their lives on the line every time they put on their uniforms," he said. "These contracts are local issues and should be honored and managed by local governments. This is just another attack on the middle class. Look what the Republican majority has already done to our teachers, who are the custodians of our dearest assets — our children."

Along with two adult children from a previous marriage, Johnson has two stepsons, ages 15 and 13, with wife Tonya.

After having his auto insurance more than double in recent years despite no tickets or claims in more than 25 years, Johnson said he wants to address the nearly \$200 per vehicle collected for catastrophic injury claims.

"That is a top-secret fund with no transparency. It is rumored to contain more than \$31 billion. The fund is administered by insurance companies who are accountable to no one," he said. "I think that is like letting the fox watch the hen house."

Other priorities if he is elected, Johnson said, are veterans services, senior issues and assistance to small businesses.

With Kosowski, who is running for state Senate, Johnson said, "I believe we will make a great one-two punch."

Not surprisingly, Johnson is also getting support in his campaign from sister Eileen DeHart Schoof, herself a former state representative and Westland's first elected city clerk.

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Student nominated for science gathering

Lee Bradford, a junior at John Glenn High School, was nominated for the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston from June 29 through July 1.

The event is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Bradford was nominated by Dr. John D. Mather, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics and science director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists, to represent Michigan based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology.

During the three-day Congress, Bradford will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science recipients talk about leading scientific research; be given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology.

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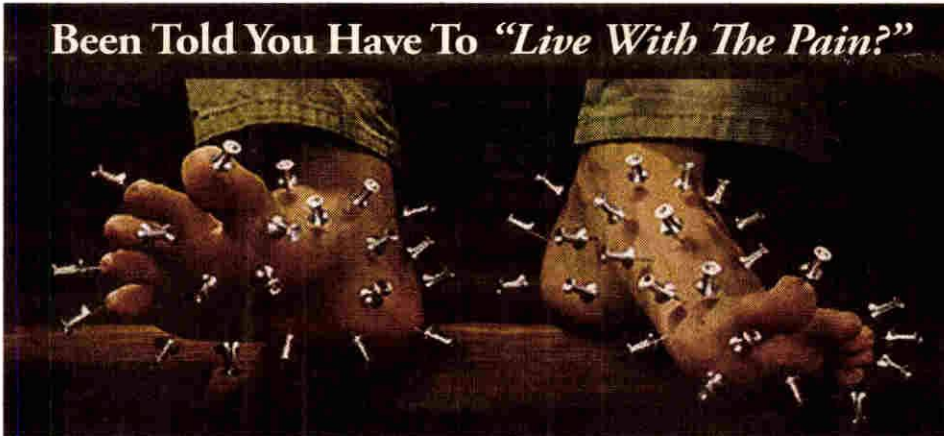
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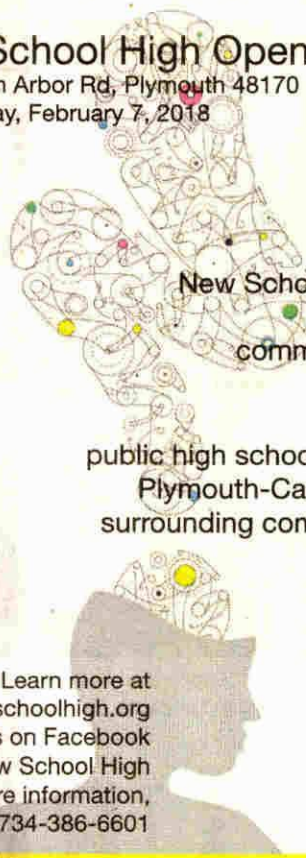
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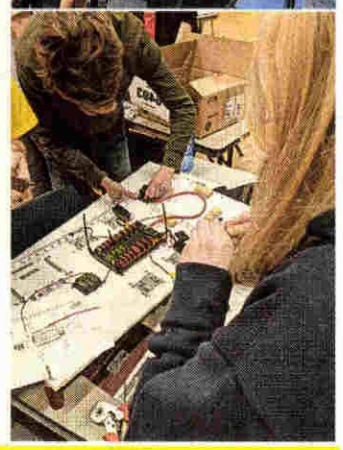
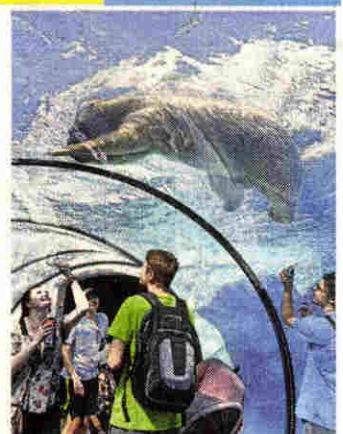
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Bates Academy students Dierra Surlis, Ayana Stones and Halaya Vann answer questions from judges about their team's future city, Paradise Falls. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Future

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frastructure, transportation, food sources, health care, education and more — and build models of them, largely from cast-offs and recyclable materials. “The Age-Friendly City” was the theme for this year’s challenge.

The contest develops students’ research and writing skills (an essay about each city is required), as well as the technical skills used in putting together the models. Students also polish public-speaking skills, as each team has to present its city to judges who are professional engineers, plus answer questions from them and other Future City visitors.

“They like the teamwork. They like the collaboration aspect,” said teacher Leandra Edwards-Brandel, adviser to the team from Geisler Middle School in Walled Lake, where Future City was an after-school activity for a team of nine students. “They’re all, academically, pretty driven students.”

The Geisler team put together Stratified, population 75,000, located on what is now Puerto Rico. They gave themselves an extra challenge by siting Stratified in the aftermath of a nuclear disaster; the city is partially underground and, because the air is contaminated, the above-ground portion is protected by a dome.

Kutali, planned by eighth-graders from St. Valentine School in Redford Township, also rose following a disaster: The city was built on the ruins of George Town, on the Grand Cayman island in the Caribbean, a city that had been destroyed by storms in the year 2054.

Edward Austin, a presenter for St. Valentine, said open communication among members of the Future

City team was important in coming up with a successful project.

“You really have to be an open person when you’re doing projects like this,” Edward said. “You want to make sure you’re all working together to achieve the same goal.”

St. Valentine placed second to the team from St. John Lutheran School in Rochester. That team’s city, Copper Valley, population 132,000, is planned for the year 2132 in the community now known as Butte, Mont.

In Copper Valley, seniors are assisted by strain energy (the energy used in walking, for example) that is recaptured by special sensors, solar power is harnessed to melt snow on the roads to make traveling safer and food production is accelerated by feeding excess carbon dioxide to plants in domed farms. As in Kutali, seniors and students learn from each other.

The St. John team now moves to the Future City finals, which are in Washington, D.C., next month. Last year’s St. Valentine team went to the finals.

Joseph, the eighth-grader on the New Era Christian School team, said he enjoyed the tinkering required in putting the Valdada model together.

“It was great,” he said. “We got to do all the engineering, wires and stuff I’ve never done before.”

Teacher Phil Morse, the New Era team’s adviser and also principal of the school in New Era, which is north of Muskegon, said it was his school’s first trip to the Future City contest.

“I’m hooked,” he said. “I think this is a great thing for kids.”

Doing the presentations took students out of their comfort zones, he said, but were good preparation for similar assignments they’ll face in high school and college.

Morse liked the model-building, too. “They had to

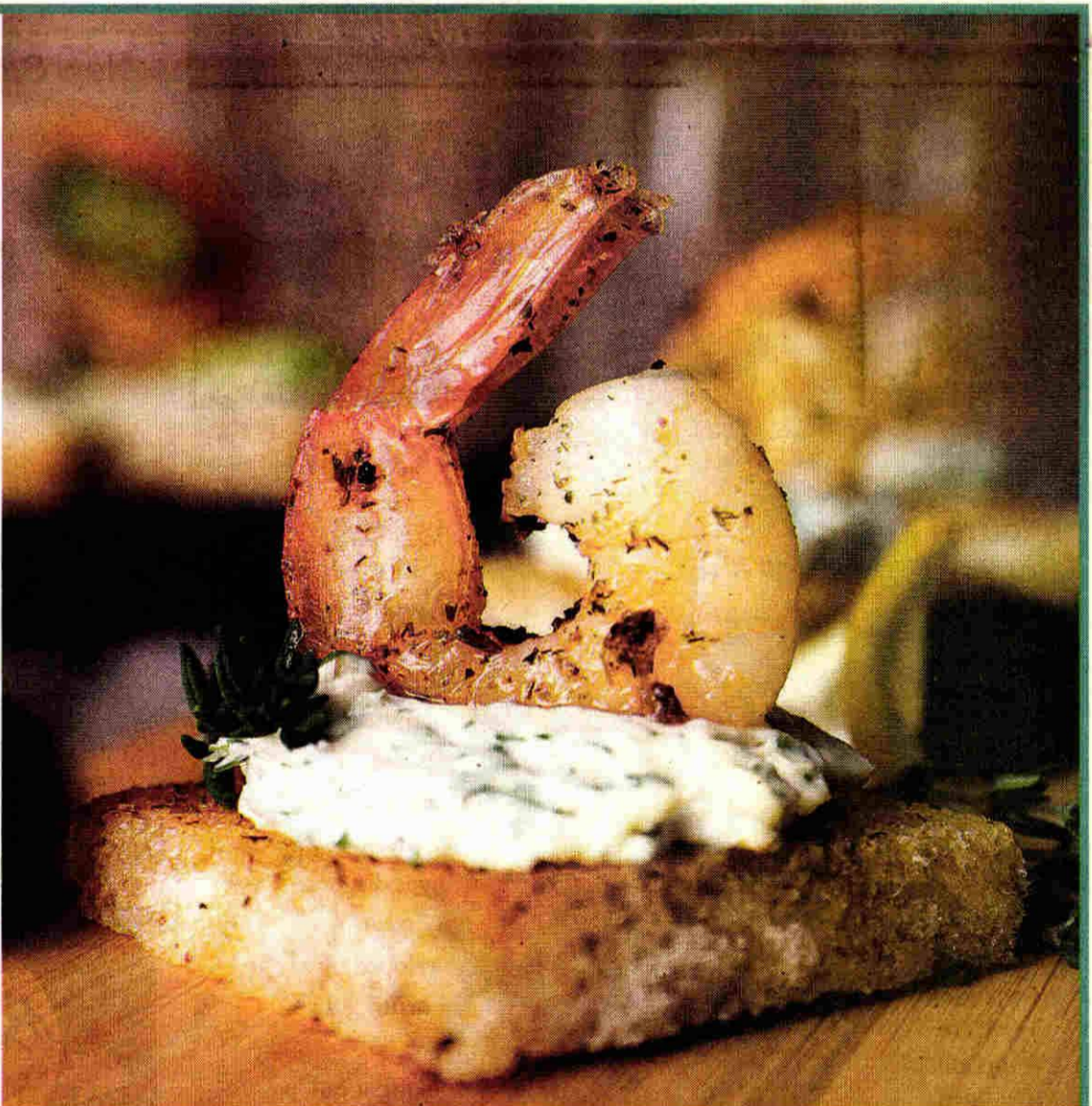
start from scratch, start from scratch and build the entire city from nothing,” he said.

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Livonia Republican Club

Join the Livonia Republican Club for its next meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, candidate for the U.S.

House in the 11th District.

Livonia Friends used book sale

The Friends of the Robert and Janet Bennett Library is sponsoring a three-day used book sale Friday through Sunday, Feb. 2-4, at the library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Ladies night at Crossroads Church

Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host an event called A Night for Ladies at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. The event is for those ages 8 and up.

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dies turtlenecks. Cost is \$5. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 7 to www.CrossroadsNow.org.

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.

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Crossroads Church clothing drive

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Contact info@CrossroadsNow.org or 734-338-5149 to arrange an additional drop-off time. The drive is in partnership with Moe's Market Shoe Repair, Detroit's Eastern Market and Second Chance Ministries, Detroit.

Westland Friends book sale

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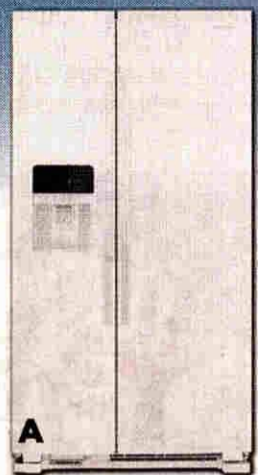
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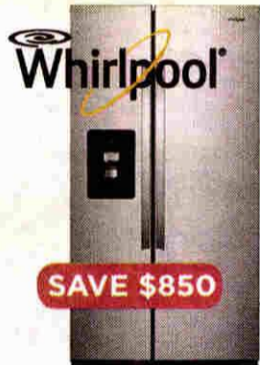
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CWW selects new leadership team

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of 18 chief elected local officials in Michigan's largest county, announced that it has selected its new 2018 leadership team.

The CWW 2018 Executive Committee is composed of Chairman LeRoy Burcroff (Romulus mayor), Vice Chairman Robert Nix II (Northville Township supervisor), Secretary Kerreen Conley (Belleville mayor), Treasurer Pat Williams (Canton Township supervisor) and Chair Emeritus Jack O'Reilly (Dearborn mayor), who led the CWW the last year. The committee was sworn in by the Wayne County Circuit Judge Melissa Cox.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this organization," Burcroff said. "Our board has met monthly for over three decades to discuss issues such as state and federal legislation, county matters, transportation, public safety, substance use prevention and community and economic development. Our region is the most populated



The new leadership group of (from left) Jack O'Reilly, LeRoy Burcroff, Robert Nix, Pat Williams and Kerreen Conley are sworn in by Judge Melissa Cox.

in the county and we pride ourselves on working together to promote western Wayne."

The CWW is a bipartisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally

improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the region. CWW also serves as the 9-1-1 Service District for western Wayne County.

The CWW communities include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn

Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren. The CWW area is 340 square miles, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the city of Detroit to the east and Monroe County to the south.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together - working regionally - to enhance this area of Wayne County for more than 38 years.

"All of our 700,000 residents and 340 square miles are impacted by the decisions and laws that are made at the federal, state and county levels," Burcroff said. "It is vital that we continue to collaborate in order to create the best solutions possible to the challenges we face."

The 18 members of CWW selected the new leadership at its board meeting Jan. 12 in Plymouth Township.



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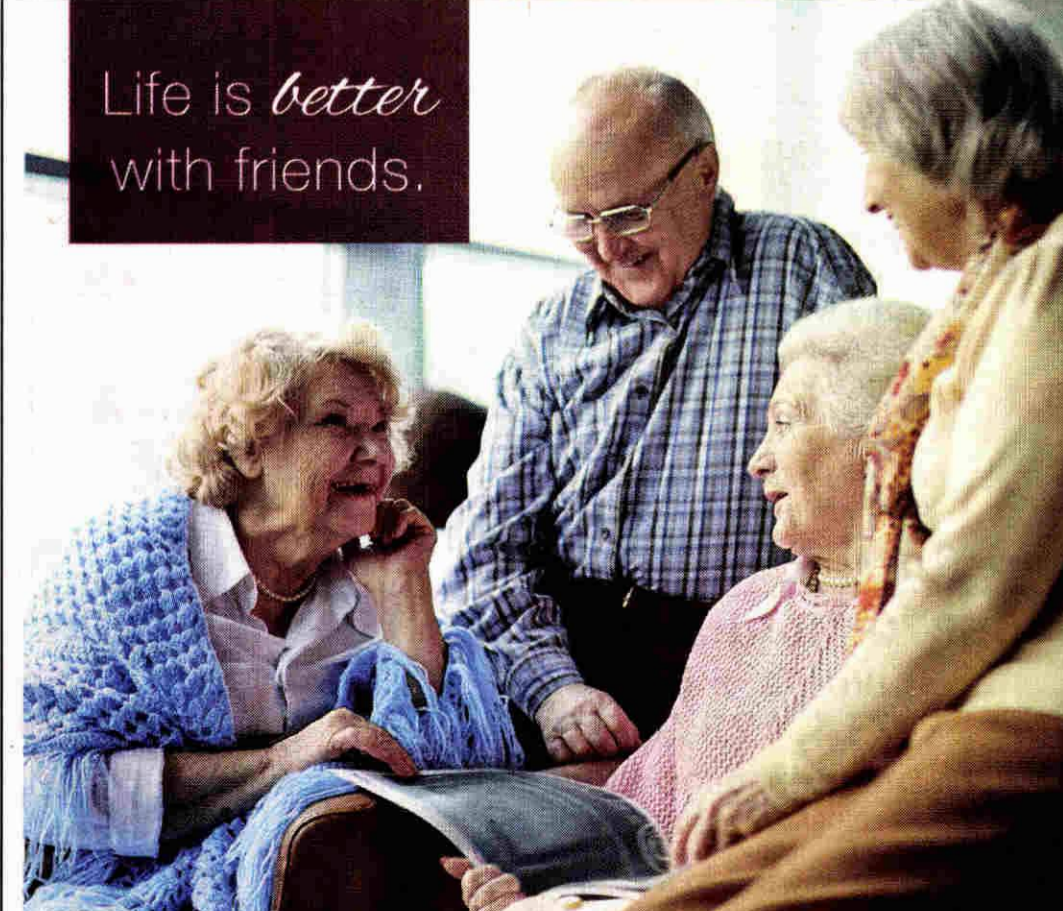
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Neighbors say suspect in CNN threats 'nice guy'

Novi man charged in federal court after making threatening calls

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Residents of Chestnut Tree Way in Novi were surprised to learn Tuesday that a neighbor had been accused in federal court of making violent threats toward the news network CNN.

"When you hear something like this, it knocks my socks off," Bill Nelson said at a house across the street from where Brandon Griesemer lives with his parents.

Griesemer, 19, faces a charge of using interstate communications to threaten injury, conviction of which could mean a prison sentence of up to five years. A complaint by Sean Callaghan, an FBI special agent, alleges the Atlanta-based network received 22 calls Jan. 9-10 from Griesemer; the specifics of four of those calls, some of which included racial slurs, references to "fake news" and threats to shoot staffers, were detailed in the complaint.

Nelson, who said he uses a cane, said he has known Griesemer for years and described him as a "nice guy" who, with friends, would carry equipment or furniture for him if they saw him grappling with it. "They're always helpful," he said.

The teen and his mother would also fetch groceries for him from the local Busch's supermarket where Griesemer works, Nelson said. "Just normal people" is how Nelson described the family.

"Would never have believed it," he said of the accusation of threats.

Griesemer, a 2017 Novi High School graduate, was arrested Jan. 19 and charged in U.S. District Court. He was freed on an unsecured \$10,000 bond, meaning he will owe the government that amount, plus face an additional charge, if he fails to follow the terms of his release.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9, at the federal courthouse in Detroit.

No one answered the door at the Griesemer house Tuesday afternoon, but a man behind the closed front door said, "We have no comment" when asked about Griesemer. Later, people were seen coming and going from the house.

Griesemer's attorney, Tenny R. Beardslee of the federal public defender's office, did not return a call.

Nelson said he and Griesemer often greeted each other in passing: "How's it goin'? What's new? You know, chit-chat," he said.

Like Nelson, four other neighbors said Tuesday that they were hearing about the charge against Griesemer for the first time. One refused to comment, two others would not give their names and a fourth said she did not know the family.

An employee at the Busch's on 10 Mile, where Griesemer works, referred questions to the company's cor-



This is the Novi home of Brian Griesemer. Someone inside had no comment about charges he made threatening calls to CNN. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

porate office, where a message was left late Tuesday afternoon. An employee outside on a smoke break said he could not comment because of company policy.

Nelson said that as a young boy, Griesemer would stop by and tell him about superheroes.

"He kept me up to date on all the superheroes and how good they were," Nelson said.

In federal court Jan. 19, U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti highlighted several of Griesemer's bond conditions, which include that he not have contact with CNN, not possess weapons or drugs and not travel outside the court's jurisdiction of the U.S. Eastern District of Michigan.

Patti sternly told Griesemer not to make any sorts of threats. Griesemer was accused of making a threatening call to an Ann Arbor mosque in September and the FBI's complaint says Griesemer admitted to police that he made that call. He was not charged in that case.

"You're not going to be committing any illegal activity while you're on bond, so don't be making any threats to anybody," Patti told Griesemer, according to a recording of the Jan. 19 hearing. "Understand?"

"Yeah," Griesemer said.

Contact Matt Jachman at mjachman@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @mattjachman.

Branch Line School, a tuition-free Michigan public charter school, is accepting applications for the 18-19 school year. K-8th grades. Located at 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, MI. Open Enrollment: Feb 5 - Feb 23, 2018. Applications online at www.branchlineschool.org OR via our website on campus on Sun, Feb 11, 1-3pm or Thurs, Feb 15, 4-7pm. IF applications exceed available space, an open lottery will be held on Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 3pm at Branch Line School. Applications received after open enrollment, will be accepted on a first come, first served basis to capacity. Applicants are required to attend an enrollment meeting. Student visit days will be scheduled for those enrolled.

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When: 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17

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Love Your Pet Day – Pet Surprise

When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20
Details: Make a gift for your dog or cat. Children ages 6-12 may register for this program. Registration is required. If you register and then can't come, call to cancel your reservation so that others may attend. We need to know what type of dog/cat you have, so please list dog or cat next to your name along with a size.

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ZEAL CREDIT UNION WARMS HANDS AND HEARTS



Zeal Credit Union recently donated a total of 250 pairs of new gloves and mittens to Mitten for Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides to those in need during the cold winter months. More than 150 pairs of gloves and mittens were collected over the holidays as admission to the credit union's annual Rock Star Savers skating party for youth members and their families. For each donation, skaters received free skating, free skate rental, pizza and pop at Riverside Arena in Livonia. Another 100 pairs of mittens and gloves were collected by Zeal staff in the operations and loss prevention departments as part of the credit union's Zeal The Love holiday charity initiative. Wendy Shepherd (right), executive director of Mitten for Detroit, receives the donation from Zeal Credit Union team members (from left) Tiffany Sweet, Kathryn Mesic and Genessa Lockett. Mitten for Detroit was among 21 charities selected this year by Zeal's 26 departments and branch offices. To read more stories about Zeal Credit Union staff helping others in the community, go to www.zealhelove.com. For more information about Zeal Credit Union, go to www.ZealCreditUnion.org or call 800-321-8570.

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Purse taken from car at school

A woman came into the Westland police station Jan. 17 to report her purse had been taken while her car was parked at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette.

She said she parked her car in front of the school and went inside. She came out and later ran back inside the school for something, leaving her purse on the seat of her vehicle. When she came back out, she found her purse missing. No suspect information was available.

Items stolen from vehicle

Police were dispatched Jan. 21 to the 500 block of Forest on the report of a larceny from auto that had taken place.

The victim said her vehicle was parked unsecured in the road in front of her home the day before. When she

went out that afternoon, she found her phone cord and medication were missing. She said she did not know who had taken the items and that she had requested a report for her insurance company. Police saw no other damage to the vehicle. A similar incident took place in the 300 block of Forest as well, where a wallet and passport had been taken.

Graffiti painted at Culver's

Police were called Jan. 20 to Culver's, 6500 Newburgh, on the report of some graffiti that had been found in the restaurant's bathroom.

Police spoke to the manager, who said the graffiti was painted on the bathroom wall and stalls. Other damage was reported at the nearby Meijer. Footage showed a male spray painting a bus terminal and a sign at Culver's.

— By David Veselenak

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Car stolen

Police were called Jan. 16 to a residence in the 35300 block of Elm on the report of a vehicle that had been stolen.

The victim said she parked her vehicle in her driveway the day before and came out that day to find it was gone. She said the car was up-to-date on the payments and no suspect information was available.

Wallet taken from shopping cart

A woman reported Jan. 14 that she

had her wallet stolen and her information used at 7-Eleven, 31403 Michigan Ave.

She said she was shopping at a nearby Kroger when she left her wallet in a cart and spoke briefly to her family. She came back to her cart and found her wallet missing. She checked with a security guard, who said they did not see anyone take it. Before she could call and cancel her cards, one was used at the 7-Eleven. Her Social Security card was also in the wallet.

— By David Veselenak

Attention Back Pain and Sciatica Sufferers! Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop Reveals How to Naturally Heal Back Pain and Sciatica For Good.

Do you suffer with back pain or leg pain when you stand or walk? Do you have pain when you sit for long periods or drive? Do you experience pain, numbness or tingling into your butt, groin or down your leg? Does your back ever "go out" if you move the wrong way? Are you afraid your pain will get worse if you don't do anything about it? If you have answered YES to any of the above questions (or have a stubborn spouse who is in denial) – the Lower Back and Sciatica Workshop may be a life changing event for you...

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And less movement and enjoying of life can lead to depression, increased stress and a sedentary lifestyle (mostly sitting...not moving much) which leads to bigger health problems...and life problems. 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?

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Q: My wife and I are in our mid-60s and retired. Because of a lawsuit, I receive more than enough money to cover all our needs. From a tax standpoint, we itemize our deductions only because of the amount of charitable contributions we make on a year-by-year basis. We average about \$15,000 a year in charitable contributions. We always make our yearly contributions in February. My first question to you is, since under the new law I will be taking the standard deduction as opposed to itemizing, I wanted to know if in making this year's charitable contributions if I could use my IRA? My second question is, since I won't be itemizing in the future, is there any reason to save any of my receipts?

A: I love the way you think, however, you cannot use your IRA to make charitable contributions. If you take an IRA distribution, you will be taxed on it, no matter what you do with the money.

There is an exception to the rule, but you do not qualify for it. For someone who is over 70½ and required to take

minimum required distributions, they can do what is known as a qualified charitable distribution. In this transaction, you can transfer all or a portion of your minimum required distribution directly to a charity and you're not taxed on that money. The key to qualifying for this exception is that you must be over 70½. Since you are not, you cannot take advantage of it.

For seniors who are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions from their IRAs, if you are charitable in nature you should look at the new tax law to determine whether you are going to itemize your deductions. For those who are not going to itemize their deductions, making your charitable contributions through your IRA can be a significant tax savings. The key to the transaction is the money must go directly from the IRA to the charity. If you have the check sent to you and you sign it over to the charity, you still must pay tax on the transaction. The only way to avoid the tax is to have the money directly transferred to the charity.

With regard to saving tax receipts, this is a tough question. If someone knew with 100-percent certainty they would not be itemizing their deductions, they would probably not have to save the receipt. On the other hand, since the tax law is brand new, I would

generally lean toward being safe rather than sorry. I would save the receipts.

It is important that everyone set up a tax file for 2018. When you get receipts or other documentation that could have some tax implications, it is important to save them. You're also going to start receiving your 2017 tax information and I cannot stress enough the importance of saving those documents. One sure way of having IRS scrutiny is to not report income on a 1099 or W2. It is important that you save all the tax information you receive over the next couple of months.

One thing people should always understand about tax laws is that they are constantly changing. You may not read about it in the papers and it doesn't get much publicity, but tax laws are always changing and we never know if the tax law today is going to be the tax law at the end of the year. I would encourage everyone to set up a good record-keeping system with regard to taxes so that, no matter what happens to the tax law, you will be prepared.

Good luck!

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

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

'Secret shopper' scam reported

A 25-year-old Livonia resident came into the Livonia police station Monday to report she had been scammed out of hundreds of dollars through a "secret shopper" scam.

She said she received a letter in the mail a few days earlier about her participating in a secret shopper promotion. She said a check for \$1,980 was also in the envelope and she was instructed to keep \$370 of it and send the rest to two people in New York and Texas. She went out and wired the money to the individuals after depositing the check with her credit union.

She received a call a few days later, telling her the check was fake and she needed to return the money. She told them she had already spent it.

Man accused of stealing \$1K in items from store

Police were called Jan. 21 to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who was still in the parking lot.

Police arrived and located the suspect sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot. They observed several pieces of merchandise from the store in his backseat. An employee told police the work boots he was wearing had also been taken from the store. The employee said the man pushed out the cart containing all the items without paying.

He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

Shoplifting at Walmart

An employee at Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, came into the police station Jan. 21 to report a retail fraud that had taken place in the store the day before.

He said the suspect was in the store the day before at the self-checkout. He placed some merchandise that was paid for on top of unpaid-for merchandise at the store before leaving without paying. He was stopped by an employee and detained. Store employees collected his information, but did not call police to the store.

— By David Veselenak

Drunken driving suspect drives through gas meter

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A Wayne man faces drunken driving charges after police say he drove his vehicle into his neighbor's gas meter with alcohol in his system.

Wayne police were called Jan. 18 to the 4200 block of Mildred on the report of a vehicle that had damaged a fence of a residence. When police arrived, they spoke to the driver, 61-year-old Jerry Morrow, who told police he backed up his car into the side of the neighbor's home while driving down his driveway.

A gas meter was struck, along with some non-electrical wires. Surrounding homes were evacuated because of a gas leak, though residents returned shortly after once it was deemed safe. The gas meter, fence and telephone cables were all damaged.

While police were speaking to Morrow, they noticed a smell of intoxicants on him. They began doing field sobriety tests, all of which Morrow failed. Officers then conducted a preliminary breath test, which Morrow agreed to. He registered 0.277 percent, more than three times the legal limit of



Morrow

0.08.

Morrow was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. Police say he's had three other OWI charges out Westland, Wayne and Detroit during the past 15 years or so.

He was recently arraigned on drunken driving charges in Wayne's 29th District Court. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

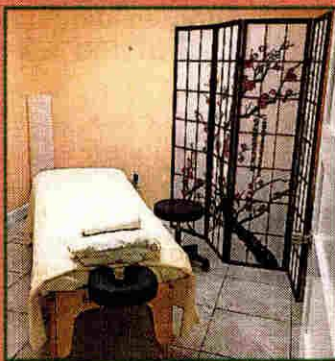


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Obituaries

Lucille Josephine Theodore (Sikorski)

FAIRFIELD GLADE - March 12, 1932 - January 13, 2018

Lu Theodore, 85, of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee passed away peacefully at Good Samaritan in Fairfield Glade, TN. She was born and raised in Detroit, MI, as Lucille J. Sikorski, but most commonly went by Lu. While attending Commerce High School in Detroit, Lu met her life-long love and future husband, Chris Theodore. They married at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Hamtramck, MI, February 3, 1951. Together they raised a loving family while residing in Garden City, Westland, and Canton, MI, and eventually retired to Fairfield Glade, TN. Lu was a business and English teacher at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, MI, and Kennedy High School in Taylor, MI. She enjoyed designing and creating dry-floral arrangements and started her own small business doing the same. Lu's greatest love in life was her family. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lucy Sikorski, her father, Adam Sikorski, her loving husband of 61 years, Chris Theodore, her beloved daughter, Karen Carpenter (John), and her brother, Don Sikorski. She is survived by her sister, Del Sikorski Baker, her sons, Toby Theodore (Kim), and Jeff Theodore (Karen), her grandchildren, Lee Dreps (Katie), Erin Dreps (Ali), Kelsey, Eric, Cody, Luke, and Shane, and great-grandson Jensen. There will be a Funeral Mass on February 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. Family will receive friends at the church starting at 10:15 a.m. A luncheon will follow.



Charles Thompson

WESTLAND - Thompson, Charles C. Age 82 of Westland. Born June 19, 1936 in Clearfield, PA. Passed away January 20, 2018 in Brighton, MI. As a Michigan resident, Charles lived in Plymouth while raising his family, then eventually moved to Westland. Though he spent most of his time at his cottage on Houghton Lake. He was a man of character, loved by many people. As a young man, while raising his family, Charles enjoyed having his landscaping company for many years. He was a Plant Foreman at Ford Motor Company, Michigan Truck Assembly, he retired in 1994. Charles was also a master woodworker and after retirement, he cleared land in Northern Michigan for the State, milled and planed the fallen trees and sold furniture grade lumber throughout the tri-state area. He also cut and bundled firewood, which he sold throughout the Houghton Lake area, that kept many homes warm and campfires burning. Charles enjoyed fishing in his spare time, spending time with his beloved dog Shane and making his special (too beautiful to use) cutting boards, which were sold at numerous fairs and trade shows. Charles is survived by son, Michael (Lena), daughters, Denise (James) Kelly and Tracy (Ronald Jr.) Buckley. His brothers Richard, Clifford and sister Joyce (Lloyd) Dell, along with 4 beloved grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A private Celebration of Charles' Life will be held at a later date. The family asks for memorial donations to, Hartland Hospice of Ann Arbor. Cremation Services entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI.



Richard (Rick) Burlingame, Jr.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - age 62, passed away peacefully at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on January 19, 2018.

Rick grew up in Garden City, Michigan and attended Garden City West High School.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard and son Rodney. He is survived by mother, Shirley Kihl; daughter, Ashley Ballard; granddaughter, Myalin Santana; brothers, Robert and Douglas; sister, Sharon and husband Terrell Mitchell; sister, Donna Harvey and husband Charles; longtime friend, Lynn Ballard, and several nieces and nephews.

Rick served in the Navy during and after the Vietnam War era. He was an accomplished pianist who loved composing his own music. While in Garden City he played in local bands. He continued playing solo after moving to Florida 34 years ago.

Final Arrangements are being handled by Boyd Panciera Family Funeral Care, 6400 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, FL 33024. The family is planning a private celebration of life with burial and military service at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.

Wallace Campbell "Wally" Seger

BROOKLYN - His Legacy... Wallace Campbell Seger Age 88, passed away January 22, 2018. He was born on February 28, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. Wally married the love of his life, Shirley Ault, on September 11, 1954, in Farmington, Michigan. Wally served honorably in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated McFarlands Florist and Greenhouse retiring in 1992. After retirement he worked for Becks Flowers and Gardens. He was an active member of Ford Performance Club and American Bouvier des Flandres Club. His hobbies included classic cars, woodworking and working on the flowers in his yard. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

His Family... Wally will be missed by his wife Shirley, daughter Kathy (Randy) Stone, granddaughters Carra and Sarah Stone all of Jackson, a brother James McFarland of Ada, Michigan, two sisters Elizabeth Archambeau and Susan Nagy both of Farmington Hills and many nieces and nephews.

His Farewell... Wally's friends and family gathered Saturday, January 27th at Borek Jennings Funeral Home - Braun Chapel, Brooklyn where his Farewell was held at 11:00 am. Burial followed at Cement City Baptist Church Memorials Gardens. Memorial contributions are suggested to Salvation Army or Cascade Humane Society. Please leave a message of comfort for Wally's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



Rear Admiral, Lee Everett Landes, USN (retired)

FARMINGTON HILLS - 93, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 23, 2018.

He was predeceased by his first wife Sue; his sons, Stephen and George and son-in-law, Theodore (Ted) Sinkewiz. He is survived by his wife, Teddi; foster daughter, Marion Sinkewiz; stepchildren Marlyss Scholl (Tom) and Mark Cutshall (Debi); grandchildren Benjamin, Gwenyth, Alex (Caitlyn), Andrew, Erin (Kevin), Charles (Ilse), Liesa (Frank), Daphne (Michael), John (Mary), Steven, Vaughn and five great-grandchildren.

Born in New York City, March 17, 1924, Lee enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Navy (1942) while he was a student at Union College, Schenectady, NY. He went on active duty (V-12) under instruction in 1943 and received his Bachelor's degree in economics and industrial management in February 1944; he was commissioned an Ensign in August 1944. After 4 1/2 years of active service, he entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and received an MBA in 1949. He was recalled to active duty (1951-1953) during the Korean War. During this time, he began his employment with the Ford Motor Company until his retirement in 1980. While a Ford Motor employee, he received their highest award, the Bronze Bell. An active Naval Reservist, he was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1973 and retired in 1979. Lee was also a member of many military organizations including the Naval Reserve Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was especially proud of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corp, a program that gives young people, ages 10 to 18 hands on experience and training in the sea-going military services, U.S. naval operations, community service, citizenship and an understanding of discipline and teamwork. He received commendations from the Secretary of the Navy, from the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency and the Legion of Merit medal from the President of the United States.

Lee was always active in community affairs and gave generously of his time and encouragement to many organizations. After the death of their son, George, killed by a drunk driver, Lee and his first wife, Sue, organized chapters of MADD across Michigan. He was elected to MADD's national board and led the successful campaign for three new comprehensive anti-drunk driving laws in Michigan. He helped form the Prevention Network, for substance abuse prevention organization and served on its Board. He also helped establish the Prevention Council (PREVCO) and the Michigan Victim Alliance.

Family, friends and others whose lives Lee touched are invited to the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI to reminisce, share and support each other. Visitation is from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Friday, February 2, 2018. His memorial service follows at 7:00 pm. with the Rev. Douglas Vernon officiating. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com



Gerald "Jerry" "Ducky" Stanko

HOWELL - July 20, 1944 - January 19, 2018.

Beloved Father of Jeffrey (Kristen) Stanko, and Tracy (Lou) Vitanovich. Former Spouse of Patricia Stanko. Loving Grandfather of Nicholas, Brenden, Noah, Trever, & Maxx Stanko and Isabella, Kristian, and Benjamin Vitanovich.

Absolutely loved boating and being on the water, "Ducky" will also be greatly missed throughout the boating community.

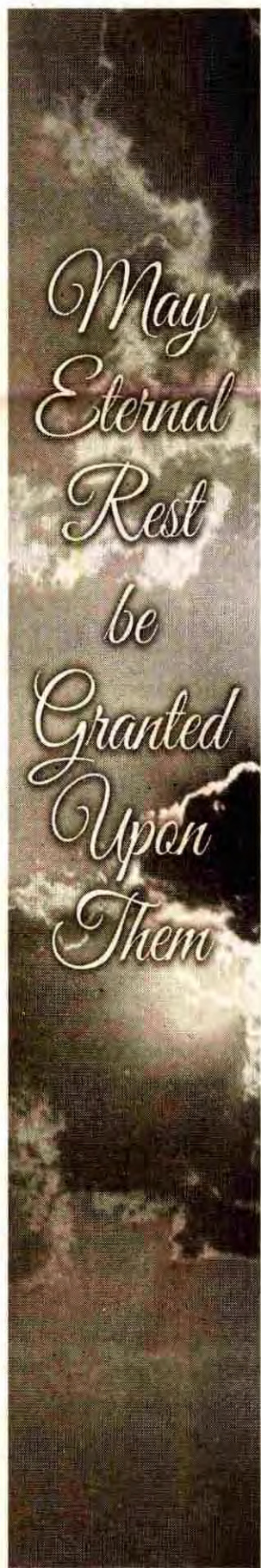
Anchors away CAPTAIN! Until we meet again!

Cremation services are private, however donations of sympathy can be sent to Hospice. St. Joseph Mercy Hospice 34505 W. 12 Mile Rd Suite 100 Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Nancy Fleenor

BELLEVILLE - Nancy Ellen Fleenor (Hall) passed away peacefully after a short illness on January 18th. She is survived by children Dawn George, Robert Weis, Michael Gedeon and step-son Tracy LaPointe and many grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings Esther Fearer, Peggy Hall-Davenport, Terrence, Ronald, James and William Hall and their families. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Fleenor; parents, Emmett and Gladys (Ax) Hall and brother, Timothy Hall.

A celebration of life will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI on February 1st at 10:00, service at 11:00 with a luncheon following. Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army or Trinity Food Pantry, Plymouth MI.



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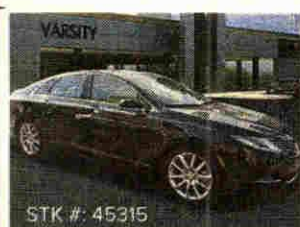
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Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rice grad Malzone to leave U-M

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Excited about his future and with no regrets regarding his past, Alex Malzone is ready to begin anew.

After deciding to leave the University of Michigan in December, Malzone announced earlier this week he will continue his college career at Miami (Ohio) University as a graduate transfer. The 21-year-old quarterback will graduate from Michigan later this spring and will have two seasons of football eligibility remaining.

Malzone said Miami was one of the school's he considered while being

recruited out of Brother Rice. He is eagerly looking forward to his new opportunity with the RedHawks.

"I'm super-excited about going to Miami," said Malzone, who is majoring in economics with a minor in political science. "Once I announced I was transferring from Michigan, (Miami) was one of my top schools throughout the whole two months. I just feel it's going to be a really good fit, football-wise and academically."

"I went down there for my official visit this past weekend and their facilities are absolutely incredible and it made me want to go there even more," he added. "I know it is definitely a highly-regarded school that I am looking forward

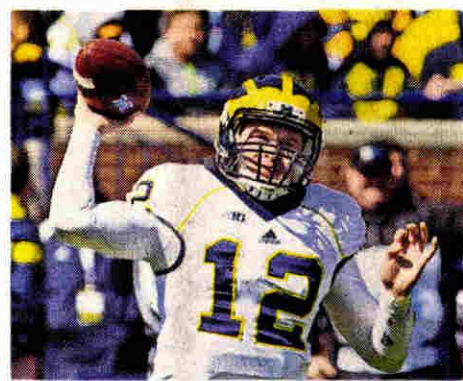
to being a part of and I've had a good relationship with (head) coach (Chuck) Martin and (offensive and quarterbacks) coach (Erik) Koehler."

Another battle for playing time

Malzone has not been guaranteed anything by Martin and the Miami coaching staff. Like he did at Michigan under coach Jim Harbaugh, Malzone realizes he will have to battle for playing time.

"They have two guys on scholarship right now and it's kind of a numbers game, as only one quarterback can

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Former Michigan quarterback Alex Malzone, shown throwing a pass during the spring game in 2015, will play next year as a graduate transfer at Miami (Ohio) University. TONY DING

PREP ATHLETICS



Five seniors on the standout 2017 Canton football team are making a winning impact on the varsity boys basketball team this season (from left): Noah Brown, Connor Engel, Danny Lanava and Chase Meredith. Also part of the group is Colin Troup, sidelined by an injury. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

STILL DREAMING

Canton two-sport athletes carry mission from football field to basketball court

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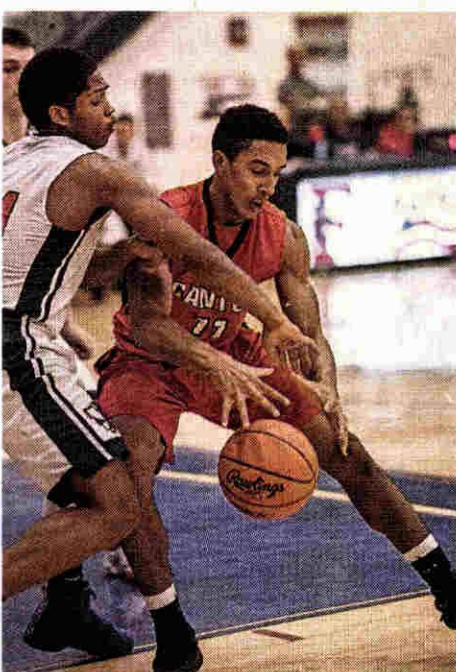
Less than a yard kept the 2017 Canton Chiefs from perhaps realizing the dream of winning a football state championship — at the least, reaching the final four in Division 1.

As heartbreaking as it was to come up just short on the two-point conversion that would have defeated Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the D-1 regional title game, a handful of those players have another chance at destiny.

Five key senior football players — Noah Brown, Chase Meredith, Colin Troup, Connor Engel and Danny Lanava — now are part of Canton's off-the-charts varsity boys basketball team.

Not all agree that one sport's mission carries over to another, but most do believe this is a very special year for Canton High School athletics. They still have one final kick at the championship can.

"Football guys are playing with a chip on their shoulder now," Lanava said. "They know how easy it can be (over). Your whole career is over now for



Canton's Colin Troup (right), shown from a 2016-17 game, is recovering from a broken foot, but he expects to soon join four other senior teammates who played both football and basketball this year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

football, that carries over to basketball. "You just don't want it to end; everyone knows you got two months left. You got to win it out."

Engel, who was the quarterback of the 2017 football team, said the two-sport athletes have some unfinished business stemming from the disappointing loss to Catholic Central.

"Oh yeah, I think all of us football guys do," Engel said. "Because we realize how close we were in football. And if we could get a state championship ring (in basketball), that's our goal."

Meredith, a power forward, said the football/basketball dynamic provides them with "an edge," especially during scrums battling for a rebound.

"Oh yeah, it definitely gives you a strong mentality," Meredith said. "It carries over from football to basketball."

What an encore

The basketball Chiefs are off to a rousing start to the 2017-18 season, winning their first 11 games — including a barn burner against Belleville.

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INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE

Bloomfield Hills senior to play for Greek team

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The next few months promise to be an interesting adventure for Jack Maher-Gogonis.

A senior at Bloomfield Hills High School, Maher-Gogonis will be finishing his final year of lacrosse as a member of the Black Hawks varsity team. After the prep season concludes, he will head to Europe to play in the lacrosse world championship tournament.

Maher-Gogonis recently earned a spot on the inaugural Greece National Lacrosse Team, which will make its debut in the 2018 Men's Lacrosse World Championship, scheduled for July 19-21 in Israel.

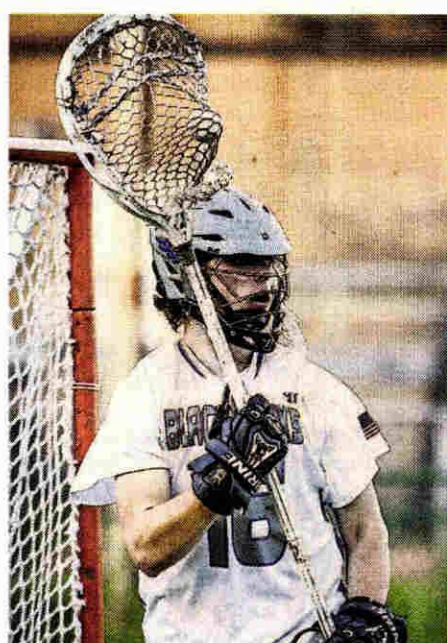
"I never thought something like this would happen. It was never on my list before," said Maher-Gogonis, who will soon become an official citizen of Greece. "I'm very happy about it and I'm really looking forward to it. We are going to go to Greece to practice before the (world championships)."

Passing through tryouts

Maher-Gogonis learned of the opportunity to compete for the Greece National Team after his mother received an email correspondence on the subject. The 18-year-old goalie decided to go for it and eventually worked his way on to the team by surviving a pair of tryouts.

Maher-Gogonis was one of six goalies who attended an initial tryout in mid-November at Drew University. He

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Jack Maher-Gogonis survived two tryout sessions to land a spot on the inaugural Greece National Lacrosse Team. SUSAN ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Marian wins division showdown with Mercy

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Bloomfield Hills Marian took a huge step towards ending Mercy's two-year reign as the Catholic League Central Division girls basketball champion Tuesday in Farmington Hills.

The Mustangs used a sizzling second quarter to propel themselves past the Marlins, 34-25, in the first-place showdown. Both teams entered the battle with one Central Division defeat.

Marian (10-1 overall), with four Central Division games remaining, now rests alone atop the standings with a 7-1 record. The Mustangs still must face Divine Child, which handed them their only loss.

"We knew if we can hold off Regina and some of the other teams we still have to play, this was going to be the big one," Marian head coach Mary Cicerone said. "And Divine Child knocked us off at their place so, hopefully, we can get them. We don't have it easy yet."

Veteran Mercy head coach Gary Morris knows his squad faces an uphill battle if it has any hopes to at least finishing

as co-champ. Mercy (11-2 overall) is a game behind at 8-2 with just two division games left.

"I'm sure both teams talked about how we each had one loss and that, obviously, whoever won this game was in the driver's seat for winning the Central Division," Morris said. "That's what we talked about. We won the Central Division the past two years and we wanted to win it again this year. That's how we looked at the game."

Mercy goes up early

The host Marlins held the early advantage and led 4-0 through the low-scoring opening quarter's first seven-plus minutes on baskets by Julia Bishop and Bella Dugas.

Marian, however, avoided the first-quarter shutout by scoring five points in the final 25 seconds, on a trey by senior Samantha Patterson and a put-back buzzer-beating bucket by junior center Megan Kraus.

Marian used that momentum to turn

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Marian's Uche Ike grabs a rebound with authority in front of Mercy's Lexi Thomas. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CYO BASKETBALL

Sorrows boys claim tourney crown with three wins

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The Our Lady of Sorrows fifth- and sixth-grade boys basketball team won the recent Catholic Central Christmas tournament in a most perfect way.

The Sorrows youngsters defeated their three tournament foes by a combined 113-58 margin.

In the tournament opener, the Saints registered its widest margin of victory with a 43-10 statement over Brighton St. Pat's. The squad from the Farmington-based school then defeated St. Mike's in the semifinal, 39-25, before toppling Our Lady of Victory in a closely-played championship game, 31-25.

The Our Lady of Sorrows team members include Andrew Smith, Samuel Ramsey, Mason Wisniewski, Onimisi Sadiq, Norman Klawender, Patrick Gerzema, Carter Pierce, Nico Genrich, Joshua Rood, Zack Attisha, Christian Shina and Williams Flowers.

The coaching staff consists of Russ Zarras (head coach) and Tim Prokop and Nicolas Malzone (assistant coaches).

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The fifth- and sixth-grade boys basketball team from Our Lady of Sorrows captured the Catholic Central Christmas tournament title. Russ Zarras is the team's head coach.

Athletes

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Veteran Canton boys basketball coach Jimmy Reddy knows he has a pretty special group of seniors, talented and as together a group as can be.

It's no accident that the quintet is following up its stellar football act with one perhaps even better in basketball. Meanwhile, the team also has football-basketball players in junior Darius Robinson and sophomore Ben Stesiak.

"Some of those guys are going on to the next level to play football, some are going to go play basketball, maybe," Reddy said. "But this is their last opportunity."

"I think Chase is the only guy that plays a spring sport — he plays lacrosse — so this is kind of the end of it for high school sports for them. So the sense of urgency is high and they're trying to prove something."

Concurring was Brown, who is in his fourth season with the basketball squad — one of which was the 20-0 regular season of 2015-16.

"This team, I think our schedule is a little bit harder than that 20-0 team and also I feel like this team is more focused on the little things in practice," Brown said. "We hold each other accountable. We'll get on each other in practice about how hard we're working."

"It's a really special group of seniors that we have this year. There's a lot of experience on this team. Each senior on this team is really into this season. We all know that this is our last chance to

make a run at a state championship. We're taking this season very seriously."

Camaraderie counts

Troup also was on the 2015-16 team, but currently is sidelined after breaking a bone in his foot in December. He hopes to be back at it before the highly anticipated postseason begins.

"We are back with a skilled veteran group and we have team goals to do our best for one another," Troup said. "So motivating a teammate to try harder or picking one up when they're struggling benefits the team."

Being part of such a standout group of multi-sport seniors is no accident. It requires hard work and an all-for-one attitude. There is a definite brotherhood feel among them, to not let the others down.

"It's very challenging, but my teammates on the football field and basketball court make it very fun and entertaining," Troup said. "Groups of guys like your teammates are the ones that you'll remember forever."

Lanava pointed out that the football/basketball buddies have pretty much been together constantly since ninth grade, resulting in a tight-knit bond and almost a sixth sense to know what the others might do in a game situation.

"That's helped a lot, being with them since freshman year, workouts in the summer for football and then carrying over to basketball and then back to football," Lanava said. "Being with them for four years, you really start to like them



Reddy

and they're like brothers to me now.

"We're all on the same page when we get to the end of the game. Last year, it wasn't like that. But now, we're in close games and we've come out on top at the end just being with each other, team chemistry and all that."

Double duty

According to Engel, "having six or seven guys on our team that all played football, that helps. And we got after each other in the summer at basketball workouts, too. We really came together."

Meredith said positive team chemistry transfers from football to basketball. "Oh yeah, definitely," Meredith said. "Last year, we had great team chemistry, too (in basketball). New pieces were added, but we all still knew each other. We're all good friends, so I would say (it's) trusting each other on the basketball court."

Brown appreciates the brotherhood and unique two-sport path the Chiefs might be carving. But he sees what happened on the football field as not necessarily having an impact on the basketball season.

"No, I feel this team is different from the football team," Brown said. "Our goals are the same as football, but I'm looking past football now and I'm just focusing on this basketball season."

"I think team chemistry is similar to football, but it's different because this team has so many returners from last year. I think it's more just carrying over

from last year's basketball season than from football."

But Brown did note similar characteristics he brings to both sports.

"Yeah, just like in football, I'm the hustler on the team," he said with a nod. "I'm expected to play defense and rebound. Similar traits I carry from football, I carry on the basketball court."

Reddy said he welcomes having players who move the needle in multiple sports, especially in today's age of specialization — many athletes are encouraged to choose a sport and stick to it.

"We want guys to play multiple sports," Reddy said. "To be honest, I hate the way it's going today in youth sports. Kids at such a young age are only playing one sport or coaches are telling the kids to only focus on one sport. I think that's the thing that's really hurting it."

"I think it's best to compete in as many things as you can compete at. Those guys are usually the best college athletes. Most guys that succeed in college played multiple sports."

It makes sense to play more than one sport, Lanava explained, because physical tools can be applied from one to the other.

"Basketball gets you faster and quicker and that will help you in football if you're a running back hitting a hole," Lanava said. "And in football, it gets you a lot stronger for basketball, which helps you get rebounds. Each sport helps the other out, in a way."

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Country Day hands Birmingham first loss

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Detroit Country Day handed Birmingham United its first loss of the boys hockey season Saturday as part of the Metro/OAA Showcase held at the Kennedy Ice Arena.

The convincing 3-0 non-league victory snapped United's 10-game winning streak and left it with a 14-1-1 record. The Bulldogs still lead the Oakland Activities Association White Division with a perfect 7-0 record.

Detroit Country Day hiked its record to 13-2-1, including 6-1 in the Metro Conference, where it shares the East Division lead with Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

The teams went scoreless through the first period before DCD scored twice in the second and once in the third.

Logan Gotisnky led DCD with a pair of goals, while Tim Stebbins scored the other. Lucas Krol, Grant Petrucci and goalie Sam Evola were credited with assists. Evola made 22 saves in goal for the

Yellowjackets.

Gabriel Barish made 24 saves for BU.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4, WYANDOTTE ROOSEVELT 2: OAA member Bloomfield Hills defeated Metro League member Roosevelt in action at the Kennedy Ice Arena. Roosevelt skated to a 1-0 lead after the first period, but the Black Hawks responded nicely with three second-period goals to take a 3-1 lead. Each team scored once in the third period. Ryan Pape led Bloomfield Hills with a pair of goals and an assist. Tri-captain Nolan Wooley had a goal and an assist, while Fletcher Woolley scored the other Black Hawks goal. Tri-captain Daniel Sternberg led the offense with three assists and Nathan Curcuri had two. Bloomfield Hills goaltender Nicholas Spinale made 19 saves. Andrew Burke and Bailey Byrd scored for Roosevelt.

FARMINGTON 3, ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD 3: Farmington and Gabriel Richard showed they were evenly-matched opponents in the Metro/OAA Showcase at the Kennedy Ice Arena. The first period ended in a scoreless tie before the Falcons scored three of the

four second-period goals. Richard scored first in the second period on a goal by Nick Rogers. Farmington then countered with three straight by Kris Kozoro and Tanner Neill (two). Gabriel Richard scored twice late in the third period to gain the tie. Nick Rogers made 23 saves for Farmington (6-7-4).

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY 4, BROTHER RICE 3: At Munn Ice Arena, Lake Forest (Ill.) Academy slipped past Brother Rice on Saturday. Academy held a 4-1 lead before Rice scored a pair of late third-period goals. Both teams had 24 shots on goal. Rice's goal scorers were Garrett Moore, Chris Andoni and Ethan Nystrom. Keaton Vogel, Dominick DiPonio and Moore were credited with assists. Rice goalie Pierce Cadieux made 20 saves.

CRANBROOK 2, DE LA SALLE 2: Cranbrook Kingswood, despite enjoying a 46-28 edge in shots on goal, settled for this MIHL draw Saturday at the Mt. Clemens Ice Arena. Both teams scored a goal in the second and third periods. Connor McGrath and Mac Brice (power play) scored for the Cranes. Jeremy

Coppola and Cameron Chrisman scored for the Pilots. Colin Rutter made 26 saves for Cranbrook Kingswood.

ST. MICHAEL'S 4, BROTHER RICE 1: Toronto-based St. Michael's shot out to a 3-0 lead and was never threatened in this non-league game Jan. 19 at the Munn Ice Arena. Rice's Ethan Nystrom scored late in the third period, which spoiled the shutout bid by St. Michael's. Garrett Moore and Luke Kafati drew the assists.

CRANBROOK 8, GRAND RAPIDS CATHOLIC CENTRAL 1: Cranbrook scored five first-period goals and never let up Jan. 19 at Wallace Arena in Bloomfield Hills. Case Kantgias led the Cranes with a hat trick and assist. Mac Brice scored twice, while Evan Daldin, Hugh Lambert and Connor McGrath each scored a single goal. Cranbrook goalie Drake Bradshaw made 12 saves.

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Greek

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excelled in that first round and was invited to attend the final tryout at Furman University in South Carolina just after the new year.

Maher-Gogonis showed enough talent, ability and character that he was one of 23 players named to the team.

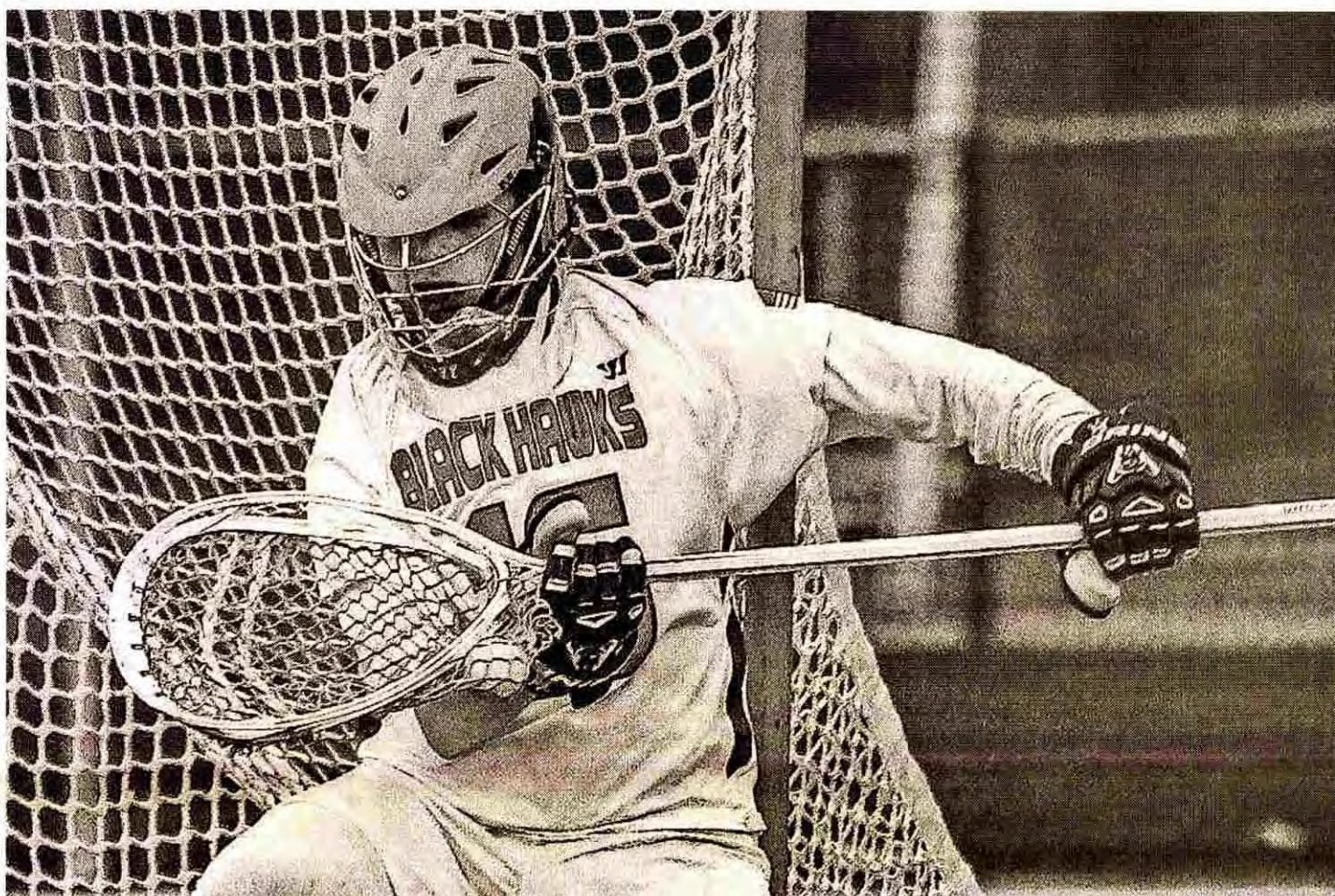
"I wasn't so sure about trying out at first, but figured I would at least try. The first session was just with the team, but the second session had a scrimmage against Furman University which is a D-I school," Maher-Gogonis said. "I think I did good in that scrimmage and I think that was one of the reasons I made the team. The coaches loved me and I liked them. They are great people to be around."

"It was great to make the team, but I was surprised because I was one of the youngest players among a group of almost all older guys," he added. "But I have been playing with players a lot older than me for a long time and I have the skills to play with them."

Maher-Gogonis, who started playing lacrosse when he was age 7, has made great strides in his three years as a member of the Black Hawks varsity team.

Last spring, he was named to the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association's all-state third team in Division 1 after leading the Black Hawks to the regional semifinals. He was named his team's Defensive Player of the Year and later was named an all-star goalie at the Blue Chip Showcase in Massachusetts.

"Since I first met Jack, when he was an eighth-grader, he has always impressed me with his can-do nature, competitive attitude and hard work," Bloomfield Hills head coach Jerry Meter said. "As a goalie, there are a lot of times a young player can get frustrated by letting a goal score, getting hit by a shot, trying to make a pass with a stick that is meant to stop the ball and not necessar-



Bloomfield Hills senior Jack Maher-Gogonis earned a spot on the Greece National Lacrosse Team, which will play at the 2018 World Championships this summer in Israel. SUSAN ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

ily throw it.

"It takes a lot of physical and mental toughness to be a goalie in lacrosse and that is what makes Jack special," he added. "He is also a great teammate, leads by example and inspires the team with his play."

A college future

Maher-Gogonis plans to play college lacrosse, but is undecided as to where at the moment. He hopes the summer journey will help in his decision.

"I have a couple buddies who play college lacrosse and they are good. They always ask to shoot at me during the

summer and this is one way to get better," Maher-Gogonis said. "It helps make you faster and stronger and get more experience. I go to practice every day — never miss practice — and I just want to get better, because I knew I wanted to go to college and play lacrosse."

"I'm undecided right now, but I have an offer from Albion College because they heard about me making the (Greece National Team)," he added. "But I'm still looking at other schools and we'll see what happens."

For now, Maher-Gogonis is excited about the opportunity to play in the world championships and is well aware of his obligations as a national team

participant. He is proud to be a member of that country's first official national team.

"There are not that many schools in Greece that have lacrosse. They are trying to grow it there," Maher-Gogonis said. "Now there is a national team they can bring to Greece and show the kids how to play lacrosse. They hope to have a good future in lacrosse."

Maher-Gogonis's lacrosse future also promises to be very bright.

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Malzone

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play," Malzone said. "But I'm excited to go down there and compete and I definitely want to be the guy. I know I'm going to get my shot and I'm going to have to make the most of it."



Malzone

"I definitely gave it my all (at Michigan) and I know I didn't play too much," he added. "But I still have two years left and I have to make the most of it."

Malzone, one of the state's most recruited high school quarterbacks as a four-star prospect, committed to the Brady Hoke-coached U-M program in May 2014.

Hoke, however, was let go after the 2014 season and succeeded by Harbaugh, whose record is 28-11 in his three years at the helm. Despite the coaching change, Malzone, a longtime Michigan fan while growing up in Farmington Hills, remained true to his commitment.

Malzone enrolled early at Michigan, determined to make an impact. It never worked out in his favor as he barely

found the field. He constantly found himself in a crowded field of quarterbacks, including Jake Ruddock, John O'Korn, Zach Gentry, Wilton Speight, Brandon Peters, Shane Morris and Dylan McCaffrey.

Red-shirted his freshman year, Malzone made his college debut Sept. 3, 2016, in a game against Hawaii. Last fall, he had a few snaps in Nov. 4 a win over Minnesota, but did not attempt a pass.

During his time with the Wolverines, he was named academic all-Big Ten (2016), won the U-M Academic Athletic Achievement Award (2016) and was named Scout Team Offensive Player of the Week prior to a game against Indiana last fall.

Ready for new challenge

Despite the dearth of playing time in Ann Arbor, Malzone has no regrets.

"There aren't any regrets. I mean, I grew up as a Michigan fan all my life and, obviously, I knew coming (to Michigan) there was going to be a big competition quarterback-wise at one of the best schools in the Big Ten," he said. "I was part of some good quarterback competitions and really got to see only mop-up duty here."

"I would say it was definitely a little disappointing that I didn't get to play much. I mean, when you're in a competition and trying to compete at the highest level and you're not getting much playing time, that's going to be disappointing, just like anything in life. At times, I thought I was going to get my shot at some point, but never really did."

"Now I'm going to go somewhere else and, hopefully, I get that shot," he added. "But I got a great education here, made a lot of good friends and had a lot of great experiences playing football."

Miami finished the 2016 season with a 6-6 record and played in the St. Petersburg Bowl, its first bowl appearance in 10 years. The RedHawks finished 5-7 last year and were 4-4 in the Mid-American Conference.

"I'm going to be getting down there in May, right after I graduate (from Michigan), get acquainted and then get ready for fall camp and get ready for the season down there," Malzone said. "I know the team is returning a lot of guys, which is pretty exciting. I'm going to go into the new year and get prepared for it."

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Alex Malzone was a four-star recruit coming out of Brother Rice, where he set multiple school passing records. MARTY BUDNER

PREP ROUNDUP

Seaholm notches first win; Groves stays hot

Girls basketball

SEAHOLM 43, TROY 47: Seaholm registered its first victory this season Tuesday. The Maples held an 11-2 lead after the first quarter and led after each quarter to hike its overall record to 1-10 (1-5 in the OAA White). Julia Bell led the winners with 17 points, while teammate Chloe Burkett also hit double figures with 11. Lily Grills added six points for the Maples. Troy's high scorer was Calen Knight with 12.

GROVES 49, OXFORD 20: Groves (10-2 overall, 6-1 in the OAA White) continues to excel in the division with this triumph. The Falcons led 10-4 after one quarter and 28-9 at halftime. The Wildcats did not score more than seven points in any quarter. Senior Sha Carter led the way with 20 points, while teammate Kayla Nelson also hit double figures with 16 points, including three treys. Oxford (9-3, 5-2) did not have any player reach double-digit scoring.

NORTH FARMINGTON 55, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 50: It was a close battle all the way Tuesday between these OAA Red Division foes. Host Bloomfield Hills led by two points at halftime, but North Farmington had a big third quarter en route to a 44-36 advantage heading into the final eight minutes. The Black Hawks outscored the Raiders by three points in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough. Sam Cherney paced North Farmington with an impressive double-double that included 24 points and 20 rebounds. Molly Simpson added 15 points and Maya Kelly registered six points and five rebounds. Patil Tcholakain (six points, four rebounds), Natalie George (five points) and Khyra King-Ealy (five assists) also made notable contributions. North Farmington hiked its record to 9-4 overall, 4-2 in the Red.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 57, ROEP-

ER 12: Lutheran Westland led 14-0 after the opening quarter and had an easy time against a very young Roeper squad on Tuesday. The Roughriders had a poor shooting night (4-for-45). "Though we had a poor shooting night, it was the first night we had that many attempts," said Roeper head coach Michael Hendricks. "It speaks volumes to the ladies growth and confidence to this point of the season."

NORTH FARMINGTON 32, STONEY CREEK 27: North Farmington managed to pull out this low-scoring game Jan. 19 at Little Caesars Arena. The teams were tied 15-15 at halftime, but the Raiders outscored the Cougars 10-5 in the third quarter, which proved the difference. Each squad had seven fourth-quarter points. Senior center Sam Cherney had a strong all-around game with 15 points, eight rebounds and nine blocked shots. Molly Simpson, Maya Kelly and Khyra King-Ealy added four points each. North Farmington hiked its record to 8-4 overall and 3-2 in the OAA Red.

MERCY 35, LUTHERAN NORTH 26: Mercy and Lutheran North played a low-scoring game Jan. 19 in Farmington Hills. The Marlins had a 6-2 lead after the opening quarter and hiked the advantage to 17-12 at halftime. Mercy, which was 15-of-28 from the charity stripe, outscored North 18-14 in the second half. "It was a grind," Mercy head coach Garry Morris said. "Both teams struggled to score in the first quarter and I was just happy to come out with the win." The Marlins were led by senior forward Bella Dugas, with 10 points. Julia Bishop (seven points), Ellie Tisko (six), Isabelle Miner (six) and Lindsay Lutomski (five) were Mercy's other high scorers. Hannah Milligan led Lutheran North with a game-high 15 points. Mercy is 11-1 overall, 8-1 in the Catholic League Central Division.

GROVES 62, TROY 46: Sha Carter scored a game-high 27 points to lead Groves to this big road victory Jan. 18. Groves was up 15-2 after the opening quarter and was never threatened. Jasmine Worthy added 10 points for the winners, who hiked their record to 9-2 overall and 6-1 in the OAA White Division. Emily Olson led Troy with 17 points.

OXFORD 40, SEAHOLM 30: Oxford outscored visiting Seaholm in every quarter to register this OAA White Division victory Jan. 19. Oxford held a 24-16 halftime lead and outscored the Maples 17-14 in the second half. HaLaya Cato led the Wildcats with a game-high 12 points and nine rebounds. Lauren Methner had eight points and six rebounds for the winners. For Seaholm, Julie Bell and Chloe Burkett both scored seven points.

MERCY 49, GABRIEL RICHARD 24: Mercy got off to a strong start and never looked back in winning this Catholic League game Jan. 17. The host Marlins were led by freshman guard Alexis Roberts, who scored 15 points. Jenna Schluter and Jillian Smith also hit double figures with 14 and 10 points, respectively. "We had a lot of kids contribute tonight," said Mercy head coach Garry Morris, whose team was 11-of-13 from the free-throw line.

Boys basketball

HARRISON 83, DEARBORN STAR INTERNATIONAL 41: The Hawks defeated Star International in non-league action Tuesday. "It was a balanced team effort that I hope will get us back on a positive winning track," Harrison head coach Jarrell Hogan said. Senior guard Blake Carter had a strong game with 10 points, two steals and two rebounds.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 43, ROEP-

ER 39: Host Lutheran Westland slipped past Roeper by four points Tuesday. Josiah Smith led the way with 23 points.

Gymnastics

BIRMINGHAM UNIFIED 131.15, PORT HURON UNIFIED 131.10: Birmingham Unified won an unbelievably close match against Port Huron Unified. High scorers on vault included Emily Rooney, with 8.60, and Marissa Miller with 8.35, while Natasha Boes led on beam with a score of 8.30. Floor was the strongest event of the night for Birmingham, led by Natalie Erne with 9.05, Payton Moloney with 8.75 and Madeline Brooks with 8.50.

BIRMINGHAM UNITED 129.05, WATERFORD 119.80, WEST BLOOMFIELD 62.05: Birmingham United won a three-way meet Monday. Groves Junior Jenna Whitelaw led on vault with 8.60, followed by Natalie Erne, a Seaholm senior, who scored 8.50. Natalie Erne led on bars with 7.725, followed Seaholm sophomore Madeline Brooks with 7.70. On beam, Emily Rooney scored 8.45, followed by Natasha Boes, a Seaholm sophomore, with 8.05. A pair of Seaholm seniors scored the highest routines on floor with 8.925 by Rooney and an 8.825 by Payton Moloney.

Girls skiing

MARIAN 30, LAKELAND 30; MARIAN 30, HARTLAND 47: In this giant slalom event, Marian was led by senior captain Madison Rosiek (12th place), freshman Laura Emerson (18th), junior Emily Anschuetz (26th) and freshman Ainsie Vanneste (32nd). Junior Olivia Weymouth had a strong first run, but had a DNS on her second. Sophomore Audrey Sawmiller, freshman Kenzie Lewis and sophomore Lauren Scolari also showed improvement.

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White Lake Lakeland's Katie White has been on a mission so far this season on the ski slopes.

And the junior was rewarded by being voted Hometown-life Prep Athlete of the Week after garnering a total of 2,933 votes (61.32 percent). Canton hockey player Paul Maurer was runner-up with 1,818 (38.01 percent).

White has led the Eagles to a 6-0 start in the Southeast Michigan Ski League's Alpine Valley Division, including wins this week over Hartland (27-58) and Birmingham Marian (30-43) where she placed first overall in the giant slalom (37.84) and second overall in the giant slalom (41.93).

The previous week, White finished first overall in both events in victories over rival Milford (36-40) and Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart-Livonia Ladywood (33-40).



Last year she earned Division 1 All-State honors at Nub's Nob finishing eighth in both the slalom and giant slalom. She was runner-up at the Mt. Brighton regional in the slalom and fifth in the GS.

White, who is also a member of the Lakeland equestrian team, began skiing at age three and few years later started competing in NAS-TAR events.

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Marian

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around the game in the second quarter.

The Mustangs, fueled by a pair of Olivia Moore treys, outscored the Marlins 17-4 in the pivotal second to take a 22-8 halftime lead.

Mercy played a strong second half, outscoring Marian by a 17-12 margin. Marlin freshman Jillian Smith hit a 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer to trim Marian's lead to 11 points, 29-18.

Mercy held Marian without a basket in the fourth quarter, but could come no closer than eight points (33-25) with 2:10 left. Marian hit 5-of-8 free throws in the final quarter to nail down the victory.

"We had such an awesome first half, even though we couldn't score in that first quarter," Cicerone said. "And then we just came out like marshmallows, melting marshmallows (in the second half)."

"The girls did everything they were supposed to do (in the first half). They worked hard. I told them, 'The key to that first half was, even though we missed everything, we put up — even easy layups — that we didn't get mental-

ly down.'

"I told them, 'That was the sign that you guys are becoming a good team,'" she added. "That you played through all those missed layups and put-backs and they got it together in the second quarter. Then Mercy had it going in the second half after they hit a couple big shots."

Low-scoring stats sheet

No one reached double figures on either side.

Marian was led by Kraus, who had eight points, and Moore, with six. Eight different players scored for the Mustangs. Senior center Uche Ike missed most of the game with foul trouble, but senior Megan Riddle came in and did a fine job in her place.

For Mercy, Smith led the way with eight points and Bishop added seven.

"We got it to eight and, if we could have gotten it to six or five, who knows?" Morris said. "But we just couldn't quite come all the way back. We had a long ways to climb back. It's disappointing, but we'll just have to get back at it."

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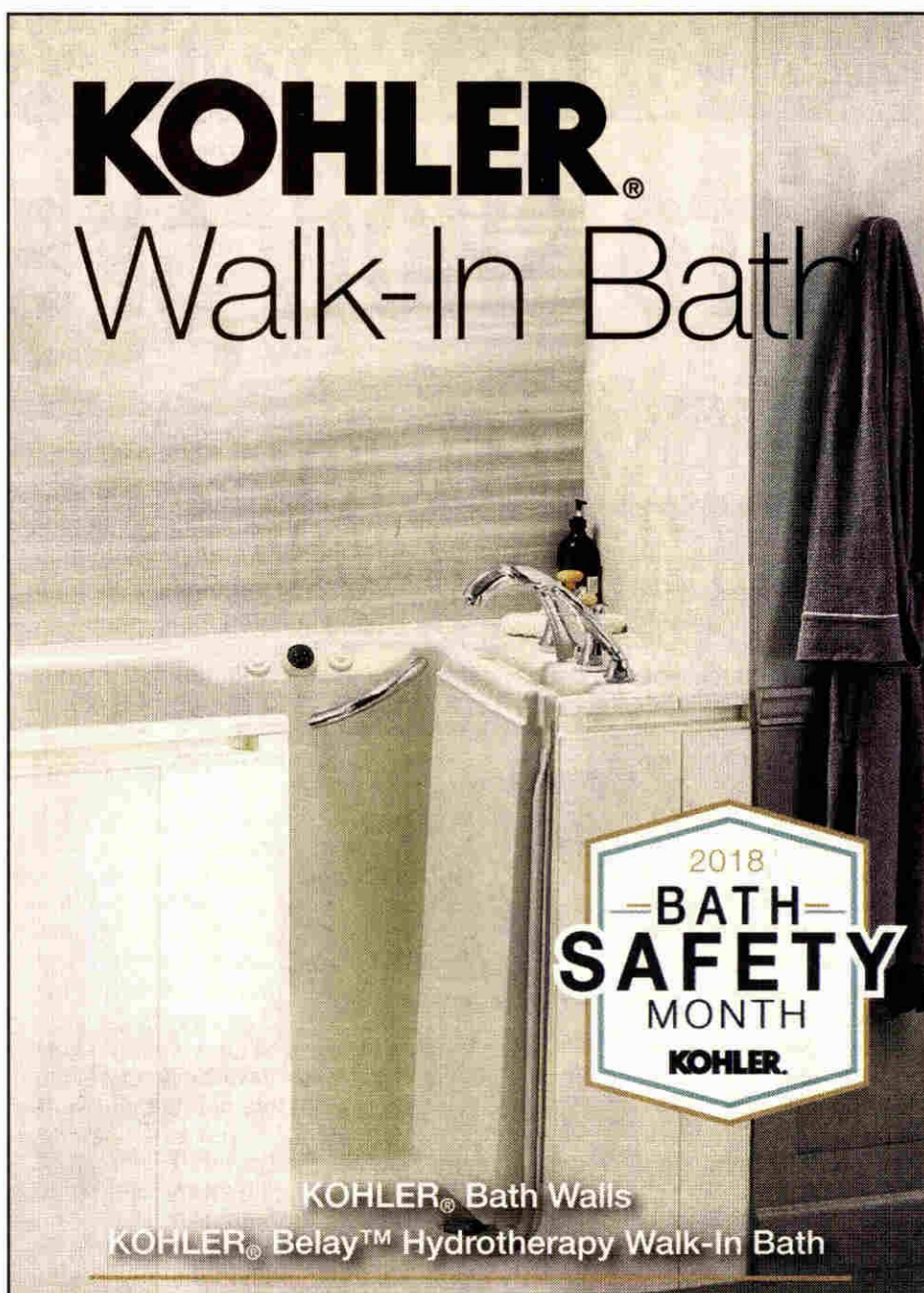
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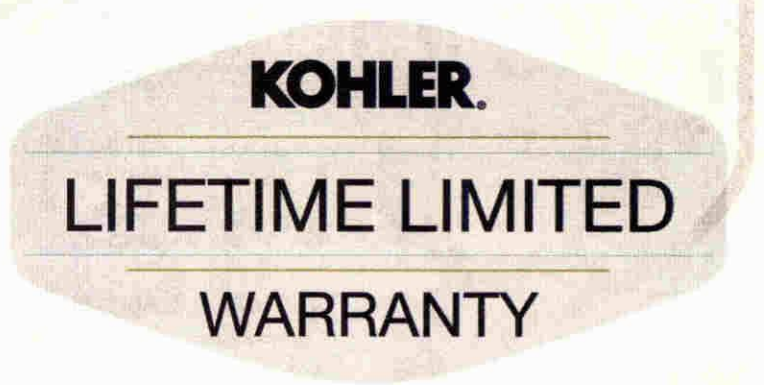
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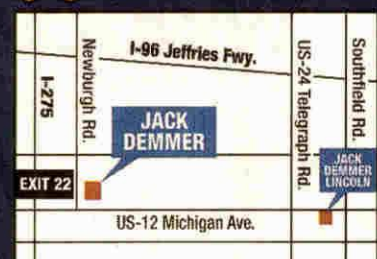
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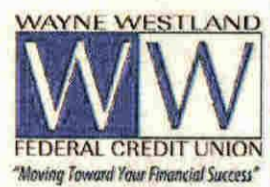
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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2018-01-01-02 submitted by Cliff Heeley pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 20209, 20219, 20225, 20235 and 20307 Farmington Road, located on the west side of Farmington Road between Norfolk Avenue and Eight Mile Road in the Northeast ¼ of Section 4, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm) to OS (Office Services).

Petition 2018-01-02-01 submitted by Darrlisha Newby requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 9.03(j) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a day care nursery (Tiny Bliss Child Care) at 29794 Joy Road, located on the north side of Joy Road between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 35.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the scheduled public hearing and may be examined during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 060 OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63 (SNOW ALERT) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 060 of Title 10, Chapter 63 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.63.060 Time limit for removal of parked vehicles or trailers—Impoundment conditions. Within six (6) hours after notice of a snow alert has been given, any motor vehicle or trailer parked on any street, road or avenue within the city shall be removed. Any vehicle or trailer parked on any street, road or avenue in violation of the provisions of this section may be ticketed and/or removed and impounded by order of the Police Department, the Director of Inspection or the designees of the Director of Inspection, and/or the Director of the Department Public Works or the designees of Director of the Department of Public Works. The owner shall be required to pay towing, impounding and storage costs prior to the return of the vehicle or trailer in addition to any fines and costs which may be assessed for the violation of this chapter.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 18th day of January, 2018.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: January 18, 2018

Published: January 28, 2018

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 01-18, Mohammed Bazzi, 27164 Timber Trail, Dearborn Hts, MI 48127 requests approval to re-zone the following property from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Commercial)

33J13 to 19 Lots 13 to 19 INCL Frischkorns Parkway Sub T1S \$10E L71 P49 WCR

Property more commonly known as 23615 Plymouth Rd.
(79-049-05-0013-000)

A copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business February 1, 2018 to be considered.

David Allen, Chair
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

DEVON-AIRE WOODS TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed bids for the **Devon-Aire Woods Tennis Court Replacement** project will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., Local Time, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Interested bidders shall congregate prior to the meeting time in the public parking lot on the west side of the existing tennis courts located at #9510 Sunset Avenue. (corner of Sunset Avenue and West Chicago Road)

The City of Livonia seeks bids for the following:

Removal of the two (2) existing tennis courts and one (1) existing in-line skating court; excavation for stone base; placement of 465 c.y. 21AA aggregate base; placement of 5.5" thick bituminous pavement (460 tons 13A base, 175 tons 36A wearing course); removal and replacement of 12' high chain-link fencing; removal and replacement of tennis net posts; color coating of tennis and in-line skating surfaces; and other miscellaneous items of work.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

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

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "**BID - DEVON-AIRE WOODS TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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The Board of Education will receive sealed bids for:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT AT DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & LATHERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public:

Date: February 13, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Board of Education
Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff
Garden City, MI 48135

Attn: Drew McMechan, Chief Financial Officer

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after January 22, 2018.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and reusable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Compliance Form must be included as well. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include both of these statements, which are included on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

This project is to comply with the Michigan Prevailing Wage Rate for Wayne County.

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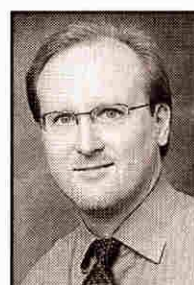
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Car Report

2018 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW HIGHLIGHTS TRUCKS AS IT UNDERSCORES DETROIT'S CRUCIAL ROLE IN INDUSTRY



By Dale Buss

Even as US car sales ease off a bit, there's an optimistic buzz about the future of the auto industry at the press days at the 2018 North American International Auto Show that is expected to carry over to the public show that begins at Cobo Hall on Sunday.

Like every major North American and global auto show these days, as well as the CES (formerly known as the Consumer Electronics Show) that unfolded last week in Las Vegas, our hometown show will illustrate how these big platforms now are evolving into a display not only of traditional

automotive attributes such as horsepower, fuel economy and interior comfort in future models but also into an explainer of how companies are tackling the nascent trends of electrification and autonomous vehicles.

Thus the headliner kicking off the press preview at NAIAS wasn't Mary Barra, GM's CEO who wowed the CES crowd last year, or Ford CEO Jim Hackett, who similarly offered a keynote last week at this year's CES, but Elaine Chao, US Secretary of Transportation. And she talked about the future of driverless cars and "mobility services" as well as issues tied to the industry of today, such as emissions.

In fact, NAIAS—which is sponsored by the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association, based in Troy—has

quickly shifted its focus toward the autonomous-vehicle future by making a second type of exhibition, AutoMobili-D, a complementary role to NAIAS, giving the mobility-technology conference significantly more floor space and speaker star power than in the first year of AutoMobili-D, last year.

And in AutoMobili-D's second year, NAIAS added another wrinkle, along with the Michigan Economic Development Corp.: a curated, vetted "matchmaking" platform that was used by hundreds of automakers, Tier One suppliers, startups, venture-capital firms and university representatives to partner for participation in the autonomous-driving future.

"There's an underlying hunger from these large corporates to find the next great startup that can allow them to differentiate themselves as [autonomous driving] hits Level 4 in the next few years," Trevor Paul, group vice president of MEDC's Planet M (for "mobility") initiative, told me, referring to a U.S.-government scale that defines advancing levels of deployment of autonomous driving.

Still, several thousand automotive journalists, bloggers, producers and hangers-on were kicking tires and snapping pictures of some significant new models, and evaluating some important new features, as they were revealed and highlighted on the traditional NAIAS floor in Cobo Hall.

Before the unveilings were official,

here was the speculation about what the journalists and show-going public would see:

Acura will show a prototype of its redesigned 2019 version of the RDX, its important midsize crossover vehicle, JD Power said.

BMW will show its new compact crossover SUV, X2, as well as a freshened version of its i* plug-in-hybrid sports car.

Chevrolet is expected to divulge details about the crucial new version of its mighty profit-maker, the Silverado pickup truck, at a time when pickup sales are going full bore.

Ford is rumored to be planning a reveal of a new Ranger mid-size pickup truck, officially re-entering a segment that it abandoned a few years ago because it believed "lifestyle" pickup buyers were an extinct breed.

Honda is refreshing an old nameplate as well, Insight, which is what it called its industry-first tiny hybrid model many years ago. The third-generation Insight is expected to sport a more mainstream and upscale look.

Hyundai is rumored to be unveiling a new version of its quirky Veloster sports coupe as well as showing the Nexo fuel-cell vehicle, which the brand debuted at CES.

Infiniti will be previewing what industry analysts believe will be a replacement for its aging Q70 sedan. The Q Inspiration Concept also will demonstrate the evolution of Infiniti's styling language.

Jeep: The FCA-owned brand will roll out a restyled version of its Cherokee mid-sized crossover in Detroit, with more conservative front-end styling.

Kia: Speculation has it that Kia might be unveiling a new SUV that's been called Telluride.

Lamborghini: The luxury leader will stage the North American debut of its Urus SUV, taking even top-end brands further into the once-spurned utility-vehicle configuration.

Lexus: The Toyota-owned premium brand plans to showcase its LF-1 Limitless Concept, which will demonstrate some of the brand's thinking about a flagship crossover SUV.

Mercedes-Benz: Detroit will host the unveiling of a new version of the brand's classic, boxy G-Class SUV.

Ram: The redesigned 2018 Ram 1500 will make its debut at NAIAS, adding to the US pickup-segment scrum, and CEO Sergio Marchionne will address the show.

Rolls-Royce: The Phantom, a classic nameplate, will be present in redesigned form at the show, priced at about \$450,000.

Toyota: Avalon has held down the brand in the full-sized family sedan segment for years, and Toyota is unveiling a new version of it.

Volkswagen: Jetta is one of VW's most important nameplates, and the brand will unveil a redesign for 2019.



NAIAS show-goers in 2017 enjoy a tech moment at the Ford exhibit.

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Why the perfect resume won't get you the job

BY ERIC TITNER
THEJOBNETWORK.COM

We've all been there: The seemingly endless hours of toil, the struggle and intense focus, the attention to every detail, the tweaks and rewrites based on multiple rounds of feedback and criticism from everyone who was ever important to us in our lives ... until a version as close to perfection as possible is achieved.

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In short, your resume is your initial handshake, your smile, your first impression to potential employers and hiring managers. And you really want to make it count.

According to a recent article in Psychology Today, the power of first impressions is undeniable and "first impressions matter, for good and bad." (Google "the halo effect" if you're curious and want to learn more about the lasting power of first impressions.)

We also know that the competition to get a new job is intense, and some fields are tougher than others, so the time and effort spent on perfecting your resume is worth it



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in the end.

However ... if you think your resume will be your "golden ticket" to your next job, think again.

While it's true that an impressive resume can help open doors and put you in the running for new job opportunities, even an absolutely perfect resume won't automatically guarantee you the job.

Your resume is a document designed to grab the attention of recruiters, hiring managers and potential employers, but

it's up to you to seal the deal.

Remember, they're looking to hire a person, not a piece of paper, so more than just your resume will be under scrutiny during the hiring process.

While it's true that your resume can, and hopefully will, get them interested, they'll want to know if you actually live up to the initial impression they got from reading about you.

Furthermore, the competition you'll face is just as hungry for the jobs you're going

after, and you better believe that many of their resumes will be perfect, too. So, in a universe of impeccable resumes, the thing that separates the winners from everyone else in the job-hunting game is what they bring to the table after their resumes make the initial impression.

If you're lucky enough to get to move forward in the hiring process, perhaps to a phone call or video conference call, or even a face-to-face interview, you're going to have

to continue the job that your resume started.

This means looking your best, demonstrating impeccable communication skills, instilling confidence that your skill set, experience and innate abilities match well with the job, and giving the impression that you'd be a great person to work alongside everyday and a valuable addition to their team.

You'll also need to make a convincing case as to why you're a better choice than all the other people with perfect resumes that you'll be competing against.

Here's the bottom line: It's definitely worth your time and effort to craft a stellar resume, but if you're really serious about landing the job opportunity you have in your sights, you need to pay just as much attention to ensuring you make as good of an impression as your resume does.

Don't forget — your resume will get your foot in the door, but it's up to the rest of you to get you through it!

Eric Titner is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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- 1.5L Turbo Engine
- 7" Color Touch Screen Radio
- Rear Vision Camera
- 4 Wheel Anti-Lock Brakes
- Push Button Start
- Blue Tooth for Phone

2018 Malibu LT

MSRP \$26,060
STARTING AS LOW AS \$18,885



STOCK #181127

\$179/MO*

24 Month Lease with \$999 Down with GM Lease Loyalty

- 1.5L Turbo Engine
- 6 Speed Auto Transmission
- Color Touch Screen Radio
- Blue Tooth for Phone
- Rear Vision Camera
- Aluminum Wheels
- Power Driver Seat

2018 Silverado LT 4x4 Double Cab

MSRP \$42,470
STARTING AS LOW AS \$30,440



STOCK #180930

\$188/MO*

24 Month Lease with \$999 Down with GM Lease Loyalty

- 4.3L V6 Engine
- Spray in Bedliner
- 3.42 Rear Axle Ratio
- Rear Vision Camera
- Locking Tailgate
- 4 Wheel Anti Lock Brakes
- 8" Color Touch Radio with HD Radio

2018 Silverado Double Cab All-Star 4X4

MSRP \$44,020
STARTING AS LOW AS \$32,794



STOCK #180929

\$209/MO*

24 Month Lease with \$999 Down with GM Lease Loyalty

- Ecotech 4.3L V6 Engine
- Allstar Package incl:
- Trailing Equipment with Locking Diff
- Power Seat
- LED Fog Lamps & more
- Spray On Bedliner

2018 Traverse 1LT FWD

MSRP \$35,565
STARTING AS LOW AS \$28,324



STOCK #180344

\$229/MO*

24 Month Lease with \$999 Down With GM Lease Loyalty

- 3.6L V6 engine with stop/start technology
- 9-speed automatic transmission
- Dual-outlet exhaust
- Rear vision camera
- 7-passenger seating with second-row captain's chairs
- 8-way power driver seat with power lumbar control
- Fog lamps
- Previous Courtesy Vehicle

2017 Suburban 4x4 LS

MSRP \$56,675
STARTING AS LOW AS \$45,881



STOCK #173033

SAVE OVER \$10,000 OFF MSRP

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- Power Adjustable Pedals
- Lane-Keep Assist
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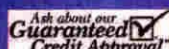


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