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Westland awards parks contract

City seeks applicants to serve on advisory council

The Westland City Council approved Feb. 5 a contract with McKenna Associates for professional services related to the development and implementation of a five-year parks and recreation master plan in the amount of \$26,000. Funding for these services will come from the city's parks and recreation

professional services budget.

The parks master plan update process includes key elements for a successful planning process. The first important task will be engaging residents, program partners and other stakeholders to determine preferences for future improvements and modifications to parks programming.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires the five-year plan



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update in order for communities to be eligible for a host of state grant programs. The master plan serves as a road map for effective park design, provision of recreating programming and overall management excellence. Public engagement during the planning process allows for the city administration to prioritize future improvements, investments and modifications to current assets based on the

wants and needs of residents.

"Westland is known statewide for its excellence in community services and a strong parks and recreation function is a key element in providing high quality of place and community for residents to demand the best from their leaders," said John Jackson, president of McKenna's community planning and design. "We are honored to have been chosen to

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Brian Weaver and Matthew Soules talk about the new location and the job skills they learn in the program. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Group seeks to keep Catholic school at Ladywood

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Could the Ladywood High School campus hold another Catholic high school later this fall? A group of parents and alumnae are working to do just that.

The group, calling itself Project Blazer, has begun reaching out to families with students currently enrolled and to perspective families with middle school students going to high school next year to see if there is interest in keeping a Catholic high school at the Ladywood campus, 14680 Newburgh, in Livonia.

The school, which is under control of the Felician Sisters, is scheduled to close at the end of the school year, something that was announced publicly in December.

Since then, there have been some concerned parents and alumnae that hope the campus can continue as a place for Catholic education, even without the Ladywood insignia.

Now, the group is gauging parental interest for continuing a high school at the site, the first step in any process that could result in a school remaining, said Maureen Fay, a Ladywood alumna who's helping with Project Blazer. The group hopes to submit a proposal to the Felician Sisters with a

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Unpack those boxes

Western Wayne Skill Center moves to former Livonia elementary school

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Moving can be a stressful time. Moving an entire academic program to a new, retrofitted building can be even

more stressful.

But despite all the challenges that come with it, the leadership of the Western Wayne Skill Center say it's been fairly seamless since opening last week in Livonia.

"I would say the students have done

a fabulous job transitioning," WWSC Principal Patrick Mies said. "They didn't have to get used to a new school with a new teacher. They're still in the same class with the same friends and

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Westland PD honors retiring sergeant, promotes officer

The Westland Police Department said farewell to Sgt. Ron Merrill and promoted Officer David Skeans to the rank of sergeant on Feb. 5.

Merrill is retiring after 22 years of service. Prior to working in Westland, he served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman for three years and with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for five years. While he was with the Westland Police Department, Merrill served as a D.A.R.E. officer, explorer adviser, field training officer and was a member of Westland's Perimeter Rifle Team. His retirement opens up an opportunity for Skeans.

"While we are always sad to see members of Westland Police Department retire, we are happy for Sgt. Merrill and wish him the best in his retirement," Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "Merrill served our community for over two decades with honor and incredible professionalism. He now passes the torch to Officer Skeans, who is ambitious and

ready to tackle his new role head on."

Skeans served in the U.S. Navy for four years and went on to work for the Ford Motor Co. for nine years. In 2006, Skeans took advantage of a buyout and put himself through the police academy and completed his associate's degree. Skeans has been with the Westland Police Department since 2008 and has worked in both the traffic bureau and road patrol. He has completed several accident investigation schools and is ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Evaluation) certified. He also is a Taser instructor, motor officer, field training officer and a "Below 100" instructor, which focuses on safe driving for officers.

"Officer Skeans has displayed great leadership during his 10 years serving the Westland Police Department," Mayor William Wild said. "He remains committed to protecting and serving our community and should be proud of this well-deserved promotion."



Deputy Chief Brian Miller (from left), Deputy Chief Randy Thivierge, Sgt. David Skeans, Mayor William Wild, council President James Godbout and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

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plan later this spring.

She said they need about a 90-percent commitment rate from current or potential families in order to get an organization called Healey Education Foundation possibly involved in getting a plan submitted to the Felician Sisters to propose another Catholic high school at the site.

"We need to look at upcoming eighth-graders who were accepted, which is a challenge because those are all over," she said.

Those parents interested in giving feedback can do so by emailing the group at projectblazer.lhs@gmail.com.

If a plan were to be submitted to the Felician Sisters, they would then decide what would fit in that location.

Fay said while their group is hopeful such a plan could move forward and potentially be approved, it's no guarantee and families with students enrolled at Ladywood should have a plan in place for their child for the 2018-19 school year that does not involve the Livonia school.



Ladywood High School in Livonia will close at the end of this academic year.
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Ladywood, which has operated since 1950, boasts more than 6,000 alumnae. It currently enrolls close to 200 students from four different counties.

Fay said a proposal to the Healey Education Foundation, a group known for investing in Catholic schools across the country, is in the works right now as long as the parental and alumnae support is there.

"We're doing a draft right now, assuming we get that 90 percent," she

said.

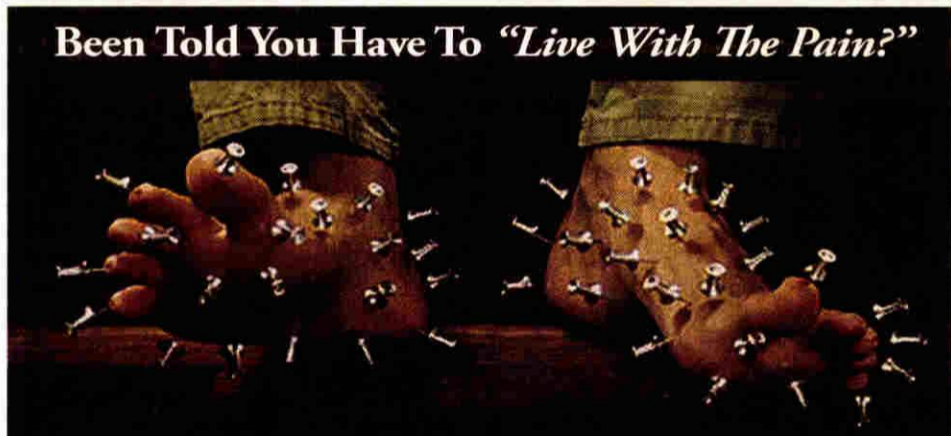
Fay said the group got positive reactions from a meeting they held Wednesday: of the 41 responses they got from families in attendance, just one said they wouldn't be interested in moving forward with a proposal.

The group would submit plans to the Felician Sisters later this spring about how they would try to install another school on the site, even potentially without the Ladywood name, and wait for the order to decide what to do with the property.

Ladywood alumna Leslie Hinkle said the biggest reason her family moved to the Livonia area from Grand Rapids was so that her daughter could receive a quality education, eventually at Ladywood. She isn't old enough to attend the high school yet, but Hinkle was saddened at the thought her daughter would not be able to have the same experience she did.

"I can't imagine our daughter not being a part of that," she said. "It can't end now. This isn't how it's supposed to be."

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Vehicle damaged at Token Lounge

A patron at the Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, came to the Westland police station Feb. 4 to report some damage done to his vehicle.

He told police his vehicle was parked at the business the night before when someone struck his vehicle. His car was damaged on the front and rear driver's side door, along with the rear quarter-panel.

Attempted burglary

Westland police were notified Feb. 3 of an attempted burglary that had taken place at a home in the 1700 block of Gloria.

A friend of the home's seller told police that she returned to the home that day and found the rear door kicked in. Police saw entry was not gained, as the

door would not open more than a few inches. Nothing was missing from inside the home.

Copper piping stolen

A homeowner who owns a home in the 31000 block of Avondale came to the police station Feb. 2 to report some copper piping had been stolen from the residence.

The owner said he left the home secure Jan. 29 and returned a few days later to find the key lock box opened and entry was made to the home via the front door. He then discovered the home's copper plumbing was taken.

— By David Veselenak

Parks

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partner with the community in this planning effort."

"I am pleased that the city of Westland will, once again, benefit from a partnership with McKenna Associates on this project," Mayor William Wild said. "McKenna is familiar with the city's parks and recreation assets, having prepared our current parks and recreation master plan and providing ongoing planning and design work for the city over the years. In 2017, several Westland parks received major upgrades and we look forward to getting feedback from our residents on where they would like us to focus our attention next."

The city is currently seeking applicants to fill vacant positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. The PRAC is a seven-member board, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council, that reviews plans and specifications for work undertaken in city parks and volunteers for programs provided by the recreation department. The board also advises the administration on parks strategies. Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at city hall.

The PRAC's primary purpose is to provide advice from a citizen perspective. The activities of the PRAC may include studying critical issues, performing independent research and reviewing staff reports and recommendations. These prepare the advisory body to discuss, analyze, formulate and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the administration and the legislative body. Members will play a fundamental role in the planning and implementation stages of the parks and recreation master plan.

Interested members must be residents of Westland with an interest in parks and recreation activities. They must be willing to function as part of the advisory team and willing and available to attend monthly meetings. Applicants should be willing to support the mission and goals of the group and should be familiar with various aspects of recreation and fundraising, which may include having established relationships with funding partners such as community foundations, corporations, individual donors or preparation of funding applications.

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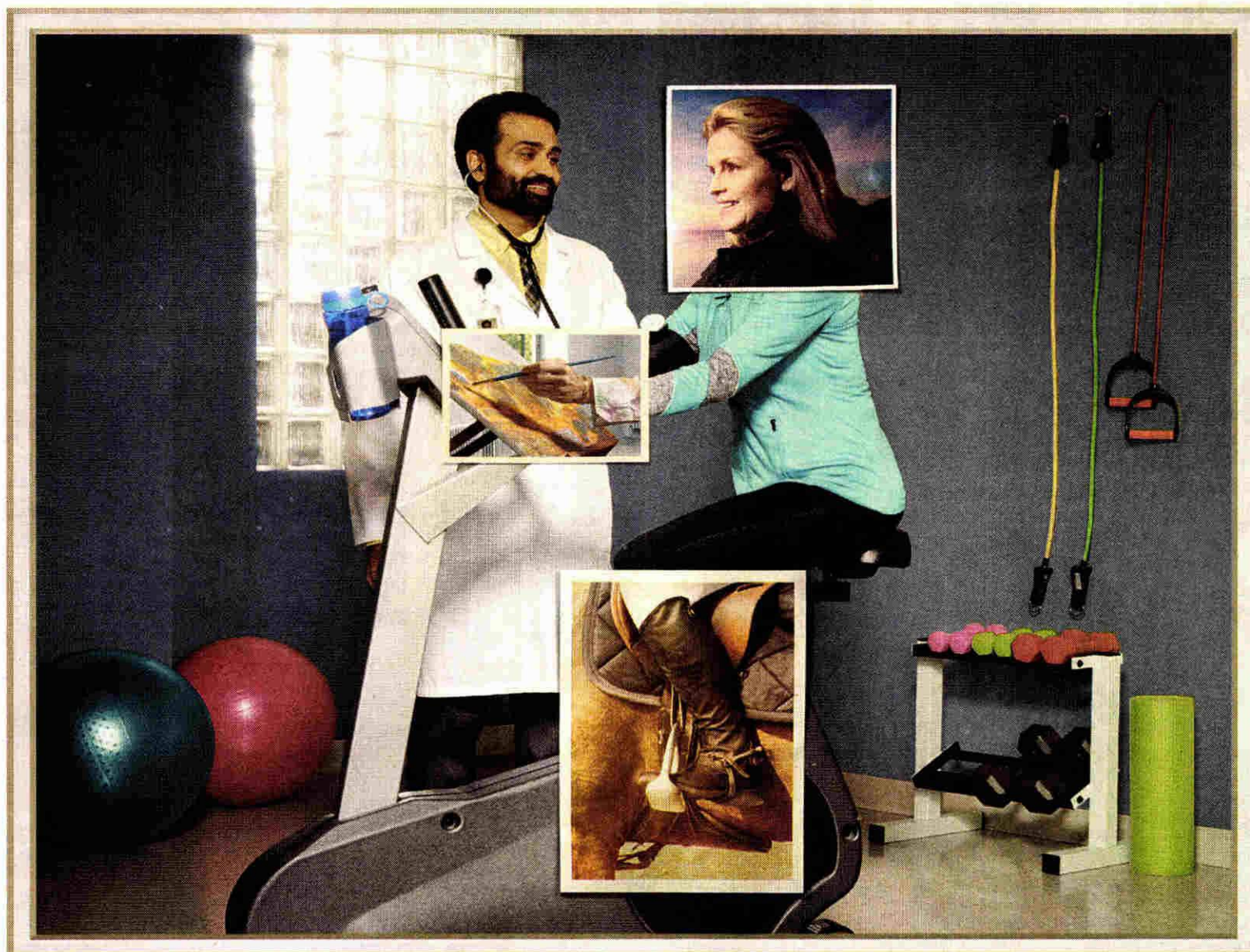
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Beaumont moving forward on \$160 million expansion

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As a member of the Beaumont, Farmington Hills advisory committee and from his position as mayor of Farmington Hills, Ken Massey can see both the business and the community sides of the massive hospital renovation Beaumont is doing.

Construction crews Friday hoisted the final steel beam into place on the new tower at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills as part of a "topping off" ceremony. The \$160 million project includes 193,000 square feet of new space. More than 61,500 square feet of existing space on the campus will also be renovated.

And for Massey, it's a win-win.

"It's wonderful to have them put the money into expanding health care opportunities in Farmington Hills," Massey said. "The real winners here are going to be the patients who use the hospital."

The expansion and renovation of the hospital's East Pavilion includes:

- A larger emergency and Level II trauma center with 58 treatment and evaluation bays, including three dedicated trauma rooms
 - A 17-bay observation unit
 - A larger surgical services department with nine operating rooms (currently there are six) and 27 private patient rooms
 - A 20-bed critical care unit with private rooms
 - A 10-bay infusion center
 - An expanded family lounge area
- The new five-story South Tower includes:
- 80 private patient rooms
 - Dedicated units for orthopedic, oncology and respiratory care patients
 - A new main entrance and reception area for the entire hospital

Sixty-five patient rooms in the existing hospital will also be renovated into private rooms as part of the project. In addition, 45 semi-private rooms will be updated. When construction is complete, the hospital will have 165 private rooms and 165 semi-private rooms, for a total 330 beds, which is the same number of beds that existed prior to construction.

As part of this project, a 473-space parking structure opened in October 2016. A new power plant that is 30-percent more energy-efficient than the previous plant will be complete in March.

"This is a milestone for us on moving our project forward," Beaumont President Connie O'Malley said of the final beam being placed. "Ten months from now, we expect to be opening our new spaces."

O'Malley said the new emergency center should be opened by December and hopes "most spaces" would be open by June 2019.



Beaumont President Connie O'Malley said the new emergency center should be open in December and the project completed by June 2019. BEAUMONT, FARMINGTON HILLS

Beaumont Health is investing \$150 million of its own money in the project, which started in 2016. It's the largest expansion on the campus in more than two decades. The last time the hospital saw any renovation, O'Malley said, was in 1989, when it was still independently owned Botsford Hospital.

O'Malley said she's "extremely satisfied" with the fact the project is on schedule and on budget. Beaumont is relying on charitable giving for the other \$10 million. More than \$2 million has been given by medical associations:

- Some \$1 million came from the Farmington Emergency Medicine Associates PLC.
 - Botsford Imaging and Botsford Anesthesiologists both gave \$500,000.
 - Oakland Surgical Specialists gave \$100,000.
- "So far, we have raised \$5 million ... we're halfway to our goal," O'Malley said. "We are talking with community leaders and working to raise the rest of the funds."

In addition to all the renovations, Beaumont, Farmington Hills is active in the community. The group sponsors the downtown Farmington Farmers Market and other events in the community and it is going to host educational health classes in the new CARES Farmington Hills building when it's ready.

And despite the fact the hospital provides no tax revenue, Massey said the whole package is a large benefit for Farmington Hills.

"It's going to be state-of-the-art, allows for more room (for patients) and brings in new technologies for treatment," Massey said. "They are our largest employer outside the school system. This brings a lot of people into Farmington Hills ... when you look at economic growth around key medical centers, it keeps us right on that map."

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DTE customers lose more than \$100,000 in phone scam

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DTE Energy is warning its customers of an uptick in bogus callers posing as DTE employees and demanding money for supposedly overdue utility bills.

It's the latest resurgence of a scam that Michael Lynch, DTE chief security officer, said cost DTE customers more than \$100,000 last year based on reported incidents — with the actual dollar figure likely being much higher.

Several businesses have recently received calls threatening an imminent shutoff of electricity unless the owners immediately buy prepaid debit cards, such as Green Dot, and provide numbers on the back to make payment. Lynch said some phone calls even show up as DTE Energy on caller ID, making the caller's demands seem even more legitimate.

His advice: Don't fall for it because DTE never demands payment by prepaid debit cards.

Lynch said the vast majority of bogus calls are made to businesses, often between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. That's when some businesses, such as restaurants, are more likely to become victims because they fear losing power during the lunch rush.

"They don't want to be embarrassed, nor do they want their power shut off when the most customers are there," he said.

Last year, DTE received about 200 reports of scam attempts across metro Detroit, but Lynch said the number is likely much higher. Of those 200 incidents, he said 110 people actually reported losing money.

Lynch said DTE customers who are late on their bills may receive a notice at their door or a robocall to remind them, but DTE wouldn't demand payment by prepaid debit card with the threat of an imminent shutoff.

With some calls showing up as DTE on caller ID,

DTE said utility impostors have upped their game by adding technology to their list of tactics.

DTE offers the following tips to avoid scams:

■ DTE Energy does not call customers for payment for an account that is in good standing.

■ DTE typically sends a warning notice by mail if a customer is behind on payments.

■ It's a red flag if someone calls to say a crew is on the way to shut off service unless there's an immediate payment. The more aggressive the caller, DTE says, the more skeptical customers should be.

■ DTE does not demand a specific form of payment, but gives customers options, including credit cards, debit cards and bank transfers. If a caller insists on payment with a prepaid debit card, especially a specific brand of prepaid card, it's a scam.

■ Don't trust caller ID. Any customer who suspects a fraudulent call should hang up, call DTE toll-free at 800-477-4747 and speak with a customer service representative who can confirm the status of an account and, if needed, work out payment arrangements.

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Contact Darrell Clem at dclem@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Cash taken from vehicle

Wayne police took a report Jan. 24 from a resident who lives in the 33400 block of Michigan Avenue who said some cash was taken from their vehicle.

The victim said they locked their vehicle and parked it outside their residence. They came out to their vehicle that morning and found it locked, but discovered there was some missing cash. Papers were thrown about the vehicle and things appeared moved, though nothing else besides cash appeared missing.

Wallet stolen

A woman reported Feb. 3 her wallet had been stolen while she was in the 37200 block of Thinbark.

She said she was at an engagement party when her wallet went missing there. She said she believes she knew who took the wallet, which contained credit cards, debit cards, cash and her driver's license.

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Limited-time manufacturer incentives in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi and Northville

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, is hosting a National Sales Event going on now through February 19, 2018. The event offers home buyers the opportunity to get money-saving incentives to help build the home of their dreams. This limited-time offer gives home buyers even more buying power to get the most out of Toll Brothers' extensive option selections to customize their homes. They will also learn about the quality of product and service that has earned Toll Brothers its place as the #1 Home Builder Worldwide on the FORTUNE Magazine "World's Most Admired Companies®" list four years in a row.

During the National Sales Event, home buyers can choose from townhomes and villas to single-family homes and gorgeous home sites in communities situated in the most sought-after locations throughout southeast Michigan — at a great value. Once they purchase their home, buyers work with designers at the new Toll Brothers Design Studio in Plymouth to create breathtakingly beautiful home by choosing from literally hundreds of fabulous options.

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To take advantage of this opportunity offered only through the National Sales Event, buyers must make a deposit by February 19. Incentives will vary among

communities and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

Low-maintenance Villas in Novi

Located in the heart of Novi on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd. is Ridgeview Villas. Several luxury villa designs range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a first-floor master suite. Residents will enjoy low-maintenance living and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. Pricing begins in the upper \$300,000s. Quick move-in villas are available. For details, call (248) 904-8515.

Luxurious Living in Northville

The impressive model home is now open at Toll Brothers at Montcaret in prestigious Northville, located on the south side of Seven Mile Road, 1/4 miles west of Beck Road just minutes from the historic downtown. A range of home designs are available with an exceptional list of features on grand oversized 1/2- to 1+ acre home sites. Prices start in the mid-\$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 for details.

Popular Villas in Ann Arbor

Kensington Woods is located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road. Low-maintenance luxury villas feature an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the low \$400,000s. A model home is now open. For details, call (734) 769-

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North Oaks of Ann Arbor is situated in a stunning 109-acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. Spacious townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,180 sq. ft. with two-car garages, storage space, and several options including a rooftop terrace. Pricing starts in the upper \$300,000s. Luxury Villas will be release for sale soon. To join the interest list, contact the sales team.

A clubhouse with a fitness center, yoga room, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now under construction.

North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend acclaimed Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686.

Opening Soon in Ann Arbor

Trailwoods of Ann Arbor, a new community of single-family homes tucked into a gorgeous setting with Ann Arbor schools on Ann Arbor's west side will be opening in February 2018. An interest list is being formed. To join, call (844) 838-5263.

Resort-class Amenities in Canton

Westridge Estates is the only new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's

play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the upper \$400,000s. For more information, call 734-844-0279.

Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

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Hamlet Pointe features large home sites and side-entry garages. Homes are priced from the low \$400,000s. A first-floor master plan is available. For

details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939.

Last Chance in Novi

This is it! Only one opportunity remains at Island Lake of Novi! This premier resort-class community features a 170-acre lake, clubhouse with pools and fitness room, boat docks, beaches, parks, walking paths, tennis and sand volleyball courts. The Woodlands features 1/3-acre home sites and acclaimed South Lyon schools. One quick occupancy home is available. For details, call 248-770-4264.

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AREA EVENTS

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Citizens for Peace meeting

Kathy Bindu Henning, founder of Present Moment Meditation, will present practical tools, insights and meditations at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at a Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. All are welcome to learn how to lighten your stress and open your heart. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

3D Photography Club meeting

The 3D Photography Club will hold a meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Everyone is invited to come and see the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Several 3D programs are scheduled for the meeting, including the best images from a recent Chicago International Exhibition, a new International Exhibition and a special Valentine's Day short feature. After a refreshment break and a drawing for free 3D-related items, we'll finish with a 3D image competition on the theme "Ten Minutes From Home."

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Relay For Life kickoff

The American Cancer Society will host a free kickoff event open to the public for a celebration of the Relay For Life of Westland-Wayne, set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

The event will start with music, light appetizers, drinks and will include a short program and a talk from a local survivor on how ACS efforts have impacted their life. Information on how you can join the American Cancer Society and participate in Relay For Life will be available.

The Relay For Life event will be held June 9-10 in Central City Park in Westland. This season, the event is looking to raise more than \$53,000 and celebrate more than 80 survivors and their caregivers.

Go to relayforlife.org/WestlandWayneMI to learn more about the kickoff event or Relay For Life event or contact Megan Schaper at 248-663-3417 or Megan.Schaper@cancer.org.

New exhibit opens at Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum is opening a special exhibit Thursday, Feb. 15, called Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy. The exhibit follows the industrial journey that took the United States from a na-



Barefoot Theatre will present "Macbeth" at its new location, 33735 Five Mile Road in Livonia, Feb. 16-25.

tion unprepared for war to a global superpower that led the Allies to victory in World War Two. Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, in Belleville, on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport.

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy will be on display at Yankee Air Museum through May 15. See artifacts and images from the exhibit and learn more about America's arsenal of democracy at manufacturing-victory.org.

Barefoot to present 'Macbeth'

Barefoot Productions Theatre will present the classic "Macbeth" with local playwright Kirk A. Haas's adaptation. The show is scheduled for Feb. 16-25, with show times set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors. Groups of 10 or more can buy tickets for \$12 each (call box office at 734-404-6990).

Barefoot's new location is at 33735 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, go to www.justgobarefoot.com or call 734-404-6889.

St. Michael Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry, scheduled for 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday from Feb. 16 through March 23, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There will be no dinner Good Friday.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls,

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beverages and ice cream. Prices are: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children ages 3-13, \$5.50; and under age 3, free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 per dinner. Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner.

St. Michael is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

Legends Show

A Legends Show starring Neil Lawrence will be presented Friday, Feb. 16, at the AMVETS Post No. 171 Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman, in Westland. The cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m. Cash bar.

Scrapbooking event

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, in Westland will host a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Cost is \$35 per person full-day or \$20 half-day. There will be a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages. For more information, call 734-721-4867.

Classes at St. Michael

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

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

■ Why Be Catholic series continues at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. Speaker will be Nick Russell. There is no charge or reservation requirement. All are welcome.

Indoor triathlon at Kirksey Center

Registration is underway for the annual indoor triathlon, which will take place Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia. Participants compete in a 20-minute swim, 20-minute bike and 20-minute run, with 10-minute transition times between each event. Swimming takes place in the 25-yard lap pool. Biking will be on upright stationary bikes. Running will be done on treadmills in the fit hub. Scoring is determined by the total distance covered in all three events.

The registration fee of \$35 includes a participation T-shirt and refreshments. Awards will be given to the top male and female in each of the following age groups: 18-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60 and 61 and over.

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb.

16. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Polish Night at K. of C. hall

The Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia will host a Polish Night scheduled for 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. The event will include Polish food and dancers, as well as music by the Kielbasa Kings. Tickets, \$30 each, are available at the bar.

American Legion fish dinners

The Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host fish dinners 5-8 p.m. each Friday during Lent, Feb. 18 through March 30, that are open to the public. Cost is \$12 for perch, \$10 for cod or shrimp and \$9 for chicken, which includes side dishes.

Bats event at Livonia library

The Friends of the Robert and Janet Bennett Library is sponsoring a free program on the importance of bats in our ecosystems at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. A presenter from the Organization for Bat Conservation International Headquarters will provide the program.

Facts about bats that will be covered include native bats, as well as bat houses, how bats are helpful in our world, conservation issues such as habitat loss and the White Nose Syndrome and how we can help to save the bats.

For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Diabetes workshop

A interactive diabetes workshop will be held in the Saari Room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, in Garden City, in eight sessions beginning Thursday, Feb. 22. Sessions are scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, March 8 and 15, and 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, March 3, 10 and 17.

The workshop is being conducted by the Garden City SDA Church and will feature workshop talks, a Diabetes Undone Workbook and Cookbook, group support, the "Eight Laws Of Health" DVD, cooking demos and samples of free food.

For more information, call 714-793-1850.

Trinity House hosts Graham

Jon Dee Graam, a guitarist and songwriter from Austin, Texas, will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Trinity House Theatre, 38400 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia. A former member of the True Believers with Alejandro Escovedo, Graham is the only musician ever to be inducted into the Austin Music Hall of Fame three times. Ben de la Cour will be the opening act.

Tickets are \$20 (\$17 for subscribers)

and are available at the door.

Film screening at Unity

A networked live online event is scheduled for noon Sunday, Feb. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. The event will feature ministers and leaders from multiple New Thought centers around the U.S. who will view and discuss the documentary "White Like Me" by author and producer Tim Wise. It explores the issues of white privilege and their psychological effects on societal norms.

The Rev. Eileen Patra will lead a local discussion after the film. Event is free. There will be a national online discussion at 5:30 p.m. Individuals can register free to join the dialogue at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4-yv15birdeYmey8sfwCA.

Livonia Jaycees fundraiser

The Livonia Jaycees will host its first fundraiser of the year, the LIVa Las Vegas Raffle and Auction event, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Supernatural Brewing and Spirits, 36685 Plymouth Road.

The event provides several chances to win prizes, including a live auction featuring services and fun opportunities; Foodie Frenzy, a chance for one of many gift cards/certificates to local dining establishments; Gift Grab, a chance for a variety of gift cards/certificates to local businesses; Wheel of Wine, a chance to win a bottle of wine; and a silent auction, featuring prizes including donated items from Michigan Metal Artwork, Glass2Glass and more.

The ticket price of \$30 per person includes a flight, a pint and an appetizer buffet, plus a free ticket to enter a drawing of your choice. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/livonia-jaycees-liva-las-vegas-tickets-42000759402>.

Livonia chamber to host Lions player

Detroit Lions player Don Carey will speak to a group of business people and high school students during a Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road.

When not on the gridiron, Carey runs a real estate company, studies to earn a master's degree in theological studies, leads a para-church organization and

operates a foundation geared toward empowering children. For the chamber luncheon, the event's sponsors — AlphaUSA, law firm of Fausone Bohn, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, LMR Associates and Dave & Buster's — are sponsoring a table of students from each of Livonia's five high schools: Churchill, Clarenceville, Franklin, Ladywood and Stevenson.

Admission to the luncheon is \$30 for chamber members and students. For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to www.livonia.org.

Inspire Theatre to present 'Breeze'

The Inspire Theatre, located at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, will present "Gone With The Breeze" throughout the month of February. The play is a behind-the-scenes musical/comedy set in Hollywood in the 1990s.

"Gone With The Breeze" will run Friday through Sunday until Feb. 25. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, with a 3 p.m. matinee scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com. For more information, call at 734-751-7057.

Distinguished Young Woman program

The next Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman program meeting will take place Friday, March 9. Any high school junior girl, who lives in Wayne or Westland, may register at anytime. Go to www.distinguishedyw.org and click on "apply now." The information will be forwarded and the applicant will be contacted with orientation details.

Widowed Friends bereavement series

Widowed Friends, a peer support group, will host a bereavement support series to help deal with the emotions and other issues often experienced following the loss of a spouse.

This six-week session is facilitated by a trained member of Widowed Friends and will be held 1-3 p.m. each Sunday through March 11, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. Registration is required. Call Priscilla at 734-591-7879 for details.



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Center

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the same teacher.

"Overall, to their credit, they've done a wonderful job."

The Western Wayne Skill Center focuses on continuing education for young adults ages 18-26 who have gone through high school and have some moderate cognitive impairments. The 175 students who attend learn living skills, such as cooking, doing laundry, working in a woodshop and landscaping, to name a few. Students attend the center from several districts across Wayne County, including Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Redford Union, South Redford, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Westwood, Romulus and Van Buren.

The Livonia Public Schools-run center formerly operated at 8075 Ritz in Westland, but moved last week into the former Garfield Elementary at 10218 Arthur in Livonia. Garfield closed at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year, along with Cass Elementary School, a decision done by the LPS school board in 2016.

During the meetings where the LPS school board deliberated on the future of the two elementary schools, it was also decided the district would relocate the WWSC out of its building in Westland. The decision to move it to Garfield came last year, LPS spokeswoman Stacy Jenkins said.

Mies said converting a former elementary school into an educational facility for young adults was no small task. Many aspects of the school needed to be changed, including increasing accessibility and making it more a space young adults can connect to.

"We would not be able to just move into another elementary school, given the age of our students and the size of our students and the fact we have students in wheelchairs," he said. "We have doors that were widened, bathrooms that were made larger."

The former WWSC in Westland is expected to be torn down and the property sold. The school board voted in the fall to approve the sale to Infinity Homes.



Patrick Mies is principal at the Western Wayne Skill Center.



Teacher Elizabeth Craven checks the student list, posted on the wall, at lunch time. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



John Sondergaard waits for a bus ride. He spends a half day at the center. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

It's expected the land occupied by the former WWSC, as well as the former Nankin Mills Elementary, will be developed into residential housing. The sale of the property has not yet been finalized.

Mies said the transition has been a smooth one, with students taking courses in modified classrooms. Those students will typically leave the school and get involved with an outside activity to better prepare them with the skills needed as an adult.

"We place a strong emphasis on getting our students into the community setting, where they have an opportunity to use the work skills that they learn here in the classroom setting and apply them in real-work settings in the community," Mies said.

One of those students who is employed as a result of his work is 24-year-old Matthew Soules, who works five days a week at Rosedale Elementary in Livonia during the lunch hour. Soules,

who also assists at the Jackson Early Childhood Center as a part of his coursework, secured the job recently and looks forward to going each day.

"It's fun," he said. "I like it."

LPS Superintendent Andrea Oquist said the recent move is a plus for the center and its new location will provide a great opportunity for the students.

"Our Western Wayne Skill Center provides invaluable vocational and life skills training for our young adults. These programs are led by outstanding, caring staff who provide for the unique and individual learning needs of the students in the program," she said. "We are so thrilled to be able to provide such a wonderful facility for this program at the newly renovated Garfield Community School."

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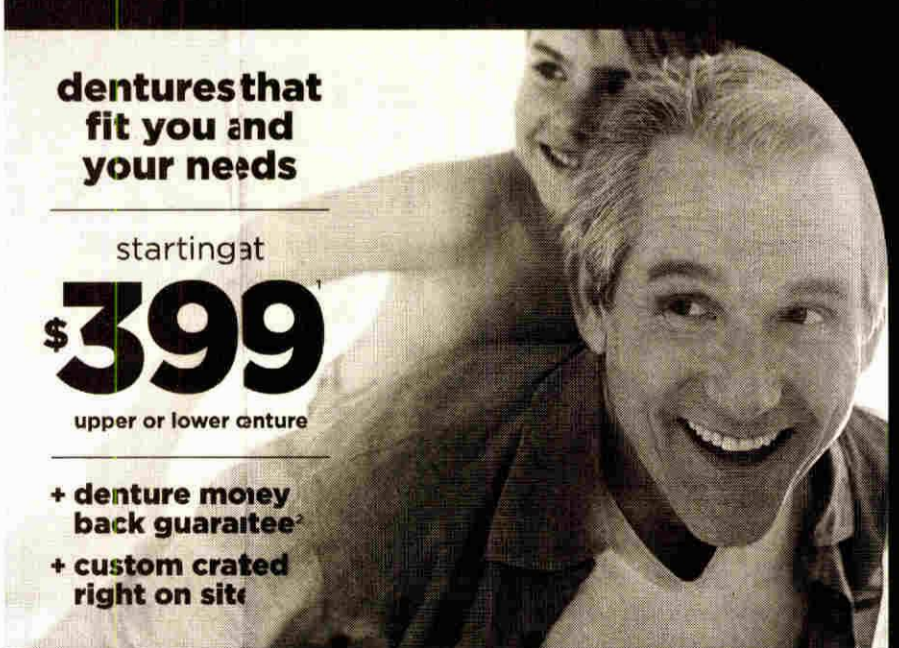
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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Retail fraud suspect hides behind car

Livonia police were called Monday afternoon to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud in progress.

An employee at Home Depot said the suspect entered and went to the hardware section. He selected a drill and walked out without paying, according to the employee. He was confronted by an employee and dropped the drill before running off.

Police say the suspect fled the store and hid behind a vehicle in the nearby Logan's Roadhouse restaurant parking lot. Officers went to that area and located him. He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

Shoplifting suspect detained

Police were dispatched Monday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a shoplifting incident that had been reported.

An employee told police they saw the suspect select a package of Velcro

and some Tide detergent. The employee said the suspect was seen switching the price tags on the items and using the less expensive Velcro tag to scan the laundry detergent at checkout. He walked out without paying full price on the items, including several others. He was stopped and detained until police arrived, who issued him a citation.

Purse stolen

Police were called Monday to Kroger, 30935 Five Mile, on the report of a purse that had been taken from a cart outside the business.

The victim said she shopped at the store and loaded up her vehicle with her items that day. A few minutes after leaving the store, she realized she was missing her purse and drove back to retrieve it from the cart she left it in. It was missing when she got there. She spoke to a manager at the store and asked about security footage. The purse contained items that included cash and her cellphone.

— By David Veselenak

Anderson to seek re-election to Wayne County Commission

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has announced that he is seeking his second two-year term on the commission to continue representing the 12th District. "It continues to be an honor to represent the citizens of Garden City, Inkster and Westland," Anderson said.

Anderson, a 40-year resident of Westland and experienced legislator, began his term on the commission during Wayne County's financial crisis. "We have made significant strides in reducing our deficits, improving our cash position and better funding our pension system since then," he said.

Anderson noted that he is proud to have helped increase funding for Meals on Wheels, untested rape kits, secure funding that would have been taken from local parks and remain accessible and responsive to the residents and businesses he represents.

"Wayne County continues to face many challenges and I'm ready to help address them," Anderson said. "I'm



Glenn Anderson is seeking re-election.

seeking re-election to continue advocating on behalf of our residents by demanding more transparent, accountable and efficient county government. The jail project needs to be resolved much quicker, so that the county stops bleeding tax dollars. Our county roads are among the worst in southeast Michigan and a greater priority needs to be placed on repairing or resurfacing them."

Anderson will appear on the ballot Aug. 7 in the Democratic primary.

Obituaries



Thomas N. Dietz

WESTLAND - February 7, 2018 at age 70.

Beloved husband of Cindy. Dear father of Deanna (Keary) Kerkhof and Tanya (Mike Bona) Dietz. Loving grandfather of Brenda and Trevor Kerkhof. Brother of David (Pat) and the late Daniel and the late James (Bettie). Also survived by several nieces and nephews and sister-in-law, Janice (David) Classon.

Services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland - (734) 522-9400. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org or Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

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Gretchen Maricak

-- GRETCHEN February 6, 2018 Age 65.

Dear sister of Vanessa Garavaglia (Marco). Loving aunt of Marco Garavaglia. Also survived by numerous cousins and her cat "Guindon." Family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 p.m. with Rosary at 6 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Royal Oak, 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass Monday 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to the church, Lawrence Technological Institute Affleck House or Karmanos Cancer Institute. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

Willodene L. "Billie" Powers

NORTHVILLE - Willodene L. "Billie" Rich Bullerdick Powers, age 73, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died Thursday, February 1, 2018. Born February 22, 1944, in Richmond, Indiana, to John Joseph and Jean Louise Eubank Rich, Billie lived in the Richmond area most of her life. Over the past few years she had lived and spent time with her daughters in New Hudson, Michigan, and Seattle, Washington.

Billie earned a master's degree in education from Ball State University and was a retired elementary educator. Billie was passionate about education, her family and friends. Through her significant contributions, Billie will be forever a teacher.

Survivors include her daughters, Kristin (Robert) Hinshaw of Northville and Karissa (Jeffrey) Jagacki of South Lyon, Michigan; grandchildren, Sarah and Thomas Hinshaw and Adam and Grant Jagacki; brother, John Randall "Randy" (Patty) Rich; and cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Powers; son, Ryan Paul Bullerdick; and her parents.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday April 21st in Richmond, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org) or Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com



Shirley Stone

JACKSON - age 92.

Beloved wife of the late George Stone for 47 years. Loving mother of 4 sons, Allen (Char), Keith (Marleen), Ken (Cinda) Stone and 2 daughters, Kathy (Dennis) Kolehmainen and Diane Bastarache. Dear sister of Catherine Beach. Also survived by 12 Grandchildren, 6 Great-Grandchildren and several nieces & nephews.

Memorial Services, Saturday, April 28, 2018, 11:00 AM, Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland The family would like to extend a Thank You to Legacy Assisted Living Center and Southern Care Hospice. Please view and send tributes to, www.uhtfh.com



Irene Bertuca

GARDEN CITY - age 91, February 5, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late Angelo. Loving mother of Vincent (Debra Hughes) Bertuca, Lawrence Bertuca, Marlene (Gary) Young and the late Kenneth Bertuca. Dear grandmother of Tyler Francis Wagner.

Funeral Service was held at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. IN LEIU OF FLOWERS, please make a donation to Beaumont Hospice either by mail (Beaumont Health Foundation, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-5802) or by phone (248-551-5330) Please share a memory of Irene at www.rggrharris.com.



Lillian Francis DeHart McCann

LIVONIA - Lillian was born February 22, 1930 in Weatherby, Missouri to Donald and Olive DeHart. She lived on a farm, loved chickens and got her first pony when Grandpa took her to the neighbor's place a few miles away. He bought her Nina, a little black and white painted pony. Grandpa left her to ride the pony home alone. It was a different era.

Lillian moved to Dearborn just as she was ready to begin high school. She attended Dearborn High School where she was active in field hockey and played the sax in the jazz band. She was an active supporter of her school and sold drinks to support the teams out of a Coca Cola cooler that her Dad had.

Her father, Don had a used car lot on Michigan Avenue, and he let his daughters drive the convertibles, it was good advertising. Mom drove a bright blue 1940 Packard convertible in high school, loading all her friends into it until the police would call Grandpa to shut her down. In 1948, Lillian went to Hillsdale College and joined Chi Omega Sorority. On the recommendation of a sorority sister, she accepted a date from a young man, only to find out later that it was my charming father. They were married within the year, October 6, 1949. The next July they welcomed their daughter Kathleen Jerre, then a year later a second daughter Maureen Mary, James Charles arrived in 1955 and Wade DeHart in 1960.

Lillian was active in the City of Livonia even while raising four children. She was an active member and President of the Lawyer's Wives. She was Chairperson of Livonia Town Hall where she brought in speakers like Lowell Thomas and others of his caliber. She was also Vice-President of the Livonia Historical Society and assisted in bringing many historical homes, churches and businesses together to form Greenmead Historical Village. She was a



Girl Scout leader and arranged for her troop to meet Helen Keller when she was speaking in Detroit. Lillian loved her horse Alfie and taught others, including niece Catherine, and granddaughters Amy Nickin, Katie McCann, and Meghan Kaminski to love riding. She was a volunteer riding instructor at John Ivory Farms, and a member of the Livonia Women's Golf League for over 20 years. James and Lillian traveled the world for pleasure, to view historical sites, and to ski.

Lillian is survived by her husband, Judge James R. McCann, children, Kathleen McCann and husband Norm Nickin, Maureen McCann, James C. McCann and his wife Linda, Wade McCann and his wife Gosia. She is also survived by grandchildren Amy and Eric Eiken-Sluyter, Jodi and John Prince, Christopher Nickin and Paula Fournier, Rian McCann Kaminski, Michael McCann, Meghan and Tom Varney, Amy and Mark Micallef, Katie McCann, Trevor McCann and Josie Hern, Tyler McCann and Sarah, and great-grandchildren, Serena, Riley, Finn, Jagger, Makenzy, Kylee, Kaiden and Haily. Lil is also survived by her sister Lu and husband Gene Lehmann and many nieces and nephews. She was dearly loved and will be so missed.

A Funeral Service for Lillian will be held Monday, February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 3700 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan. The family will receive close friends and family on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the funeral home. A burial will occur following the funeral at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, Michigan 48154. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lillian's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy for the McCann family may be shared at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

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After divorce, examine all aspects of estate planning



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
USA TODAY NETWORK —
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Q: I have a couple of questions I hope you can help me with. My situation is, I am divorced with two adult children. I am still working and plan to work at least another 10 years. My first question deals with my will. I did my will a few years before I was divorced and haven't made any changes. The will basically leaves everything to the spouse and, if she's not around, then to my two children. My question is, do I need to change the will now that I'm divorced or is she automatically excluded because of the divorce? My second question deals with the property settlement. I have to make a lump sum payment to her in another two months. I can either sell one of my investments or I can refinance my house at 4.5 percent. What option would you do?

A: First, with regard to your estate plan, I do recommend that you redo it. It

is good business that, when you get divorced, you revise your estate plan to reflect your current thoughts. When you leave your estate plan as is, it leaves things up to interpretation and potential fights. After all, the probate court can hold that since you did not make a change after your divorce, it was your intent to continue to have your ex as the beneficiary. To make things clear and to remove the risk of fights and costly legal battles, I strongly recommend that you redo your estate plan.

Don't forget: When you do your estate plan, not only should you redo your will, but also your medical and durable powers of attorney.

With regard to where you should get the money for the lump-sum payment, I think it comes down to whether you believe your investments will earn more than the after-tax cost of the mortgage. For example, if the after-tax cost of the mortgage is 3.5 percent, do you think your investments will earn more than 3.5 percent after taxes? If you're a long-term stock market investor, over the long run your investments should earn more than the cost of the mortgage. If

you're investing in things like CDs and U.S. treasuries, it is unlikely that they will earn more than the mortgage is costing you. If you have those types of investments, I would lean toward liquidating those investments as opposed to refinancing your home. If you have a stock portfolio and are looking long term, I would go the mortgage route. The key is to focus on what you are investing in and the returns.

I always recommend to individuals that, whenever they have a change in their family situation — birth, death or divorce — they review their estate plan. Whether you need changes depends upon your individual situation. In the great majority of situations, when it comes to a divorce, it is a clear sign that your estate plan needs to be redone.

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.

Frog and Toad Survey training scheduled

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will begin this month. Three area training sessions have been planned, all from 10 a.m. to noon:

■ Saturday, Feb. 17, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

■ Saturday, March 10, at the Farmington Hills City Council chambers, 31555 W. II Mile Road.

■ Saturday, March 17, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at 313-792-9621 or go to www.therouge.org.

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Computer Basics

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13
Details: This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, using the mouse and more. Registration encouraged.

Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14
Details: Join Tony Ferack, president of the Hearing Loss Association of America Western Wayne Chapter, each month as he discusses various topics related to the hearing loss community.

eReader & Tablet Support Group

When: 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15
Details: Do you have an eReader or Tablet like an iPad, Kindle or Android device? Do you want to learn how to download free books, audiobooks, movies and music from the library? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. A librarian will be available to tackle the tough questions.

Type II Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15
Details: Please join us for a presentation on Type II Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome provided by the national nonprofit The Foundation for Wellness Professionals. The Foundation for Wellness Professionals is an association of professional health care motivational and keynote speakers and was originally founded as The Doctors Speakers Bureau in 1985 in Clearwater, Fla. This association operates through independently-operated chapters across the United States and Canada.

Friday Night Movie

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
Details: Join us for a Friday night movie. Doors open at 6 P.M. and the movie starts at 6:15 p.m. Snacks/refreshments are provided; donations accepted and appreciated.

Intro to Microsoft Word

When: 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
Details: An introductory class on Microsoft Word 2010. This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Black Panther Swag Contest

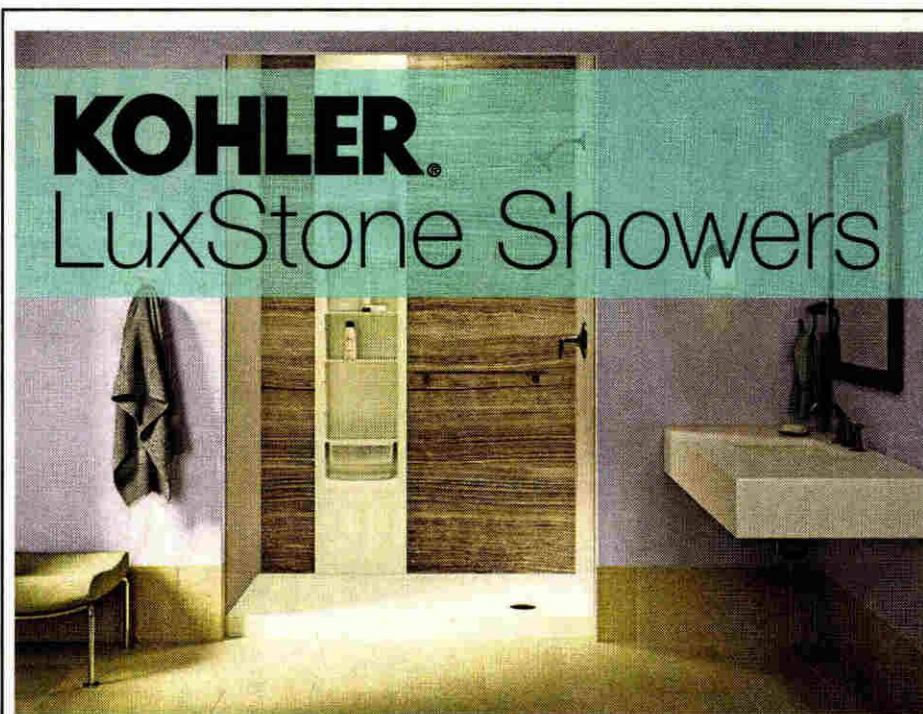
When: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
Details: In honor of Black History Month, we're giving away \$15 MJR gift certificates and Black Panther keychains. Register here to be entered. The drawing will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, and winners will be notified by telephone. Prizes will be held at the library for 30 days for pick up.

Preschool & Child Care Open House

When: 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17
Details: Join us for a preschool and day care preview. Parents, come preview Westland-area preschools and child care centers for your child. Staff from the schools will have a table set up, ready to answer your questions and provide you with information on their unique programs.

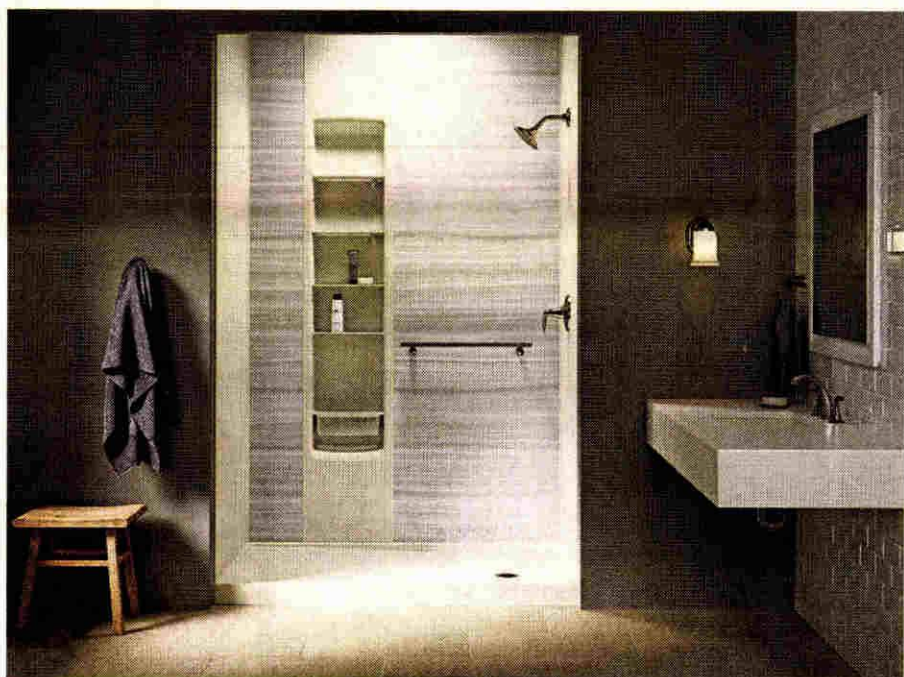
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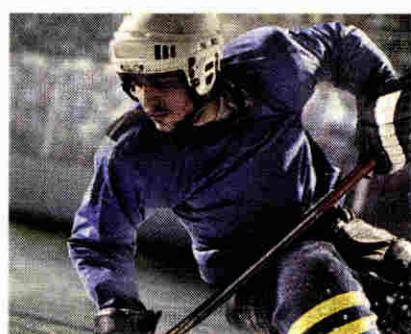


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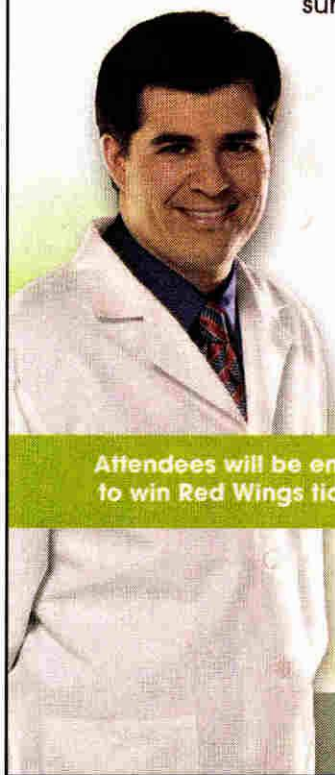
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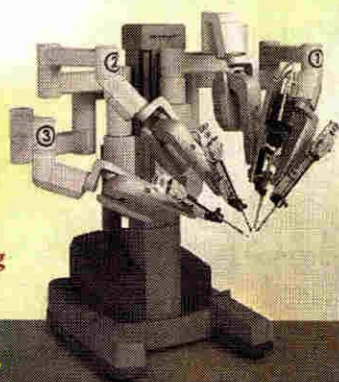


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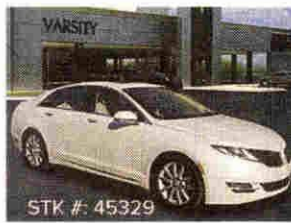
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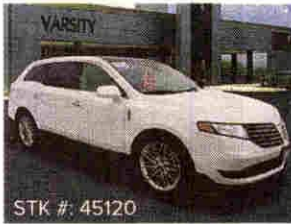
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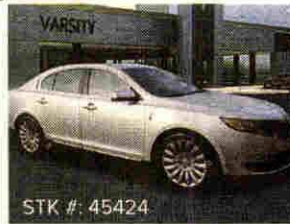
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Sports

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

Five Nations promises thrills

Top prospects will be on display at USA Arena

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Yes, South Korea might be the main focus of the hockey world beginning this weekend at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang.

But USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth also will be hosting some exciting February hockey of an international variety. The Under-18 Five Nations Tournament is scheduled to take place from Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 13-17, with the U.S. and four other teams on the docket.

The building (14900 Beck Road) will be jammed with National Hockey League officials and scouts who will be filling notebooks with musings about dozens of players considered the cream of the crop in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

In addition to the U.S., the round-robin tournament will include Russia, Sweden, Finland and the Czech Republic.

"The ones who have been here for any international event know they're fun, the games are great," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, which is based in Plymouth. "(During) the women's

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Andrei Svechnikov, shown playing for the Muskegon Lumberjacks, is projected to be the No. 1 pick in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft. He will play for Russia in the Five Nations Tournament. JENNIFER ROLLENHAGEN | MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY



Farmington Hills resident Megan Keller will spend the next fortnight in South Korea as a defenseman for the U.S. women's hockey team. KELLER FAMILY PHOTO

Keller ready to make Olympic Games debut

Farmington Hills resident a veteran of U.S. squads

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Megan Keller has represented the United States in international hockey for six years now.

The 21-year-old Farmington Hills

resident has played in venues across the world — from Canada to the Scandinavian countries of Sweden and Finland to Hungary. She even skated in her own back yard last April at the USA Arena in Plymouth, which hosted the annual women's world championships, winning a gold medal with a thrilling 3-2 overtime triumph over arch-rival Canada.

Keller will now add a new experience to her ever-expanding hockey resume.

The left-handed shooting defenseman will play in her first Olympic Winter Games when the women take to the ice this week in the XXIII Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Playing in the Olympics has always been one of Keller's goals. Her time has come and her parents, Lynn and Greg, couldn't be prouder.

"I think the best thing I can say is,

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Detroit Country Day not missing a beat

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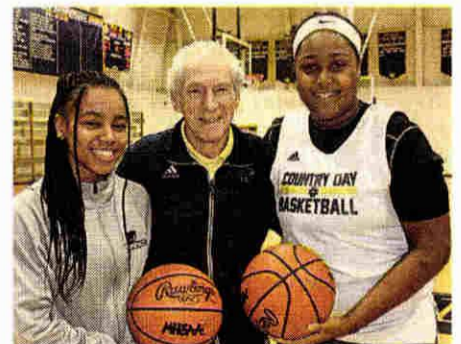
Detroit Country Day's girls basketball team is in the midst of another stellar season.

The defending state champion Yellowjackets are 12-2 and again sit atop the AP's Class B state rankings. Their lone losses are to Wayne Memorial (No. 7 in Class A) and Detroit Edison (No. 3 in Class C).

DCD's success may be a surprise to some, considering the losses of graduated all-state players Destiny Pitts and Tylar Bennett, but not to co-captains Kaela Webb and Maxine Moore. Simply put, the Yellowjackets have not missed a beat and the veteran leaders intend to keep it that way.

"We knew it wouldn't be the same as last year, because we had lost Destiny and Tylar, who really were valuable assets on the floor," Webb said. "But we are winners, first. It doesn't matter who gets the most points or anything, it's just a matter if Country Day wins at the end of the day (then) we're all hap-

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Frank Orlando, the state's winningest girls basketball head coach, is flanked by Detroit Country Day's 2017-18 co-captains Kaela Webb (left) and Maxine Moore. MARTY BUDNER



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Keller

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when you watch your kids live out their life-long dreams, it doesn't get any better," Greg said. "Megan has a stencil above her bed that says, 'Dream until your dreams come true' and that's really been the case with her. She has pursued this dream with a passion and it's been a life-long goal of hers since she was little. We are so happy and proud for her."

Lynn echoed her husband's remarks. "It's always so exciting to watch her put that USA jersey on and compete for the country," Lynn said. "You know when they were here in April, that was our first time to watch her at that national level. We had seen her at the U-18s and the U-22, but to take that next step is amazing. It's great to see her get what she wanted."

A year off of school

Keller was so intent on making the U.S. Olympic team, she prepared by taking a year off from her studies and playing career at Boston College. The 2014 North Farmington graduate has played three years of hockey for the Eagles, where she has honed her defensive skills to the level she is considered one of the country's top defenders.

Keller eventually will complete her senior year at Boston College, where she is majoring in communications, but first she has some business to tend to in PyeongChang.

"The players had an evaluation camp after (the 2017) world tournament in May and, at the end of August, they went down to the Tampa Bay area for what they called a centralization camp," Lynn said. "They trained down there and played a series of games. They've played Canada several times around the country and in Canada."

Keller learned to play hockey at an early age, primarily by playing with her



Shortly after winning the women's world championship last April in Plymouth, U.S. defenseman and North Farmington graduate Megan Keller poses with her mother Lynn. FAMILY PHOTO

older brother Ryan and other boys around her home and later at the Farmington Ice Arena. She played in boys leagues through the Pee Wee Division before turning to all-girls teams, landing a spot with the Livonia Knights and with the nationally-renowned Honeybaked AAA program out of the Suburban Ice Arena.

Keller ultimately earned invitations to U.S. development camps and the U.S. Women's National Team Camp in 2014. She is also a three-time Women's National Festival invitee.

"Ryan played at Michigan State and he was very good to (Megan) growing up when she was younger," Greg said. "She knocked around with him in the drive-

way and played street hockey with him and his buddies. He toughened her up a little bit.

"Megan has been very fortunate from an early age to have a great bunch of youth coaches who made the game fun for her," he added. "They had the right perspective. They made the game fun and she developed, through them, a love for the game at a young age. It's been a long, lengthy climb for her (to make the national team) and she's made it."

Watching in person

All that hard work has paid huge dividends for Keller.

Lynn and Greg, who have never been to South Korea, will have the good fortune of sharing Megan's dream as they will watch her play in person. They are hoping to witness a women's hockey gold rush in South Korea.

"In the Olympics in Sochi, the U.S. had the lead, but lost to Canada in overtime," said Greg, who played Division II college in his native Pennsylvania. "It's a pretty fierce rivalry and they play each other a bunch of times leading up to the Olympics and there is no love lost between them."

"Of course, they are all very excited about having the opportunity to compete in the Olympics and compete for a gold medal," he added. "Megan wants to be a part of that and she wants to help the U.S. bring home the gold medal. It's going to be awesome. We love watching our kids compete and we're really looking forward to it."

Women's ice hockey made its Olympic debut in 1998 and the U.S. defeated Canada to capture the gold medal in that inaugural tourney. Canada has won gold in each of the four Olympics since then, defeating the U.S. on three of those occasions.

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Five Nations

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world championship, the USA-Canada games just rocked.

"We hosted a Five Nations in February two years ago, that was the younger age group, U-17s. We had a fantastic final game with USA-Russia. The building was packed and it was rocking."

"This is a bigger event, because it is the last event before the U-18 World Championship, the next-to-last time the NHL teams and scouts can see all these kids. And there's probably going to be upwards of 60 kids that are ranked in the draft from these five countries."

The U.S. roster will feature several draft-eligible players ranked in the top 25 of North American skaters as determined by NHL Central Scouting. On that list are forwards Oliver Wahlstrom (No. 7) and Joel Farabee (No. 11), defenseman Mattias Samuelsson (No. 17), forward Patrick Giles (No. 19) and defenseman Bode Wilde of Birmingham at No. 22.

The U.S. team also will be bolstered by 17-year-old forward Jack Hughes, certain to be a top draft choice in 2019.

But fans will have the chance to watch the No. 1-rated North American player in right wing Andrei Svechnikov. The second-year standout on the Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League will suit up during the tourney for Russia.

A feast of pucks

The week-long hockey smorgasbord — five single-admission doubleheaders — on the menu Tuesday through Saturday — will feature some tasty servings.

On Tuesday, after the Czech Republic squares off against Finland (3:30 p.m.), the U.S. will face Sweden at 7 p.m.

The U.S. then skates at 7 p.m. Wednesday against the Czechs (preceded by the 3:30 p.m. game between Finland and Russia).

On Friday, the 3:30 p.m. game is between Sweden and the Czechs; at 7 p.m. will be the highly anticipated U.S.-Russia tilt.

On the tourney's final day, Russia and Sweden drop the puck at 3:30 p.m., with the U.S.-Finland match-up at 7 p.m.

Two-game passes are \$7 Tuesday through Thursday and \$15 Friday and Saturday.

"You're going to see probably 10 or 15 of the top 30 NHL draft picks out there," Monaghan said. "And in terms of the competitive part of it, it's just awesome. It's always been the thing I love the most about what we do."

"When it's USA vs. Russia, USA vs. Czech, we're playing for our country. And for these 22 kids here, that's part of why they signed up."

USA Hockey broadcaster Pete Krup-



One of the offensive threats for the U.S. during Five Nations will be forward Oliver Wahlstrom. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

WHO TO WATCH

Steve Kournianos of *The Draft Analyst* website (www.thedraftanalyst.com) provided his detailed take on which players should be top of mind and on the radar of fans attending the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Russia: Andrei Svechnikov (right wing) — Svechnikov, a sniper with the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts, is arguably the top 2018 draft prospect to participate at next week's competition in Plymouth. He's a dynamic goal scorer with speed and size who has been a top point producer at several international tournaments.

Sweden: Adam Boqvist (defenseman) — A strong argument can be made that Boqvist would be in the running for first overall at the draft had fellow countryman Rasmus Dahlin not been eligible. Boqvist is a phenomenal skater with a blistering shot who can be next to impossible to slow down.

Finland: Rasmus Kupari (center) and Jesperi Kotkaniemi (left wing) — The jury is still out on which one of these two talented forwards will be the first Finnish prospect to get his name called at the NHL draft and there's a good bet this tournament will weigh heavily in the eventual outcome, especially when you consider the quality of competition. Kupari is a flashy center with tricks up his sleeve, whereas Kotkaniemi plays more of a well-rounded game in all three zones.

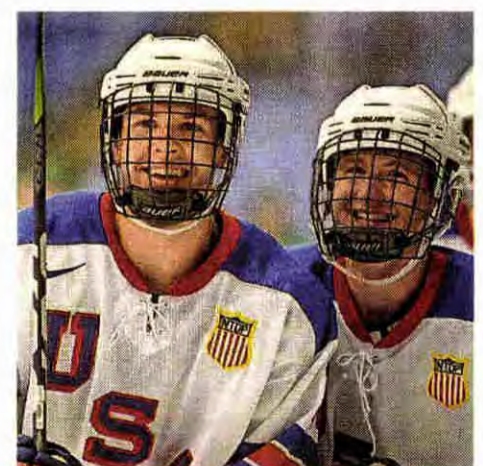
Czech Republic: Jakub Lauko (center) — Among the players likely to pull you out of your seat is this speedy pivot, who played for the Czechs at the U-20 world junior hockey championship and has spent the entire season with Chomutov of the elite Czech Extraliga.

United States: Jack Hughes (center) — As dynamic a duo as line mates Oliver Wahlstrom and Joel Farabee have been, there is a strong chance Hughes — an extraordinary playmaking center — will be the first overall pick in the 2019 draft. Although both Wahlstrom and Farabee are locks to go high in the first round of this year's draft, it isn't a stretch to think that most of the NHL scouts who attend will be just as eager to see Hughes work his magic against older competition.

sky added that the U-18 Five Nations is "really a unique tournament" that hockey-loving fans in metro Detroit should

check out.

"It's something you're not going to see anywhere else in the Detroit area,"



Birmingham's Bode Wilde, a defenseman for the U.S. U-18 NTDP team, will compete during the Five Nations tourney, scheduled from Feb. 13-17 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Krupsky said. "These teams play for their country, they're fired up to play for their country, I think the hockey is still pure."

"They're not playing for big contracts, they're not playing for money. They're playing for the crest on their jersey."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Farmington has another stellar outing at Canton Invitational

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Farmington United, competing in its first meet since losing star gymnast Elisa Bills to injury, showed it still has the fabric of a champion.

The United squad won the prestigious Canton Invitational on Jan. 31 with 141.375 points. Northville (140.475), Livonia Blue (140.400) and Rockford (140.300) were close behind, while Salem was a distant fifth (138.765 points).

The victory in the 17-team field certainly impressed longtime Farmington United head coach Jeff Dwyer.

"I was impressed with the team. I was hoping for a top five finish," said Dwyer, in his 32nd season as head coach. "This was really a surprise. I got home that night and I was just thinking it was a great win. I didn't expect it. I was expecting to be up there, but I wasn't expecting to win it.

"It's tough competing without Elisa, who was a state champion last year," he added. "I just told my team we have to keep rowing the boat — and they did. The season still has to continue. We just have to march on and see what we can do."

Depth keys big triumph

United's depth proved the difference as senior Emily Stecevic, juniors Kacey Noseworthy, Ava Farquhar and Shelby Smith, sophomore Lily Tyler and freshman Allison Schultz all produced valuable points.

Noseworthy won the all-around competition with a score of 35.95 and Stecevic was third all-around at 35.625. Farquhar also made the top 10 all-around by scoring 34.925, good for ninth place.

Noseworthy was second off the vault (9.25) and on bars (8.8), tied for fourth on floor (9.25) and 15th on the balance beam (8.65). Stecevic tied for sixth on the bars (8.625), tied for seventh off the vault (8.875), was eighth on the beam (8.875) and tied Noseworthy for fourth on the floor.

Farquhar's top two performances



Farmington United again showed its prowess to win the recent high-quality Canton Invitational. MANDY FARQUHAR



Junior Ava Farquhar placed ninth all-around for Farmington United at the recent Canton Invitational. KATHY BURNS



Junior Shelby Smith competed in three events to help lead Farmington United to the Canton Invitational crown. KATHY BURNS

were on bars (8.5) and balance beam (8.825); she placed 10th in both. Smith tied for sixth on bars (8.625), Tyler tied for 12th off the vault (8.775) and Schultz was 14th on the uneven bars (8.4) for their best showings.

"For us to do what we did, all the girls had to hit and they all hit," Dwyer said. "We had a pretty solid meet. It was almost like they were going through practice routines, they were just doing what they do.

"Shelby is in these big meets now and is learning how to perform under pressure and she is handling it. She had a really solid meet and kudos to her. The all-around finishes by Kacey, Emily and Ava were huge.

"Lily Tyler was able to get a good score on the vault and I give a lot of credit to Allison Schultz, who was in three events as a freshman," he added. "It was a great experience for her and she did a really good job."

'Have to keep going'

The Canton Invite marked the second time this season that Farmington United got the best of Northville. Dwyer knows his team must keep improving, because it will face another tough challenge from the Mustangs at the fast-approaching state regional tournament, set for March 3 at Walled Lake Central.

"Northville is really a good team and they moved into our regional this year," said Dwyer, who hopes to have Bills back for the regional. "I think whatever team has a better overall day, they are going to win it. It's going to be a tough one. I think we are two equal teams, actually.

"I'm just happy with this team. It seems like they like competing and they stay loose. I have a good team. Even the girls who aren't competing are really good at firing the other girls up and that really helps to have a bunch of teammates cheering for them.

"But like I told the girls, they're only as good as their last meet, so they have to keep going," he added. "There are a lot of good teams out there."

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Country Day

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py. "As captains, we had to figure out what we needed to do as a team to get us a state championship before we get out of here," she added. "I think the adjustment we really had to focus on coming into this year was that everyone's role had changed. I had no doubt at all that we could come in and pick up where we left off last year."

Webb, who is headed to Providence, and Moore, headed to Western Michigan, are determined to add on to Country Day's sterling tradition, which includes a dozen state championships and 16 state-title game appearances — both state records.

"I think what's working for us is that we are really playing together cohesively as a team," Moore said. "As a team, I think we have to play a little stronger defensively, but I know that we have all the tools offensively.

"I definitely expected us to be playing like we are," she added. "If we just continue to give a full-out effort, I think that will get us to where we want to be."

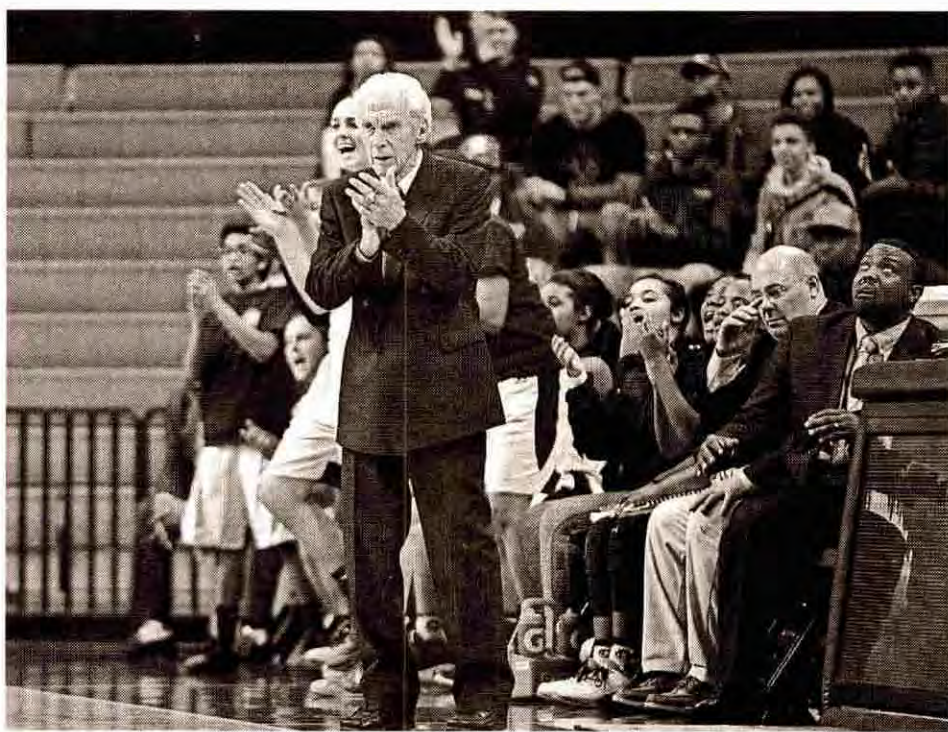
Returning trio leads roster

Country Day's success this season has been centered around the standout returning trio of Webb, Moore and junior Jasmine Powell.

A four-year varsity player, Webb stood out the moment she arrived as a freshman, when she scored a game-high 20 points to lift Country Day past Haslett for the 2015 state title. She's currently averaging 16 points per game and providing spirited guard play again this season.

Moore is a rock-solid 6-0 forward who averages in double figures and leads the team in rebounding, averaging six per game. Like Webb, she's been a member of DCD's 2015 and 2017 state championship teams.

"Kaela and Max are both playing well and are doing a nice job of being leaders for us," said longtime DCD head coach Frank Orlando, who will turn 75 in



Head coach Frank Orlando is hoping to lead Detroit Country Day to its 17th state championship game appearance in his 37 years at the school. FILE PHOTO



Veteran forward Maxine Moore, who will play next year at Western Michigan University, is Country Day's leading rebounder. FILE PHOTO



Senior Kaela Webb is a four-year varsity veteran who is looking for her third state championship at Country Day. FILE PHOTO

March. "Kaela is a fantastic player. She does it all. She can play the off-guard and she can play the point guard. She

sees the floor very well. Max is just a steady player who rebounds very well." Powell, a lightning-quick point guard

in her third varsity season, is averaging 11 points per game while leading the Yellowjackets in assists.

DCD's two other starters are junior guard Maddie Novak (10 points per game) and junior forward Adrian Folks (13 points per game). Country Day's top players off the bench include senior guard Destiny Lewis and 6-foot-1 junior center Morgan Morrison.

"We've had balanced scoring and that's been the key for us this year," Orlando said. "We average, like, 65 points per game and that's a definitely strength for us.

"Plus, our chemistry is real good. They get along good and they try to do the best they can," he added. "I would say we need to work on our defense. We have given up more points this year than we have in the past, but the good thing is we score more."

Preparing for state tourney

Since DCD plays an independent schedule, the state tournament is always the focus.

Detroit Country Day will host a Class B district later this month that will include Center Line, Clawson, Ferndale, Ferndale University and Madison Heights Lamphere. The Yellowjackets have captured 20 straight district titles and will be heavily favored to extend the streak.

Orlando, the state's winningest coach with 774 victories, believes this team is capable of making another strong tournament run.

"It's been a formidable challenge, but things are going real well for us," said Orlando, in his 51st year of coaching — the last 37 at Country Day. "But I think this is a team that can compete for the title again.

"Whether we do it or not will depend on them. If they have the right attitude going into the playoffs, we can make some noise," he added. "I hope we will play some good basketball in the state tournament."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Seaholm scores big swim win over rival Groves, 97-89

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Seaholm upended district rival Groves, 97-89, Wednesday in an OAA Red Division boys swim meet at the Seaholm Aquatic Center.

Groves won six of the events, including two relays. The host Maples won five swim events, including the meet-clinching 400-yard freestyle relay.

Seaholm's double-winner was senior sprinter Michael Arpasi who touched first in both the 50 free (21.38) and 100 free (47.51). Junior Samuel Hoover won the 500 free (4:58.41) and sophomore Iain Bukowski took the 100 fly (54.22) as the other Maples individual winners. The Seaholm foursome of Arpasi, Hoover, junior Aidan O'Neill and Bukowski combined to take the 400 free relay in 3:22.01. Groves was a distant second — more than six seconds behind — in that event.

The lone double-winner for Groves was senior Patrick Seidel, who took the 200 IM (1:59.27) and the 100 breast (1:00.11). Sophomore A.J. Zako (200 free in 1:47.82) and senior Robert Hagner (100 back in 55.74) were the other Falcons winners. The Falcons foursome of Hagner, Seidel, sophomore Jackson Gugni and junior David Helton took the opening 200-yard medley relay in 1:38.13. Junior Hunter Reilly, Helton, Gugni and Zako combined to win the 200 free relay in 1:29.95.

Boys basketball

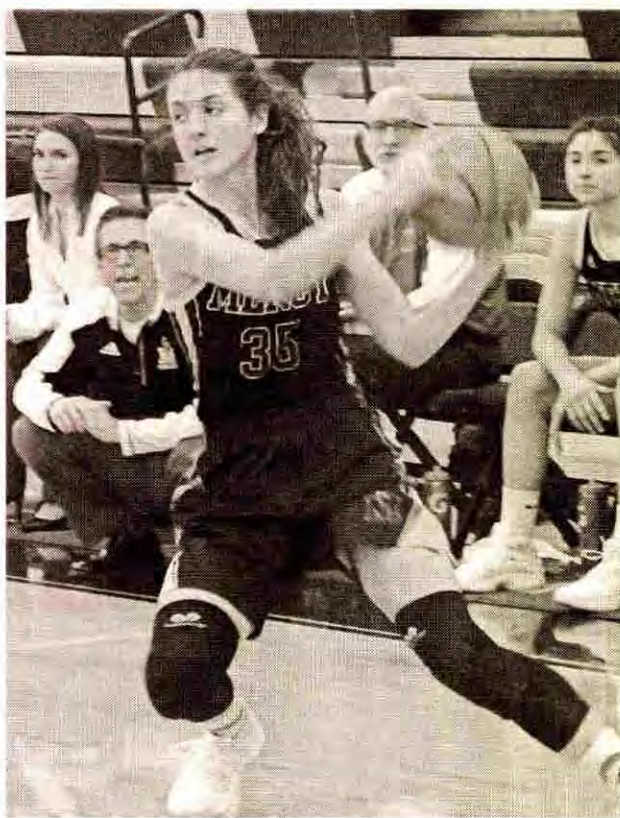
SEAHOLM 58, ROYAL OAK 42: Seaholm (OAA White) hosted Royal Oak (OAA Blue) Tuesday and netted this OAA crossover victory. Brady Flynn led the Maples with a game-high 21 points and teammate Cooper Mixon contributed 17. Joe Binkowski led the Ravens with 19 points.

INTER-CIT BAPTIST 54, ROEPER 41: Roeper trailed by only three points at halftime, but the host Chargers surged ahead to stay with a 22-8 third-quarter outburst. Evan Akasian paced the Roughriders with 14 points and teammate Jacob Gladney added 10.

HARRISON 59, BERKLEY 51: Harrison had a pair of double-digit scorers Feb. 2. Sophomore Eddie Lenton (16 points, six rebounds) and senior Kenneth Wesley (15 points, four steals) off the bench led the Hawks. "It was simply a good all-around team effort and win," first-year Harrison coach Jarrell Hogan said.

Girls basketball

MERCY 48, LADYWOOD 21: Host Farmington Mercy wrapped up a share of the Catholic League Central Division regular-season crown Feb. 2 on parents night. The Marlins never trailed, leading 14-5 after one quarter and 27-6 by halftime. "It was parents night and it



Senior co-captain Bella Dugas helped lead Mercy to a Central Division triumph over Ladywood. MARTY BUDNER

was a nice win because we got to play a lot of kids with a lot of minutes," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We had nine kids who scored and that was nice. I thought we played well at both ends of the floor — we shot the ball well and we defended well." Junior Annie Treharne led the offense with 13 points as the game's lone double-digit scorer. Senior Bella Dugas had seven points, while freshmen Julia Bishop, Alexis Roberts, Lindsay Lukomski scored six points apiece. Abbey Rippen led Ladywood with a nine-point effort. Mercy (13-2) posted a 10-2 Central Division mark and tied for first place with Bloomfield Hills Marian. "It was a nice way to finish up the Central Division," Morris said.

GROVES 63, SEAHOLM 23: OAA White Division co-leader Birmingham Groves held a 20-2 lead after one quarter and dominated this game Friday. Eleven different players scored for the Falcons, who canned 23 field goals, including four treys, to Seaholm's 10. Groves was led by senior Kayla Nelson's game-high 15 points. The next highest Falcons were sophomore Ellie Ruprich (11), senior Sha Carter (nine) and senior Kendall Pollard (seven). Seaholm's high scorers were junior Elise Carter with five and junior Lily Grills, senior

Riley Annear and sophomore Meredith Owens with four each. Groves is 12-2 and 8-1 in the OAA White.

SOUTHFIELD A&T 49, NORTH FARMINGTON 41: North Farmington's second-half rally was not enough to overcome a first-half deficit Tuesday in this OAA Red Division battle. The Raiders trailed 8-1 after the first quarter and 28-17 at halftime. North outscored the host Warriors by a 24-21 second-half margin, but fell short. Molly Simpson led the Raiders with 17 points and three assists, while teammate Sam Cherney added 14 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks. Hailey Samples chipped in eight points and six rebounds for the Raiders (11-5 overall, 6-3 Red).

GROVES 41, ROCHESTER 28: Groves improved to 13-2 overall Tuesday. Jasmine Worthy led all scorers with 15 points, while Groves teammate Lauren Palmer also hit double figures with 10. Groves is 9-1 in the OAA White and shares first place with Royal Oak.

Boys hockey

FARMINGTON 4, HARRISON-FARMINGTON 1: Farmington shot out to a 2-0 lead and skated to this victory Saturday. Joe Carbone and Kris Kozoro (eventual game-winner) scored first-period goals for the winners. Carbone finished with a hat trick after scoring a goal in each of the final two periods. Tanner Neill registered a pair of assists, while Collin Rea, Danny Heffron and Carter Wells also were credited with assists. Farmington goalie Grew Eaton made 18 saves to notch the win. The victory lifted Farmington to 8-7-5 overall and 4-5-2 in the OAA Red Division.

FARMINGTON 2, ROCHESTER UNITED 2: On Jan. 31, Farmington scored twice in the second period and finished with this draw in OAA Red Division play. Kris Kozoro and Tanner Neill scored for the Falcons.

Girls skiing

MARIAN 16, LADYWOOD/SACRED HEART 20: Junior Olivia Weymouth won both of her runs Tuesday to lead the Mustangs at Alpine Valley. Senior captain Madison Rosiek was second overall, while sophomore Emily Anschuetz was fifth and sophomore Lauren Scolari took eighth.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: Marian placed fourth in the Catholic League championship meet Wednesday. Sophomore Emily Anschuetz was seventh in the giant slalom and ninth in the slalom to reach the podium twice. Madison Rosiek was fifth overall in the giant slalom. Ainsley Vanneste, Luran Scolari and freshman Lauren Emerson also had notable performances for the Mustangs.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Rice skates to another tight triumph over NDA

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Brother Rice and Notre Dame (Wis.) Academy met Feb. 2 for the third time in the past four years in the annual MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

Both of their previous two games ended in a 1-0 Rice victory. Incredibly, the teams played to the same result this year.

Talented Rice junior defense Ethan Nystrom scored a goal late in the second period that stood up as the game-winner.

"I know we've had great games and we've had close games in the past," said second-year Brother Rice head coach Ken Chaput, whose team hiked its overall record to 9-8-1-1. "Both coaches were talking and we like playing each other. It's fun hockey. It's fast hockey. It's not usually chippy, it's just good, old-fashioned up-and-down play.

"I wouldn't say I was expecting another low-scoring game, but I was expecting a tight game if both teams played hard," he added. "We've had our ups and downs as of late, but we played well tonight and that was good to see."

Nystrom's goal came with just five seconds to play in the middle period on a long shot from the point that found its way into the net. Senior defender Will McLellan and senior forward Dominick DiPonio drew the assists.

"It was one of those situations where it was late in the period and we wanted to get it deep and it just got by (NDA goalie Bo Buckley)," Chaput said. "I don't know if (Buckley) was screened or not. But you know what? I told the boys we'll take it, because they really worked hard in that second period and really carried the play down at that end.



Brother Rice forward Nick Dippre (right) and Notre Dame Academy forward Bryce Poshak fight along the boards. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

They deserved it."

Brother Rice senior goalie Pierce Cadieux stopped all 14 shots he faced to notch his first shutout of the season. Notre Dame entered averaging four goals per game, but could not slip one past Cadieux, although the Tritons did hit two posts.

Notre Dame did pick up its play throughout the second half of the final period, outshooting Rice by a 7-5 margin in the last 17 minutes. However, Cadieux and the stellar play of defensemen McLellan, Nystrom, Joe Gammicchia and Nick Deppre helped preserve Cadieux's shutout.

"Pierce played well and he was solid and the team did a nice job in front of him," Chaput said. "That's a very good program over there and we've played them many times over the last nine years since I've been here. So we expected a lot and we love playing them."

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PREP WRESTLING

Seaholm captures team district over Southfield

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At last year's Division 1 wrestling team district tournament, Birmingham Seaholm lost in a close semifinal match to host Southfield A&T. The Maples avenged that disappointing defeat Wednesday.

Head coach Neil Tuomi's Maples captured the team district title with a 36-30 victory over Southfield A&T. Seaholm advanced to the title match with a nice 52-21 triumph over city rival Groves.

The team district crown is Tuomi's sixth in his eight years as head coach. He will tell you this one was the most satisfying.

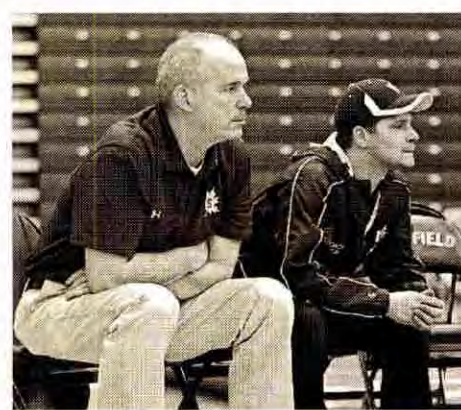
"It was awesome," said Tuomi, whose team posted a 14-10 overall record, which included a 0-5 mark in the OAA Red Division. "This was the best we wrestled all year, by far. Every single kid on the team wrestled so good and that doesn't happen too often.

"This was the most satisfying, because we beat quality teams and our kids beat kids who had beaten them before," he added. "It was a great because Groves beat us earlier this year. And Southfield won the (OAA) White (Division) and we beat them, so that was awesome."

The key match for Seaholm against Southfield was at 125 pounds, where freshman Jackson Vance registered a 3-1 victory over Garrett Johnson, an Oakland County meet placer.

Vance, who placed fourth in the Oakland County meet at 140 pounds, was one six Seaholm wrestlers who won two matches.

Marcus Manzo, a 171-pound senior who placed sixth at the Oakland County meet, registered a last-second 8-4



Head coach Neil Tuomi (left) led Birmingham Seaholm to its sixth team district title in his eight years as head coach Wednesday. FILE PHOTO

victory over Southfield's Derek Carter. In the semifinal match, Manzo defeated Groves' Jacob Smith who had placed third at the Oakland County meet.

In each instance, Manzo defeated wrestlers who had beaten him earlier this season.

Senior Nick Law (145 pounds), who holds the school record for wins with 145, senior Dominick Campbell (152), junior Chase Mentag (189) and freshman Cayden Donley (103) were Seaholm's other double-winners.

Seaholm now advances to the regional round of the team state tournament, where it will meet highly-regarded Hartland in one semifinal. The other regional semifinal will feature Walled Lake Central vs. Warren Mott.

Hartland will host the regional. Tuomi is assisted by Steve Stein, Bruce Amake, Curtis Trimble, Jon Tappan, Jerry Bugarelli and Matt Twomey.

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Howie's decision to go to EMU not just about football

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Ever since Alex Howie's mom Cindy died in August 2015 after a long battle with cancer, the Salem offensive lineman vowed to do whatever it took to honor her memory.

That mission actually began the day following Cindy Howie's death, when Alex participated in the Rocks' Blue-White scrimmage.

During a brief, informal National Signing Day ceremony Wednesday, Howie made it official that he'll be playing Division I football at Eastern Michigan University — the same place his mom attended.



Among those on hand at Salem High School were his dad Dennis, along with Salem football head coach Kurt Britnell and defensive coordinator Kevin Biga.

"The last two years of high school, I went into every day thinking, 'I want to make her proud,'" Howie said Wednesday. "That's just the motivation that pushed me every day."

"I know she always wanted someone to play in college, she wanted to see her son play in college. I have two older brothers; they decided not to (play college football). They had opportunities, but (Nick) is going to law school and (Ben) is in the Marines right now. When I saw I had an opportunity, I wanted to take every bit of advantage of it."

Britnell, who said he has had a close bond with the Howie family for a number of years, said the offensive guard's decision was about football and finding a comfortable spot.

But honoring the memory of his mother indeed might have played a role.

"That was a long battle that Cindy went through. Maybe it's part of it, she went to Eastern," Britnell said. "That might be a special thing for him, you know? Just to kind of live vicariously and knowing that she was there at some point."

Howie, a 6-4, 310-pound player with outstanding agility and speed for an athlete of his size, finally chose between



Salem offensive lineman Alex Howie, shown during his senior season, will play football at Eastern Michigan University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Eastern and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"It came down to gut feelings, where I felt more comfortable," Howie said. "To me, the place where I felt more comfortable and more at home was the place I could really thrive and develop in."

EMU coach Chris Creighton and his staff are planning for Howie to be red-shirted as a freshman, with an eye on the 2019 starting lineup. He could play guard, but might also move to center at some point.

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Howie, a four-year standout for the Rocks who cut his teeth growing up as a young player at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

"I'm going to just hit it running," he said. "Do my best these next couple months before I arrive on college and try to best prepare myself for what's going to happen."

"In my red-shirt year, (I'll) just try to be the best I can be and try to help the team as much as possible."

According to Britnell, the sky is the limit for Howie when he finally does crack the Eagles' lineup against competition in the Mid-American Conference.

"I think he has a high ceiling," Britnell said. "Just from an overall strength perspective and a football perspective and athleticism perspective, I think he'll do well and prosper there."

Britnell added that Howie — consistently ranked one of the state's top prospects the past couple of years — always was as strong player. But he ramped it up considerably in 2017, a season capped by Salem's first playoff berth in 25 years.

"He just had that finisher mentality, a little bit of a nastiness to him this year that we didn't see as much his junior year," Britnell said, "and his character is unmatched."

"I love him, I love his family. He's the third brother to come through here. Being close with his dad and, obviously, going through everything with the family with his mom, they're just a special family."

Stepping up

Howie said he took a big step forward during summer 2017, when he trained at Barwis Methods in Plymouth.

"My junior year, I played at about 290 and that was the first off-season where I didn't play basketball," said Howie, also a thrower for Salem's varsity boys track and field team. "I wasn't used to it, so my weight jumped up to 330."

"And then (last) summer with Barwis Methods, I dropped back down to 290 and I was much lighter and explosive on my feet."

That is certain to be a winning combo in the MAC as the Eagles continue an impressive rebuild under Creighton (who just completed his fourth season at the helm).

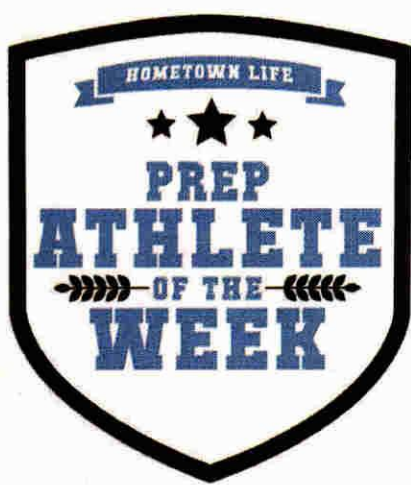
"They're on the upswing and he can be a part of that," Britnell said. "It's a building program. He's been a part of that here and took us to the next level. Maybe he can do that, be a part of that at Eastern."

"With their facility upgrades, it's a special class (of 2018) they've built and he can be a part of it."

In some way, so will Cindy Howie.

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PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ASHLEY CRISCENTI

BASKETBALL
SENIOR
CANTON CHIEFS

Canton senior girls basketball player Ashley Criscenti was named Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after topping the poll for the period ending Feb. 3.

Criscenti, 17, garnered 8,570 of the total 20,229 votes cast for an impressive 42.36 percent. She outlasted strong challenges from Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior swimmer Jonathan Lee (5,538, 27.38 percent) and Farmington United junior gymnast Kacey Noseworthy (5,113, 25.28 percent).

"I really appreciate all the votes from my family, friends and teammates," noted Criscenti, about the award. "There are some amazing athletes

all-around us so I feel very honored to win."

Criscenti was nominated for her strong performance in all facets on Feb. 2 against

Livonia Franklin. She registered a double-double, with 14 points and 10 rebounds (along with five steals) in the Chiefs' 54-18 victory.

"My team came ready to play with great defense and we shared the ball very well on offense which gave me some great opportunity," she added.

The weekly honor is icing on the cake of what Criscenti said has been a "very special" senior season.

"We have some big wins against Novi and Salem," she said. "I've also had an amazing coaching staff who have made this season the best one yet."



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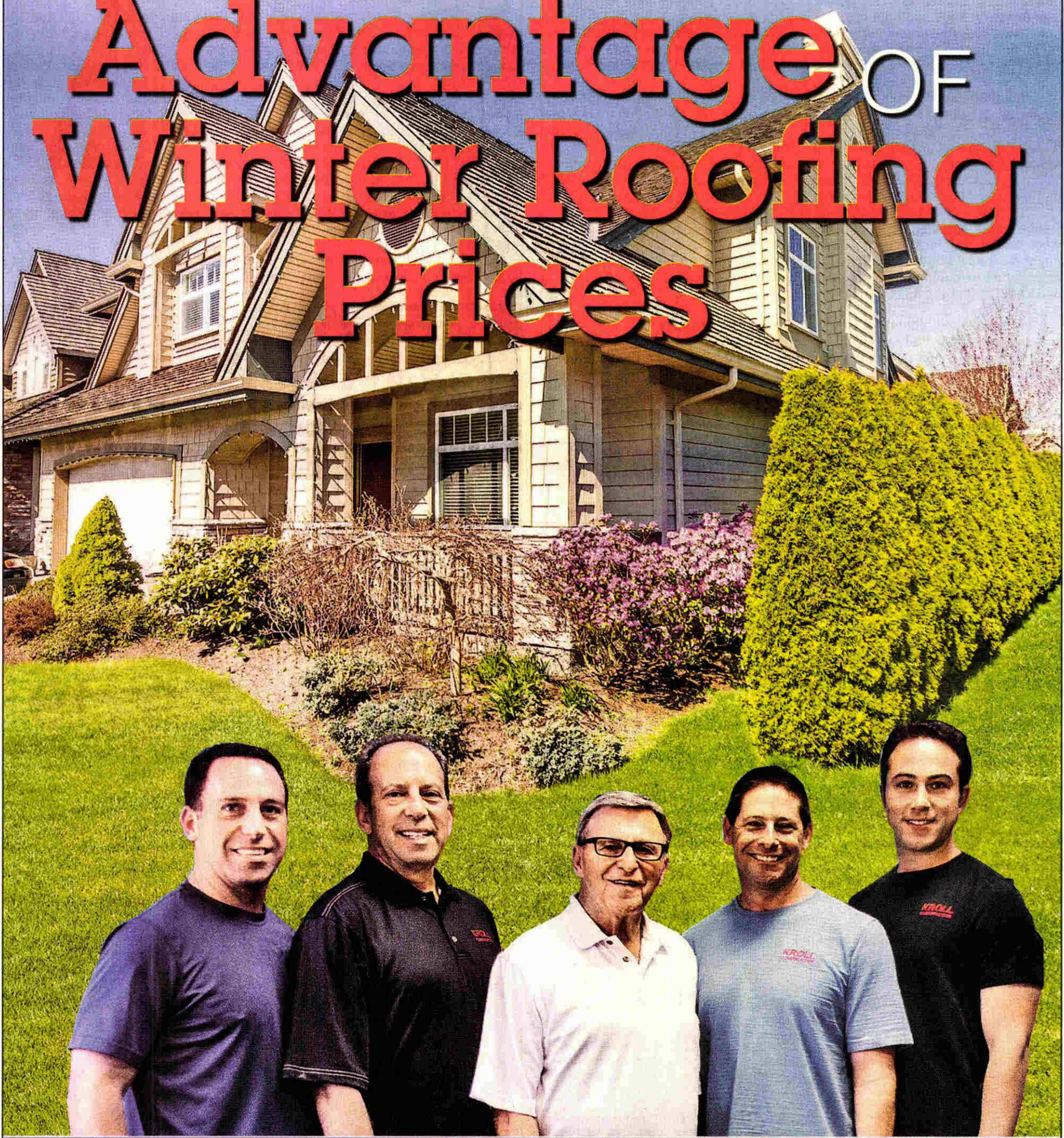
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A copy of the RFP will be available on our website at www.southredford.org by February 23, 2018. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018, at 10:00 am at Jan W. Jacobs Educational Service Center, 26141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI 48239.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on April 4, 2018. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the South Redford School District and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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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 27, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2018-01-01-01 submitted by Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C. pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 36900 and 36910 Mallory Drive (former Clay Elementary School site) from PL (Public Lands) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60' x 120' lots) and the property at 16600 Newburgh Road and a portion of the property at 16700 Newburgh Road from R-3 (One Family Residential - 80' x 120' lots) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60' x 120' lots), located at the east side of Newburgh Road between Five Mile and Six Mile Road in the Northwest ¼ of Section 17.

Petition 2018-01-02-02 submitted by Haggerty Square requesting special waiver use approval pursuant to Article XX of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, to develop a Planned General Development consisting of a proposed retail shopping center and multi-family housing development under a single unified plan called Haggerty Center, at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty Road, located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile Road and Eight Mile Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 6.

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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Building Renovations - Summer 2018 Projects (Addendum #3)

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor bids for all labor, material, equipment and all other services to complete the **Proposal F- Rough/Finish Carpentry and Proposal E - Masonry** work at Livonia Public Schools - Webster Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Jackson Early Childhood Center, Career Technological Center, and various building entry elements.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via Pipeline Suites through George W. Auch Co. and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248-334-2000, on or after **January 11th, 2018**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by French Associates. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from ARC Document Solutions, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 or email michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company and the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Administrative Offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, February 16th, 2018** to Livonia Administrative Offices (address above), Attn: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. No bids will be received at the George W. Auch Company Office; all bids must be sent to the Livonia Administrative Offices.

A Bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of \$23,881.00. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Contractors will be required to meet the Prevailing Wage requirements which are provided with the project manual.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 7th at 10:00am** starting at Churchill High School - 8900 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150). From there we will travel to the other buildings. **This walk through is not mandatory, but highly recommended.** Please meet in the main entrance/lobby.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting convened at the Livonia Administrative Offices in Lower Board Room starting at 2:00 pm on February 16th, 2018.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012 and the Equal Opportunity Form.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Phillip Francis
Director of Operations

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Older workers should watch for these trends

BY ERIC TITNER
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Attention baby boomers — not all trends are created equal. Each year, we see a variety of new workplace trends take hold, which often vary by industry, geography and even individual demographics. One of these factors is age — simply put, there are factors in the job world that affect older individuals differently, based on their level of experience, personal needs, comfort level in a rapidly changing work environment and longevity in the job market.

Baby boomers (individuals born between 1946 and 1964), face some unique issues and challenges in the work world. This aging population possesses a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise, but is growing older in a workplace that increasingly prizes youth and vitality, and many are approaching the age where retirement is a consideration. According to a recent Pew Research Center study, approximately 29 percent of the workforce in the United States — which represents approximately 45 million workers — is part of the baby boomer generation. Although this number continues to shrink each year, it's still a significant amount of people. Therefore,



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it's worth taking a closer look at the trends these older workers can expect to encounter in today's workplace.

More flexible work arrangements

Although this may not seem like much of a departure from the norm for younger workers, older workers who are typically more used to the traditional Monday to Friday, 9-to-5 office arrangement may need some time to get used to the changing notion of what it means to be "at work." Advances in technology have made it easier than ever before to work remotely and telecommute — and older workers will get the

opportunity to take advantage of the flexibility this allows.

Baby boomers who work in fields in which telecommuting is a viable option and possess the technical knowhow can expect to encounter more flexible work arrangements. This is often a good thing, allowing for a faster, easier and less expensive commute to the office — which might just mean walking into another room in your house.

Rise in contract employment

Another trend that may hit baby boomers harder than their younger counterparts is the change in how employers

are hiring individuals to meet their needs. Many companies are embracing leaner approaches to staffing by using technology to get more work done with less people on their payrolls.

Companies are also increasingly relying on unorthodox work arrangements, relying more on contract, freelance and part-time workers to get things done.

These new workplace arrangements typically don't include benefits like medical and dental insurance, which usually become more essential as workers get older, so workers are going to have to get creative and seek out

alternative means for coverage. Another element missing from most forms of contract employment is retirement benefits, which will impact how workers prepare and save for retirement in the future.

Delaying retirement

A growing trend that many older workers are facing is the notion of having to delay exiting the workforce for as long as possible.

According to a recent article by U.S. News & World Report, this can be attributable to a wide range of factors, including older workers not having enough money saved, needing health insurance, desiring to stay active and productive and simply enjoying working and passing on their knowledge and skills to a new generation of employees.

These are the biggest trends older workers can expect to encounter in 2018. Those employees who will prove most successful in coping with a rapidly evolving workplace will stay one step ahead of these shifts and strategize accordingly.

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By Dale Buss

Auto brands have always been Super Bowl advertising stalwarts, but as the robust U.S. sales boom has leveled off over the last year or so, the Big Game may be looming as a less attractive platform.

So far, Lexus, Toyota, Kia and Hyundai have been the only nameplates to confirm that they'll be fielding advertisements during Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis on February 4. That is following a Super Bowl in 2017 which pumped \$70.7 million into game network Fox's coffers, according to Ad Age, a 38-percent decline from the \$113.4 million that the network snared from car advertisers during the

game just three years earlier. With 2017 U.S. sales representing the first annual decline in eight years, automakers may just be keepin' more powder dry to finance new needs such as more robust consumer financing incentives.

Other factors include the fact that some brands that have been big Super Bowl advertisers in the past increasingly rely on other "tintpole" TV events where they've got a primary or sponsorship position; Audi, for example, now expends a lot of resources annually on its partnership with TV's Emmy Awards. Cadillac has been focusing on the Oscars.

In any event, Toyota is returning to the Super Bowl with two 60-second spots, one of which will focus on its extensive Winter Olympics sponsorship; the games are in Japan this quadrennial. The company sat out



Veteran paralympian Amy Purdy is part of Toyota's winter marketing

last year's Big Game after running ads annually from 2012 through 2016.

Lexus plans a tie-in with the new movie Black Panther by Marvel Studios, with the protagonist driving a Lexus LS 500. Kia's teaser for its ad in its ninth straight Super Bowl shows car-racing icon Emerson Fittipaldi checking out the new Kia Stinger performance model at a race track.

Hyundai has been running a teaser for its Super Bowl LII ad that promises it will "surprise millions" one year after the widely acclaimed Hyundai "live" ad in last year's Big Game in which it "surprised three families" by connecting them with their loved ones in the military thousands of miles away. The brand has said that this year's ad will also involve content generated on game day and that it will boost Hyundai's considerable efforts to help battle pediatric cancer.

Hyundai also plans a spot to promote

CEO Sergio Marchionne declaring this week that FCA can become a "top performer" financially -- to believe the company won't participate this year.

If FCA was eager to show its colors in the past when things weren't quite as rosy as now -- remember the iconic commercial with Eminem called "Born of Fire," and the ad, "Farmer," which included the late Paul Harvey in an authentic voiceover, for instance -- the company certainly will be eager to now.

As for General Motors, at least one of its brands usually has participated in the Super Bowl, but Buick for sure has indicated it is sitting out, planning instead to focus on its substantial sponsorship of March Madness.

Ford doesn't advertise in the Super Bowl anymore, often preferring to occupy a TV slot right before the actual kickoff of the Big Game. And Honda has said it's sitting on the sidelines this year.



Hyundai's new small SUV, Kona, will be in its Super Bowl advertising



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Birmingham locale
 - 8 Holy See leaders
 - 13 Largest living bird
 - 20 One vilifying in print
 - 21 Spitz relative
 - 22 City WSW of Albany
 - 23 Aroma source
 - 24 Former NBAer Odom
 - 25 Most humble
 - 26 Own delicately pretty baby enclosures?
 - 29 With 32-Across, tourist's reference
 - 30 Baseballer Hershiser
 - 31 Rhine feeder
 - 32 See 29-Across
 - 35 People put aside their pride for a while?
 - 43 Posed for a painting, e.g.
 - 46 Mineo of film
 - 47 Tidbits
 - 48 Log splitter
 - 49 Bring on 53 Turbine part
 - 56 "Weird Al" Yankovic hit
 - 57 Pinched a chubby shrink?
 - 61 Pet's jingler
 - 62 Gluck's "— ed Euridice"
 - 63 My, in Milan
 - 64 "Ammo" pair
 - 67 "New Math" singer Tom
 - 69 "The Donald"
 - 72 Shiite, e.g.
 - 75 Stubborn beast
 - 76 Not at home
 - 79 Wage hike
 - 82 Open spot in a forest
 - 83 "Airplane!" co-star created an online fund-transfer service?
 - 88 Large parrot
 - 91 Exotic juice berry
 - 92 India or Iran
 - 93 Park it
 - 94 Astounds
 - 96 "Yay, team!"
 - 98 Geezers
 - 100 Turn down a mawkish sea monster?
 - 106 USN rank
 - 107 Chip or nick
 - 108 Large feline
 - 109 See 85-Down
 - 113 What this puzzle's long answers are anagrams of
 - 120 Enchant openly
 - 123 PC character format
 - 124 Some suede
 - 125 In pieces
 - 126 Diadem's kin
 - 127 Prayer rug user, say
 - 128 Hot springs
 - 129 Lucifer
 - 130 50- — (some long field goals)
- DOWN**
- 1 Maui "hello"
 - 2 Detection system that uses a laser
 - 3 Higher than
 - 4 Deprive (of), as through absence
 - 5 "When I was — ..."
 - 6 Actress Suvari
 - 7 Intro class for painters
 - 8 Trifling
 - 9 Signed off on
 - 10 Zits
 - 11 List-curtailling abbr.
 - 12 Poet Teasdale
 - 13 Tuba sound
 - 14 Disdain
 - 15 Many a rave attendee
 - 16 Soldiers on "M*A*S*H"
 - 17 Salt additive?
 - 18 Dol. parts
 - 19 Fez or kepi
 - 27 "Just joking!"
 - 28 "Yahoo!"
 - 32 Beef or ham
 - 33 Opposing
 - 34 "Hey, I've got a secret ..."
 - 36 Maintain
 - 37 Essential
 - 38 Boise setting
 - 39 Volcanic flow
 - 40 Actor Ladd
 - 41 JFK was one
 - 42 Bog material
 - 43 Philippines' capital
 - 44 Lime, silica and rust
 - 45 — of despair
 - 50 The, to Franz
 - 51 Roosevelt's successor
 - 52 Higher than 54 "Rambo" site, for short
 - 55 Yale student
 - 58 Duffer's goal
 - 59 "— joking!"
 - 60 Thanksgiving staple
 - 64 Slip by
 - 65 In-flight
 - 66 Puts in a blast furnace
 - 68 Singer Clark
 - 70 Singer Aimee
 - 71 Bread for a gyro
 - 73 Kampala site
 - 74 Cunning
 - 77 Signer of SALT I and II
 - 78 Quirky habit
 - 80 Unit for Graf
 - 81 Mandate
 - 83 Ill-defined locale
 - 84 Astonishes
 - 85 With 109-Across, zilch
 - 86 Apothecary's bottle
 - 87 Roo's friend
 - 88 Produced
 - 89 Revival reply
 - 90 Gives the boot
 - 95 Selection of chocolates
 - 97 Spiteful, violent sort
 - 99 Ground, as the teeth
 - 101 Daily news sources
 - 102 Inquire nosily
 - 103 TV host Meredith
 - 104 Old Greek
 - 105 Cookout pest
 - 110 "Swan Lake" villainess
 - 111 Watchdog Ralph
 - 112 People ogling
 - 113 Attila's bunch
 - 114 Secretary, say
 - 115 Giant tubs
 - 116 Yemen
 - 117 Really gross
 - 118 Octa- + one
 - 119 Fancy water jug
 - 120 Luggage item
 - 121 Dialect suffix
 - 122 Man

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7				1				3
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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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O T N A R G I M S N O M N R S M H B D C
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ANSWER KEY

WORDS

- ABDOMEN
- ABIOTIC
- ACCLIMATION
- AERODYNAMIC
- AFTERFEATHER
- AIR
- ALBUMEN
- BEND
- BICONICAL
- BILL
- BIODIVERSITY
- BIPEDAL
- BIRDS
- BLIND
- BREAST
- BROOD
- CACHING
- CALAMUS
- CAMBER
- CARRION
- CLUTCH
- DIURNAL
- DIVE
- DORSAL
- DOWN
- EGGS
- FORMATION
- MEMBRANE
- MIGRANT
- MOLT
- NICITATING
- NOCTURNAL
- PECTORAL
- ROOST
- SACS
- WING

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

IMPROVED PUZZLES!
After our first week of feedback, we've made adjustments to the template to retain the original size of the Word Search puzzle. We've also inverted the answer key while maintaining the new crossword size.

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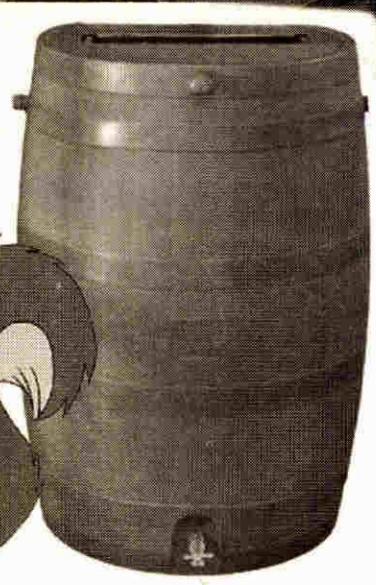


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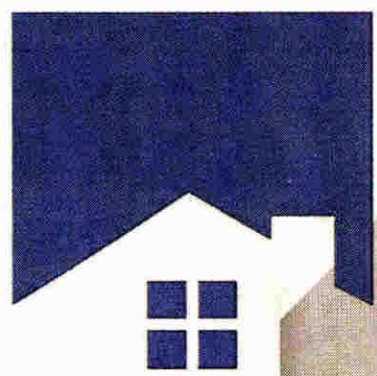
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