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Wayne voters to decide on library millage

Officials hope to restore staffing levels and hours

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Wayne voters will have one more item on their August primary ballots this year.

The Wayne City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to send a millage increase request to voters to provide additional funding for the city's library. The request would double the amount

currently collected for the library, located at 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Library leaders say the facility has been hit hard with the current economic downturn and needs additional funding to be able to provide the services desired by city residents, including extending hours.

"At its best time of funding, the library's one mill was worth \$750,000. The library was also able to receive funds from the city of Wayne, as well as the Downtown Development Authority. Because of current circumstances, those are no longer the case," said Steven McGladdery, the library director. "In

fact, the library now pays \$50,000 to the city for administrative fees from one mill that is worth \$350,000 today."

The millage request, which will be voted on in the Aug. 7 primary election, would add another mill to the city's tax bills for residents. McGladdery said this additional amount, if approved, would total about \$35 additionally on the winter tax bill. The millage would expire after 10 years.

McGladdery said, if approved, residents could see increased hours at the library, which is currently open 31 hours over five days a week, and more staff. Ed Marman, president of the library

board, said restoring hours is a big concern among residents, one he hears about on a regular basis. Approving this millage, he said, would make strides to restoring how long the library is open.

"People want to come in in the evenings more. They want to come in on Sundays," he said. "The additional one mill will not probably allow us to open all the hours we were open before, but we're going to open as many as we possibly can."

Bringing in more staff would also mean the return of the volunteer pro-

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Ryan Cabildo, Jennifer Romero and David Romero are ready to serve you at Karma Coffee & Kitchen in Wayne. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Cafe brings good coffee, food to downtown Wayne

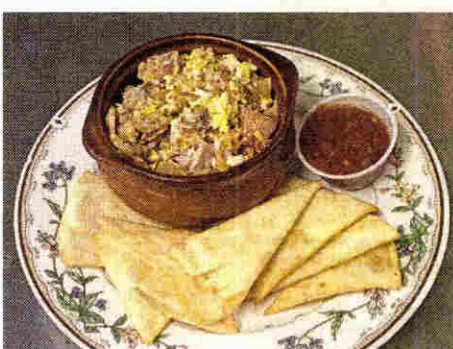
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A sign on the back door beckons customers: Enter for Good Karma.

That's what David and Jennifer Romero want for customers at Karma Coffee & Kitchen, a warm, friendly place in downtown Wayne.

"We want to make people feel better when they leave than they did when they came in," David Romero said.

It worked for customer Tony Miller, who found comfort inside the cozy cafe as he stopped by one dreary, rainy day for coffee and a chicken cordon bleu grilled wrap.



The Good Morning Bowl is ready to be served. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I love this place," he said. "It has the best atmosphere."

It should. The Romeros spent a year fixing up a former party store that was left for dead, a vacant eyesore at 35634 Michigan Ave., in Wayne's business district.

They power-washed and scraped clean the original tin ceiling of a building that dates back to 1925. After four coats of metallic gold paint, it's a gem.

"It was so ugly, but I thought it had potential," Jennifer Romero said.

They painted the walls Moroccan red, stacked board games on a shelf for customers to play, brought in an electric fireplace for warmth and made the place as much like home as they could.

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Witness: Shooting victim 'did not deserve this'

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Cheryl Vatcher Martin couldn't sleep after witnessing the aftermath of a Tuesday night shooting in Canton Township.

"It's traumatic to see a gunshot victim," said Martin, who arrived at the Salvation Army store on Joy Road at Morton Taylor just before a man with a gun there tried to steal a woman's vehicle, then shot the woman and fled to a nearby neighborhood, where he stole a car.

"You do not expect to see somebody shot," said Martin, of Belleville. "All I could think about was, 'Why is this happening in Canton?' This poor woman did not deserve this."

The incidents in Canton, which began around 9 p.m. Tuesday, were the first in a series of crimes that took the gunman and police through Plymouth and Northville townships to Highland Park and Detroit, where, police said, the suspect was found dead on the

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Police tracked a suspect in connection to a crime spree that went from Canton to Northville Township to Highland Park to Detroit, where he exchanged shots with troopers and was later found dead. BRANDON PATTERSON | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Shooting

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city's east side Wednesday morning after exchanging shots with officers.

The suspect, identified later as Allan Farris, 56, had multiple gunshot wounds and no law enforcement officers were struck. The Michigan State Police and officers from several local departments were involved in the manhunt.

Martin and her husband, Gerald Martin, both U.S. Army veterans, hadn't been in the Salvation Army store more than a few minutes before the shooting.

"I heard commotion. I heard screaming," said Martin, who had been browsing women's clothing while her husband looked at record albums. "I heard somebody say somebody got shot."

Martin saw the victim on the floor near the cash registers. She was conscious and bleeding from the right thigh, she said.

"It was bad, but she looked like she would be OK," Martin said. Police said the woman was hospitalized and in stable condition.

Martin wasn't sure how the woman got into the store.

"She came running into the store or somebody carried her," she said. "I cannot say for sure."

Martin, who uses a walker, abandoned it to find cushions to elevate the shooting victim's head and



The Canton Salvation Army store parking lot was the scene of a shooting and carjacking. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

legs. She gave them to an employee and they ended up being used, she said. "The people at the Salvation Army were wonderful," she said.

A police officer arrived quickly, followed a minute or less later by paramedics. Martin was grateful for the first responders.

"When somebody's laying there, you don't want another second to go by. But I knew they would be there," she said. "They did an excellent job."

Martin believes she and her husband saw the shooter as they arrived at the store in a rainstorm.

A man was standing outside, pacing; he and Martin made eye contact and "I just knew something was

wrong," she said. The couple parked their vehicle and hustled inside.

"I just felt something was off, because people don't usually stand in the dark in the pouring rain," she said. "It just didn't seem right."

Police in Canton couldn't immediately provide details, but Plymouth Township Police Lt. Dan Kudra that said after the carjacking attempt outside the store, the gunman apparently went to a nearby house in Canton, fired shots there and stole a Buick Regal. A woman was reportedly wounded in that incident but details on her status weren't available at press time.

Officers saw what was thought to be the stolen car on northbound Sheldon, but lost sight of it, Kudra said, then learned the Regal had crashed at Five Mile and Sheldon in Northville Township.

Police set up a perimeter in that area to try to locate the gunman, police said, but several hours later learned he had escaped by stealing a woman's car outside the CVS drug store at the intersection.

The gunman had forced the car's driver to accompany him, Kudra said. Northville Township Police Lt. Mike Burrough said the woman was able to escape from him in Highland Park and contact police there. She was not hurt, Burrough said.

The Detroit Free Press contributed reporting for this story.

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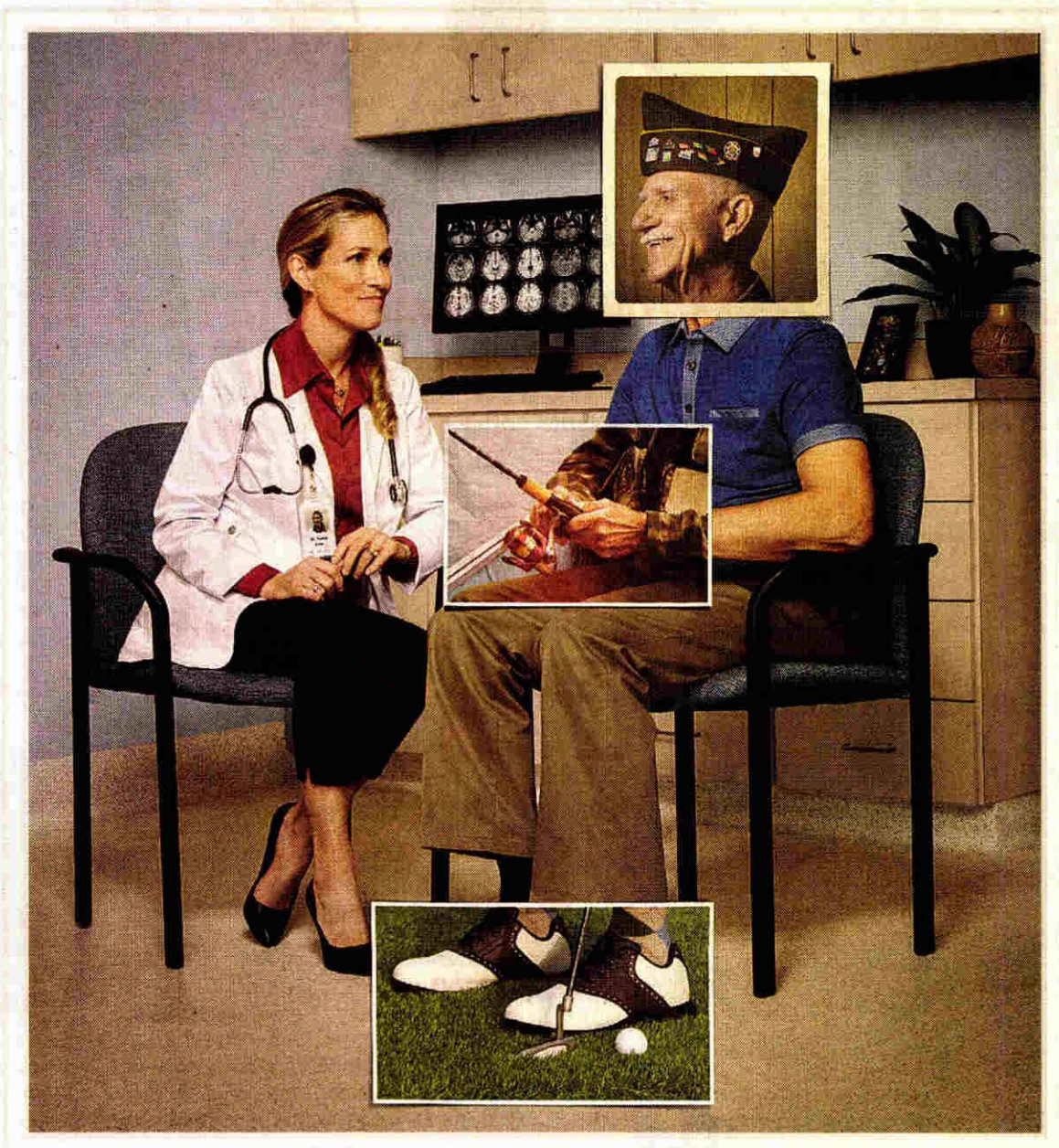
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House to speak at Harvard program

Charles House, Westland's economic development director, will speak at the Harvard Graduate School of Design Urban Retail Executive Education Program that will take place June 25-27 at the Harvard Law School Campus in Cambridge, Mass. House joined the administration in March of this year after more than 25 years of experience as a sales manage-



House

ment professional, including work with General Growth Properties, an S&P 500 company focused exclusively on owning, managing, leasing and redeveloping high-quality real estate properties throughout the United States.

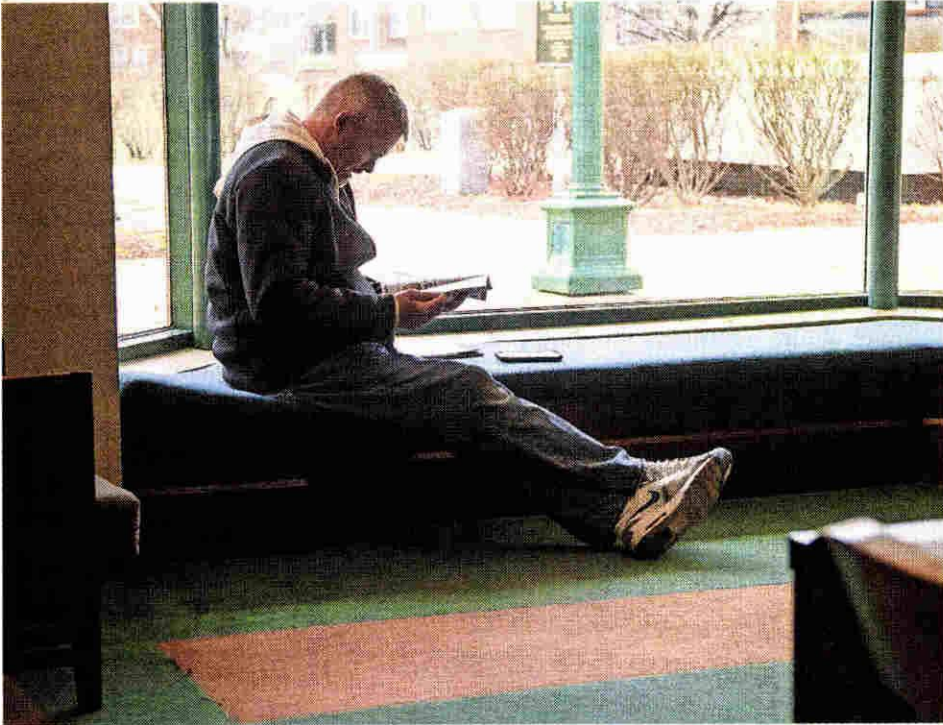
The event examines the planning approaches, retail design and merchandising principles necessary for the

creation of place-based commerce. The program explores the practical science of analyzing and adjusting all elements known to affect a consumer's mood in the marketplace and how that informs design and development principles for reviving retail and establishing viable commerce.

"I am honored to have been asked to speak at the Urban Retail Executive

Education program," House said. "My lecture will entail information regarding retail development and leasing principles and how they have changed and adapted to our current technological and economic climate against the backdrop of changes in consumer trends."

The event is designed for developers, retailers, architects, landscape architects, planners and city officials.



The Wayne Public Library will be asking voters for additional money this year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Library

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gram, which requires staff supervision. More computers, WiFi hot spots available to check out and new copiers could also come if the additional money is raised.

"That's just the beginning," McGladery said.

Marman said a positive campaign committee is being formed and will dis-

tribute information surrounding the proposal, with its goal of being passed later this year.

"The citizens committee has their act together and they're ready to roll," Marman said. "Everything from knocking on doors to sending things through the mail."

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Jennifer Romero said most people spend much of their time at work and at home.

"We want to be the third place they go to," she said.

Karma Coffee & Kitchen represents a compromise for the couple. She wanted a coffee shop. He wanted a restaurant where he could use the executive chef skills he honed at Oakland Community College.

"This is a melting pot where we could do both," he said.

It's certainly not a typical coffee shop. Sure, customers can find homemade pastries such as Bavarian cream and chocolate turnovers, cinnamon rolls, blueberry lemon parfait muffins and pie bites.

"The cake pops are the best," said Miller, a regular customer.

But customers can find meatloaf, barbecue pork and fried chicken sandwiches, a veggie reuben and a sweet bean burger made with a sweet potato and pinto bean patty and other fixings on a brioche bun.

Crave breakfast? The cafe serves breakfast burritos, bowls and sandwiches, including the Fit To Be Hog, a two-egg omelette filled with bacon, ham, cheddar and potatoes on a sub bun.

"We make everything here," David Romero said. "I'd say 95 percent of what we serve is made here."

Karma Coffee & Kitchen offers catering and has hosted special parties for Valentine's Day and events such as one that featured a four-course meal based on recipes that the Romeros found in a cookbook by the late horror film actor Vincent Price.

That gave David Romero a real chance to show his culinary skills, using recipes Price gathered from his favorite U.S. restaurants. It featured hot shrimp in a meat sauce, a la Sardi's of New York; endive and beet salad, like the one from Antoine's in New Orleans; Cornish hen with orange sauce, brown wild rice and asparagus, like that made at a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts restaurant; and, for dessert, a hazelnut torte recipe from Luchow's of New York.

Romero plans to use Price's cookbook as the influence for other special parties featuring food from countries such as France, Spain and Italy.



Customer Stacy Tompkins of Wayne ordered the Good Morning Bowl at Karma Coffee & Kitchen. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

gathers after normal cafe hours to watch animation films, play cards and, of course, dine. And one night each week, one of the regular customers is an older gentleman befriended by the couple's 5-year-old daughter Isabella. The two have dinner together once a week.

Isabella loves being at the cafe. "She's the boss," Jennifer Romero said.

The Romeros once had another coffee shop in Wayne, but they eventually gave it up because they didn't have room to grow and serve food like they can at their new place.

"This allows me to entertain our customers through food and conversation," David Romero said. "It has always been my dream to have my own restaurant."

Their focus in on their customers. Still, it seems they've found a little good karma of their own.

Karma Coffee & Kitchen hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The cafe can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/karmacoffeshop/>. The phone number is 734-589-0304.

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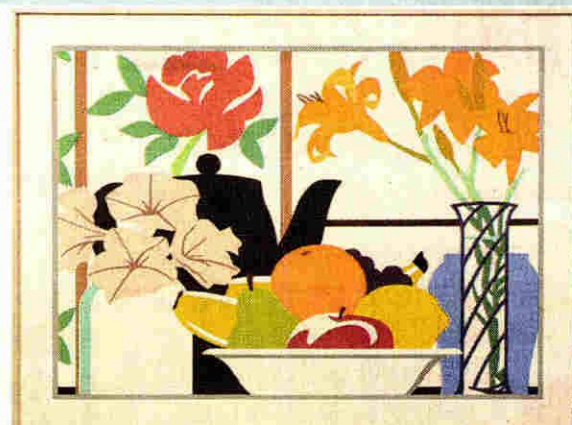
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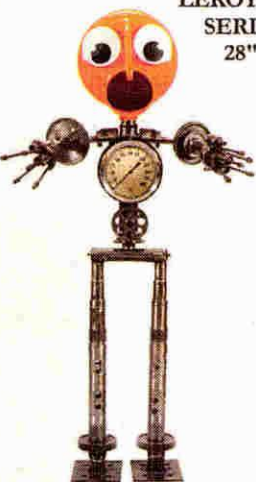
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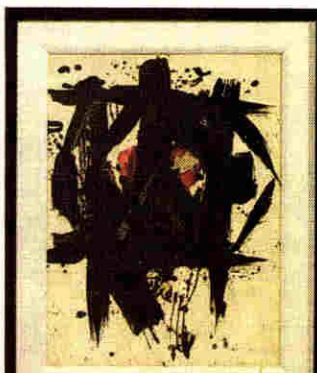
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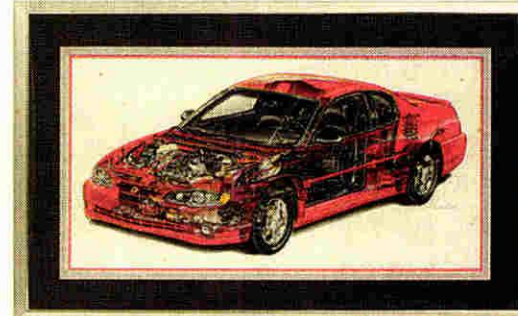
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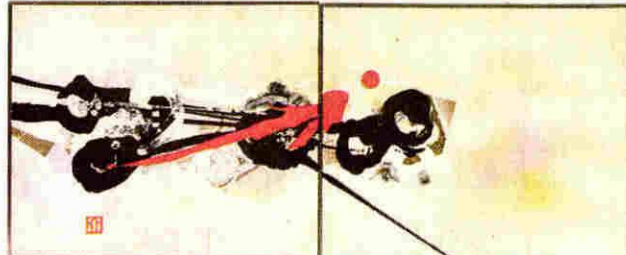
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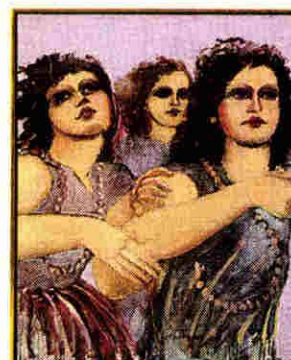
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Kroger makeover ushers in new scan shopping

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Kroger Co. is rolling out a \$3.5 million makeover of a Northville Township store that incorporates the grocery chain's latest technology.

The store at 17447 Haggerty Road is among the first in Michigan to offer Scan, Bag, Go — a new technology that allows customers to use a wireless, handheld, in-store scanner or a special app on their personal devices to scan and bag products as they shop.

When they're done shopping, customers simply proceed to the self-checkout area, make one last scan that tabulates all they've chosen, pay the balance and go.

"I use it all the time and I love it," store manager Rick Hunley said. "It helps speed up the process for the customer."

It's one more way Kroger is trying to appeal to customers who are short on time.

"Many customers in other states have responded very favorably to this seamless checkout experience, so we're thrilled to see how our own Michigan customers react," Hunley said.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said he believes the technology will be well-received in the community.

"We have a well-educated community that uses technology," he said.

His remarks came before Kroger celebrated the store makeover during an event April 4. The first 400 shoppers got a \$10 Kroger gift card and a free, reusable shopping bag.

The 64,485-square-foot store will offer food samples and product specials throughout the day. Shoppers also will notice new features such as a gourmet cheese department, bulk dry foods, an enclosed pharmacy consultation room and new self-checkouts.

Rachel Hurst, corporate affairs manager for The Kroger Co. of Michigan, said work inside the store began last October. She said the store remained open during the renovations.

Snider welcomed Kroger's decision to invest \$3.5 million in the Northville Township store. He said the community is a big draw for growing companies be-



The Kroger store on Haggerty Road in Northville Township has received a \$3.5 million makeover. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

cause it is prosperous and safe.

"I think first and foremost we're committed to keeping the community safe so that, at all times of the day and night, people can feel confident that they can shop in a safe environment," Snider said.

Alongside the Scan, Bag, Go program, the store also offers Instacart, Kroger's online ordering service with same-day delivery, and ClickList, which allows customers to order online and pick up their groceries at the store curb.

Hunley said all the options are intended to give customers options and let them "choose how they want to shop."

The store makeover also included installing an energy-efficient LED system for the sales floor lighting and converting refrigerant gas to an eco-friendlier option.

Store hours are 6 a.m. to midnight daily, with the pharmacy open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each weekday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Kroger Co. of Michigan is headquartered in Novi and operates 123 stores, 75 fueling centers, 104 pharmacies and the Michigan Dairy. It employs 19,000 people.

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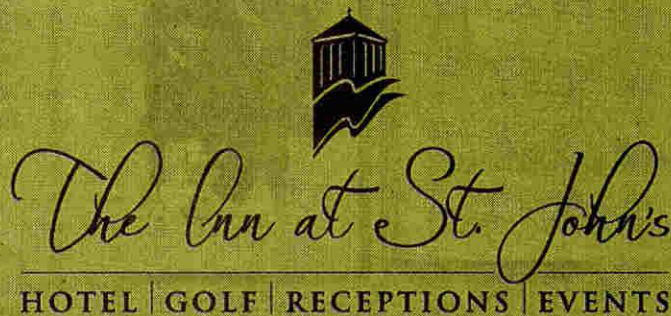
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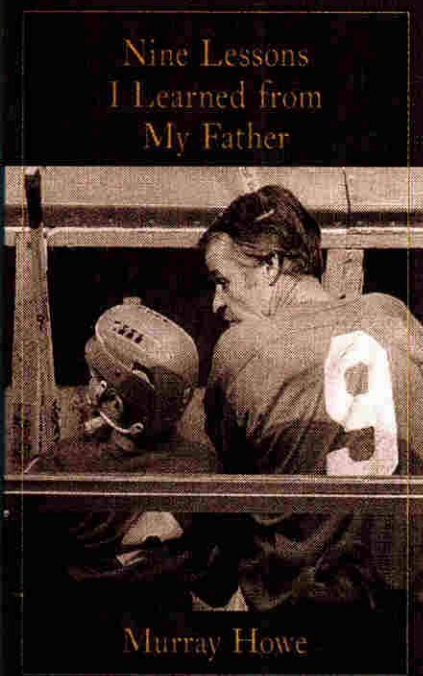


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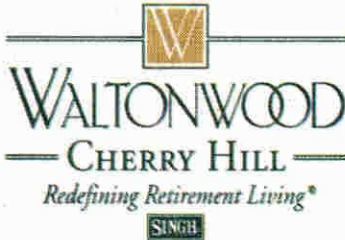
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When hockey fans remember Gordie Howe, they think about things like a sharp elbow into the stomach of an opponent or a snap shot past a helpless goaltender.

They think about how Mr. Hockey would take a number after a cheap shot and go back later to settle the score.

But they remember his off-the-ice persona, too.



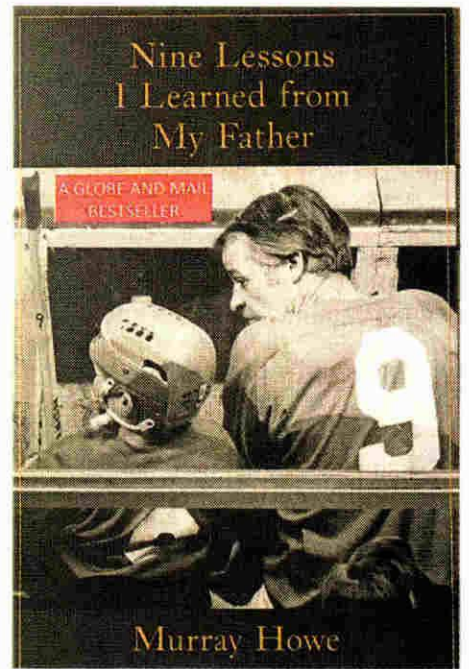
Howe

The Detroit Red Wings legend and Hockey Hall of Fame member was the epitome of what is good in people. And that is what his youngest son, Murray Howe, wanted to capture in his 2017 book "Nine Lessons I Learned From My Father," which he will discuss at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a senior living community, 42600 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

"He was really a paradox, because the man that was on the ice seemed so ferocious," Howe, 57, said during a recent telephone interview. "And yet he was so gentle and kind off the ice. But really, when you look at his hockey career, it was about being the best version of a hockey player that he could be."

Being "the best version" of a person also is a major theme of Howe's book, which was released last October and shot to No. 3 on the Toronto Globe and Mail best sellers list. It is \$25 and available online and in bookstores.

"They're all equally important in my mind," Howe said about the nine lessons detailed in the book, such as love, patience, toughness, selflessness and generosity. "And I think you can summarize them all by, if you drill down, it's really about embracing your talents and just taking ownership of those tal-



This 1960s photo of Gordie Howe with youngest son Murray graces the cover of an inspirational new book, which will be topic of a discussion April 14 at Waltonwood Cherry Hill. MURRAY HOWE

ents. "Not worrying about what anybody has, or who they are, but only focusing on who you are and making yourself the best version you can, using those talents, and sharing those with the world. By doing that, any of us really can make a huge impact."

Time for others

Howe said the "hockey people" his dad met during and after his 32-year hockey career (mostly with the Red Wings) always were important to him. There always was time for autographs and a friendly hello.

"He was 100-percent dedicated to

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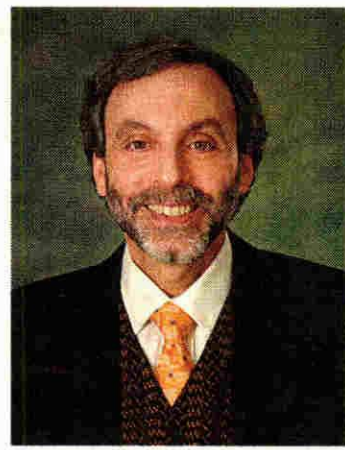
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everybody around him, especially my mom (the late Colleen) and our family and his friends, but also to every person that he met," Howe said. "He just gave you everything he had in every moment. And again, that's something we can all aspire to and really be better versions of ourselves, which in turn makes the world a better place."

On April 14, Howe will talk about his dad and do readings from his book. He also will sign copies following the presentation. A portion of proceeds from book sales will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Because seating is limited, people are urged to RSVP as soon as possible by calling Waltonwood at 734-335-1199.

Seeking a cure

Howe said his parents did not have Alzheimer's, but Gordie and Colleen both battled forms of dementia during their later years.

Colleen suffered from Pick's disease (an incurable neurological disease) and died in 2009 while Gordie, who died in June 2016 at age 88, "had a mixture of things" going on.

"I don't think he had Alzheimer's. I think his was more a traumatic brain injury and vascular dementia, kind of a combination," Howe said. "But we've definitely been personally touched by dementias."

"It's such a common illness in the elderly that we would really like to try to advance the research and get some help for people suffering from dementia."

Sharing a legacy

Gordie Howe's inspired his son in life and in death. The latter event, just before Father's Day 2016, triggered his desire to share memories of his father with the world.

"On Father's Day, which was a couple days after dad passed away, I woke up that morning and I was just crushed that I couldn't do something for my dad," Howe said. "I couldn't be with him. I always made Father's Day a big deal, because my dad meant so much to me. I would take him out and do something that he loved, go golfing or fishing or whatever it was."

"And just really let him know how

LESSONS LEARNED FROM GORDIE

What: Murray Howe, the youngest son of Gordie and Colleen Howe, will discuss his new book "Nine Lessons I Learned From My Father."

When: Howe will give his talk and answer audience questions 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

Where: Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a senior living community, 42600 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

RSVP: Because seating is limited, people interested in attending are urged to reserve a spot as soon as possible by calling Waltonwood at 734-335-1199. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Book sales: Howe will sign copies of the book immediately following his talk. The book (published Viking) is \$25 (check or cash only) and a portion of sales will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

About Murray Howe: He is head of Sports Medicine Imaging for Toledo Radiological Associates and Promedica Health System's Sports Care program. He is an associate clinic professor at the University of Toledo Medical Center and serves on the University of Michigan Medical School Admissions Committee. He lives in Sylvania, Ohio, with his family.

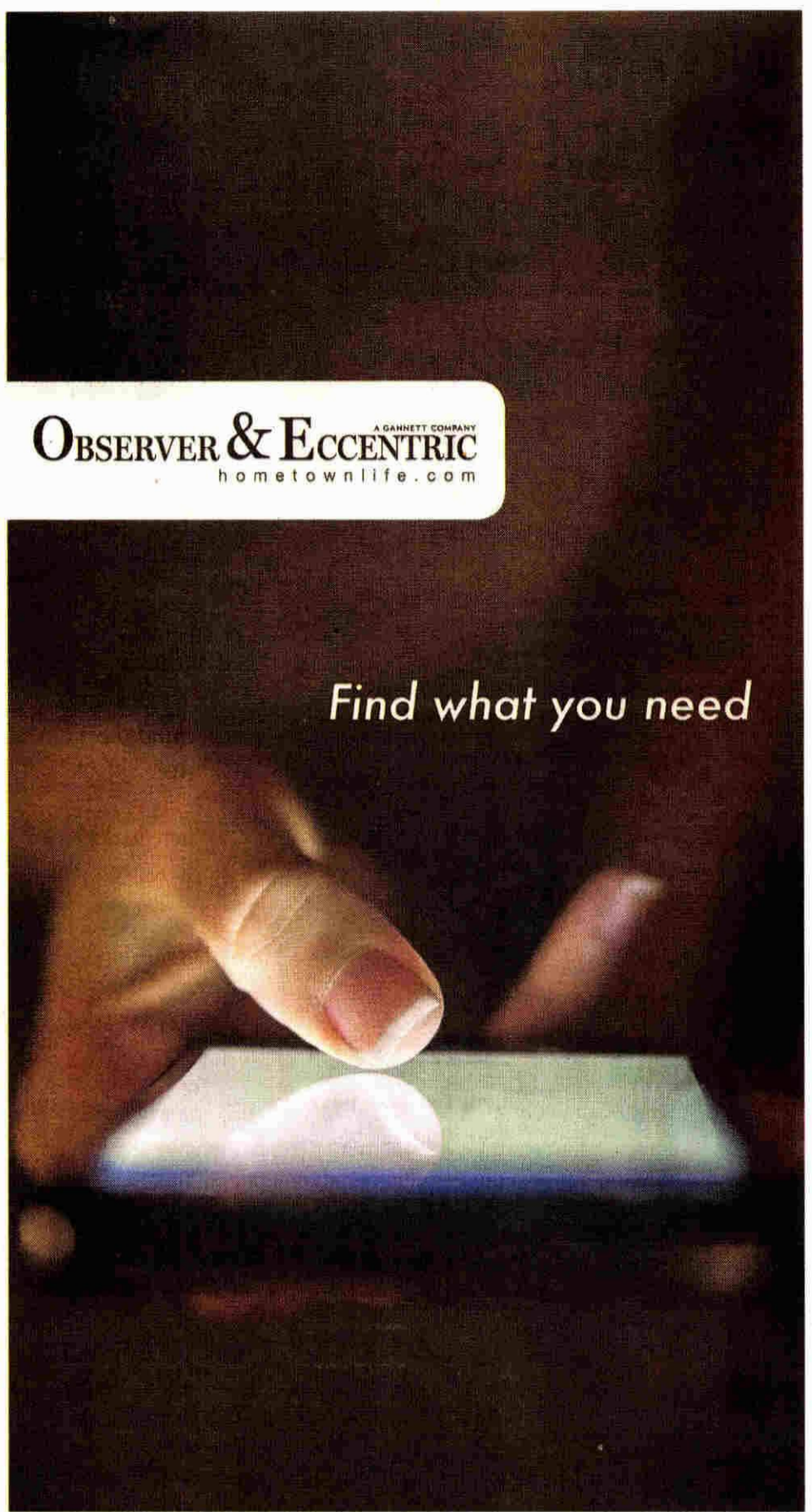
Fun fact: He did not go into pro hockey like his brothers Marty and Mark, but he still plays drop-in hockey. "I'm the only Howe that's skating on a regular basis," Murray said, laughing. "I'm only 57, so I don't want to give it up yet!"

much he meant to me and how much I appreciated who he was as a father and as a man. The fact I couldn't do that, it was really weighing heavily on my mind."

It didn't take long for the Ohio radiologist to hatch a plan.

"I thought, 'What can I still do, what can I give him even though he's no longer with me in body?'" he said. "What would be better than to get down on paper everything that he stood for as a father and as a man and share that with the world and carry on his legacy in that manner. That was the genesis for the book."

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What would you say if Jesus was standing in front of you and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" What would you ask for? I guess it comes down to what you want most in life.

Luke, Chapter 18, tells the story of a blind man in the city of Jericho. He's begging, so you assume he wants money. The blind man hears some commotion, so asks what's going on and the crowd tells him "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." The man immediately cries out "Son of David!" That's a messianic title from the Old Testament. The crowd refers to Jesus by his human name and hometown, but the blind man believes he is the savior sent from God.

The man cries out "Have mercy on me!" Jesus approaches the man and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" How I wouldn't love to have Jesus ask me that question! What would I say? What would you say? What do you desire most in life?

Years ago, my wife and I were walking down a sidewalk in San Francisco when we encountered a blind woman, screaming and wildly swinging her white cane. People were just walking around her, ignoring her. As we got closer, we could hear her yelling, "Help me! Won't somebody help me!" What does she want, we wondered? Should we get involved? We did and it turns out she had just gotten turned around and wanted someone to tell her where she was. We walked her to the next corner and told her the street names and she was fine.

What does a blind man want? The man in Jericho asked Jesus to heal his eyesight, which Jesus did. (God really is concerned about our physical ailments.) And then he follows Jesus. It turns out that that's what he wanted most.

Money isn't bad — we need it to live. And it's not wrong to ask for physical healing. But I suspect we all want something even more than that, something spiritual. We are spiritual beings, made to live in right relationship with God. I don't want to settle for anything less. You can learn a lot from a blind man.

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Michigan Humane Society to conduct online auction

The Michigan Humane Society will debut its first-ever online auction, with proceeds benefiting local animals. This auction will conclude at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15, during the nonprofit's Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch, a fundraiser presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Bidders can find the Michigan Humane Society's online auction at bidpal.net/bowwow18. Animal lovers donated all the items up for auction to support MHS. These include excursions, luxury items and even pet photo shoots for the official Michigan Humane Society calendar.

Guests will have exclusive access to four live-auction items available only at the Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch. This event will attract up to 600 people who will mingle among adoptable pets while enjoying a three-course brunch and custom cocktails, like the popular "Bloodhound Mary." The Jonathan Lynn Group will also treat listeners to live jazz during a Meowmosa Reception and silent-auction bidding.

"This year, we will showcase how MHS keeps families together by helping them retain their pets rather than surrender them at shelters," said Matthew Pepper, the charity's president and CEO. "This means we are putting the focus on our work in the community to provide essentials like food, shelter, medicine, education and a safe return home."

Tickets for the Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch can be purchased at bidpal.net/bowwow18 or by calling 248-283-5662. The cost to attend is \$250 per adult and \$100 per child and includes complimentary valet service.

The Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch is presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions, with additional support from DTE Energy Co., the Richard and Jane Manoogian Foundation and the Nancy and James Grosfeld Foundation. The fundraiser has served as the nonprofit's largest annual event for 29 years.

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

Inspire Theatre auditions

Inspire Theatre, located in the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, will hold auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 10 and 12, for the upcoming musical "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The troupe is looking for singers and non-singers ages 13-70. Be prepared to sing "Give My Regards to Broadway." Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For more information, go to inspiretheatre.com.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. The next meeting, Tuesday, April 10, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, will feature magician Dreygan. For more information, go to <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

Addiction treatment series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia offers an ongoing series titled "Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do." Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month through May (April 10 and 17) in Classroom 11.

Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734 338-9580.

Piano seminar at Schoolcraft

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers' Forum will host the upcoming appearance of Dr. Helen Marlais and invites piano teachers to attend her presentation "Classical Repertoire Selection and Levelling," set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Schoolcraft College VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

This is a session on selecting classical repertoire and the essential practice strategies that can be used to create successful and artistic performances. Contact Sharon Gomulka at pianoallegrostudio@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. 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.

The meeting will include a presentation by George Themelis on taking 3D pictures using a regular 2D camera. For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia Dems Club

The Livonia Democratic Club will hold its next meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Room 104. All are invited.

Also, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 19, the Livonia Democratic Club will present Tim Grimm, candidate for the U.S. House 11th District, and Laurie Pohutsky, candidate for the state House of Representatives for Livonia. The event will be held at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Redford police, fire awards

The Redford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 33rd annual Police and Fire Awards Banquet, set for Thursday, April 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Cultural Hall, 26355 W. Chicago. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., with

dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$36 per person for dinner with an open bar. The cost of your ticket sponsors dinner for the honored award recipients and their guest. The awards recipients for each department are chosen by their peers.

RSVP by April 12 to the Redford Chamber of Commerce at 313-535-0960.

Blessings in a Backpack trivia

The Livonia chapter of Blessings in a Backpack will host its third annual trivia night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, at One Under Bar, 35780 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Your sponsorship, donation and/or participation in this event will help feed at-risk students in Livonia. Each week, backpacks are packed by volunteers and distributed to more than 300 children in eight elementary schools in the Livonia Public Schools.

Tickets are available online at <https://guestlist/498396>. Go to <https://www.biablivonia.org/> to learn more about sponsorship and donation opportunities.

Health and business expo

The Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, will host the 2018 health and business expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Held in the East Court, it will feature businesses, health care providers and nonprofit organizations. Participants will have info and handouts for interested shoppers.

For more information, contact the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

'Ladies Foursome' at Livonia theater

Livonia Community Theatre will presents "The Ladies Foursome," a comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster, with performances scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15. Saturday show time is 7:30 p.m., Sunday is 2 p.m.

All performances are at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for ages 18 and under. Go to livoniacommunitytheatre.org to order online or call 248-252-1940 to reserve by phone. Tickets are

also available at the door.

Food drive

The Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) is collecting food and funds for the poor and homeless. Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, until Sunday, April 15. Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Monetary donations can also be made by cash or check. Make checks payable to Unity of Livonia and include "Fast for Food" on the notation line. Checks can be mailed to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Cash donations need to be delivered to the church.

On Saturday, April 14, the Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) will fast for 24 hours to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition challenges within our community. Donations will be delivered to Redford Interfaith Relief, a local hunger organization, and ChristNet, a partnership of local churches serving southeast Michigan's homeless community.

Livonia GOP Club

The next meeting of the Livonia Republican Club is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Guest speaker will be Lena Epstein, candidate for the U.S. House in the 11th District. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Livonia Montessori open house

Families with children entering preschool or kindergarten are invited to attend an open house at Livonia Montessori School, set for 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the school, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road. LMS teachers and staff will provide classroom tours and enrollment information for the 2018-19 school year.

Livonia Montessori School is an independent non-profit educational community that provides an individualized learning environment for children ages 2-6. Children are welcome to attend the open house, and refreshments will be provided.

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Obituaries

Barbara B. Wolff

FARMINGTON - Age 90, Barbara passed away Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 2018. Born on September 29, 1927 in Chicago, IL, she was the daughter of the late Clifford and the late Mildred (Bucher) BreMiller. Beloved wife of the late Richard T. Wolff to whom she was married for 66 years. Dear mother of Diana (Carl) Visconti of Howell, Cynthia Richard of Rochester Hills, Karen (David) Noble of NJ and Theresa Smith of FL. Loving grandmother of eleven and great-grandmother of nine. Also survived by her twin sister, Betty Huffman of Farmington and sister in law, Ruth BreMiller of OR. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clifford BreMiller. Barbara earned a bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in teaching and master's degree in fine arts with a concentration in weaving. She was a master weaver and taught for the Farmington Adult Education. Barbara put great importance in sharing her love of the arts with all her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed her family and stayed connected with extended family members. A memorial service in honor and celebration of Barbara's life will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Barbara's loving memory may be made to the Wayne State University Arts Department or the Detroit Institute of Arts. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



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Delores L. Sussex

WARREN - Delores L. Sussex, age 89, of Warren, Michigan died Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Born September 7, 1928 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Carl and Viola Nevins. She was an active member of the Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia. Survived by children Cheryl (Rob) Richardson, Susan (Joseph) Cusmano, Thomas Sussex and six grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband Earl in 2016 and granddaughter Lauren.

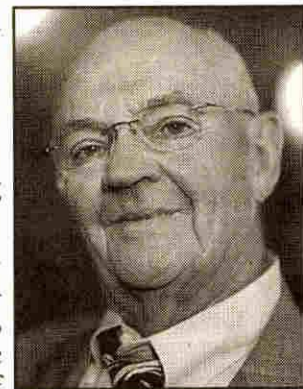
Visitation and services have taken place at the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, 140 South Main, Mount Clemens, Michigan on Monday, April 2, 2018. Burial has taken place at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Contributions may be addressed to wishes of the family. View full obituary at www.vickfuneralhome.com



Wilfred Luoto

LIVONIA - Age 81, was escorted into eternity by Jesus on March 31, 2018. Beloved husband of Diane for 55 wonderful years. Loving father of Wendy (Dave) Johnson and Lee Ann (John) Roe. Cherished grandfather of Austin, Nick, Lindsey, and Jake and great-grandfather of Lukas, Kinley, and Macie. Dearest brother of Elaine (dec Wesley) Hendrickson and Dennis (Randi) Luoto. Will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Visitation is Thursday, April 5 from 4pm-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral service is Friday, April 6 at 11am (instate 10am) at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Wilfred's name can be made to the Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, or the Wounded Warrior Project.



Nancy Ann Lorraine (Baranski) Campbell

FARMINGTON - Nancy age 82, entered heavens gates on March 8, 2018. Nancy, a passionate nurturer of souls, is preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Victoria Baranski, and her loving husband, Arthur "Red" Campbell. Nancy is survived by her siblings, Leonard, Virginia, and Patrick, her children, Shawn Campbell (Barbara), Brian Campbell (Diana), Shannon Zimmerman (Steve), Colleen Read (Rocky) and Dion Campbell (Nancy), 21 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and adopted family. Please join us for a celebration of Nancy's life, Sunday April 15th from 1:00-4:00 pm to share memories and some of her favorite Polish dishes at the VFW Banquet Hall, 24223 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI



Jean Koss

FARMINGTON - age 90, died Thursday, March 29, 2018. Loving mother of Debra (Daniel) Rodriguez, Donna (Daniel) Sandoffsky, Robert Koss, Jr., Gerald (Barbara) Koss, William Koss, Patricia (Greg) Luger, Mary Maydew and Thomas (Trudy) Koss; beloved grandmother of 17 and great grandmother of 14; fond sister of Kathleen Chiles. Preceded in death by siblings, William, Yvonne, Carol and Patricia. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

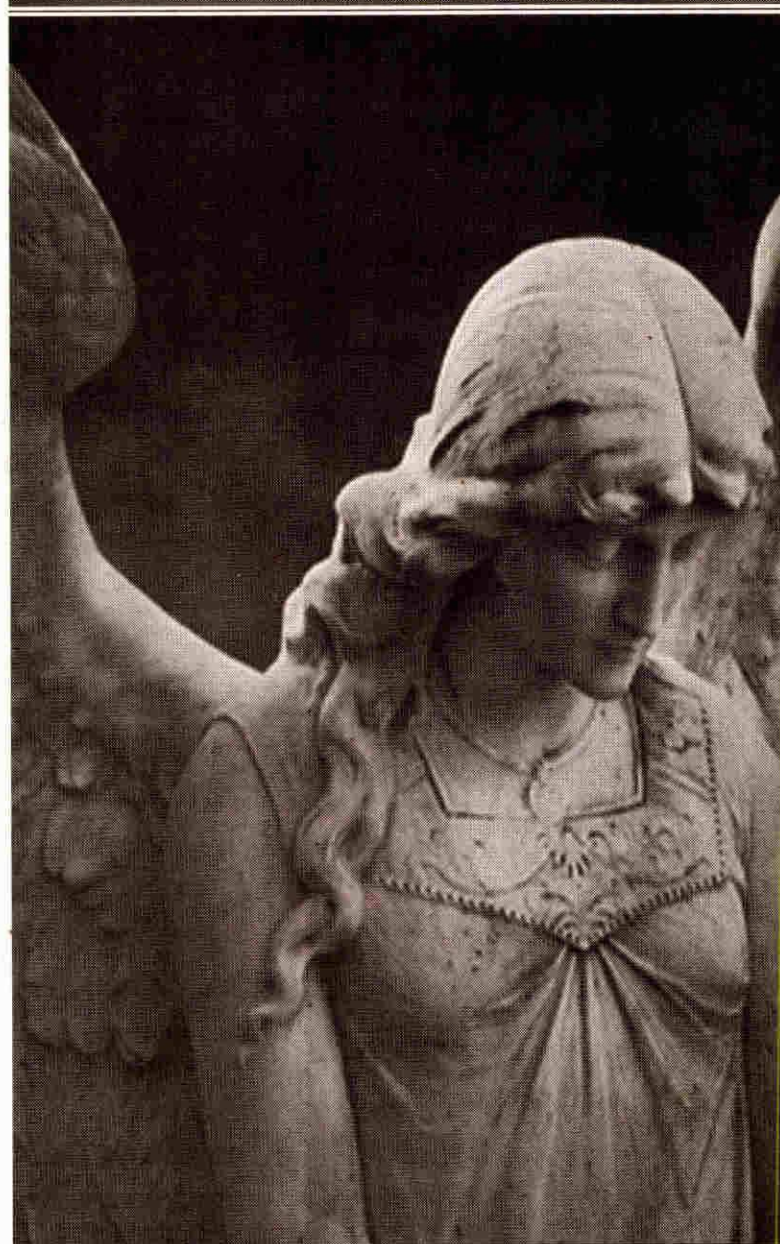
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Loans to family members always fraught with risks



Money Matters
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Q: I made a terrible mistake and I hope you can give me some advice. About three years ago, I sold my house. I am a widow and all the kids were out of the house, so I decided to downsize. My original plan was to sell my house and use the proceeds to pay cash for a condo. I did sell the house and bought a condo, but as opposed to paying cash, I financed the purchase. The condo was brand new and it had some incentives if you financed with them. I took the proceeds and gave it to my daughter and her husband, as they needed the money to start a business. I now need the money back, but my daughter says it was a gift and that they cannot afford to repay the money. I know the business has been struggling and, a few weeks ago, they closed the business. I received a no-

tice from the bankruptcy court that both my daughter and her husband had filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy and I was listed as a creditor. They listed over \$500,000 in debt and assets of about \$10,000. My first question is, why would I get a notice from the bankruptcy court and what should I do? My second question, is the money I gave my daughter gone or do you think I have a chance of getting it back?

A: Let me take the second question first. Obviously, I don't know about the bankruptcy, but in the great majority of Chapter 7 bankruptcies, people in your situation get either very little back, pennies on the dollar, or nothing. Based on their assets and liabilities, I would assume you're not going to receive any money.

The reason you received the notice from the bankruptcy court is the fact that you potentially are a creditor. The issue is, when you gave your daughter and son-in-law the money, what was it? Was it a personal loan that you expect to

be repaid or was it an outright gift to your daughter and son-in-law? The fact that you received notice means that your daughter and her husband were covering their bases, in case it was later determined that the money you gave them was a loan as opposed to a gift. If it was in fact a loan, the bankruptcy would discharge them from their obligation to repay the loan. If it was a gift, they have no obligation to repay.

As a creditor in a bankruptcy, you have rights. For example, if there was fraud involved, it's potentially possible that the court rules that that debt is not dischargeable under bankruptcy. If you think there was some fraud involved or other types of shenanigans, it may be in your best interest to consult a bankruptcy attorney. That being said, you would have an uphill battle.

I cannot stress enough that when you "give" money to a loved one, you must document exactly what it is. If it is a loan that you expect to be repaid, you need to have something in writing that spells out the terms, including an interest and

repayment schedule. It is important that the borrower sign the document acknowledging their obligation. In the case at hand, since nothing was put in writing, it would seem that it was not a loan where you would expect repayment, but rather a gift.

Helping children financially is a wonderful thing, but it is important that you look at your own finances first. You need to assure yourself that you have resources to protect yourself, no matter what happens. When it comes to loans to family members, I always tell people they should make the assumption they won't get repaid. I do that because I want to make sure the person is certain they have the resources to loan the money, whether they are repaid or not.

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.



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These donations will go to Forgotten Harvest, Food Gatherers and other local food banks.

"This was a community-based effort," said Todd Robinson, Busch's marketing director. "We're pleased to see such amazing results."

The drive ran March 12-25 at all Busch's locations and any MyWay guest who donated two or more gallons of milk in the same transaction were automatically entered to win a Detroit Pistons gift package, which included a variety of fan gear and four tickets to the April 6 game at Little Caesars Arena against the Dallas Mavericks.

Additional store contests were also held among Busch's employees and

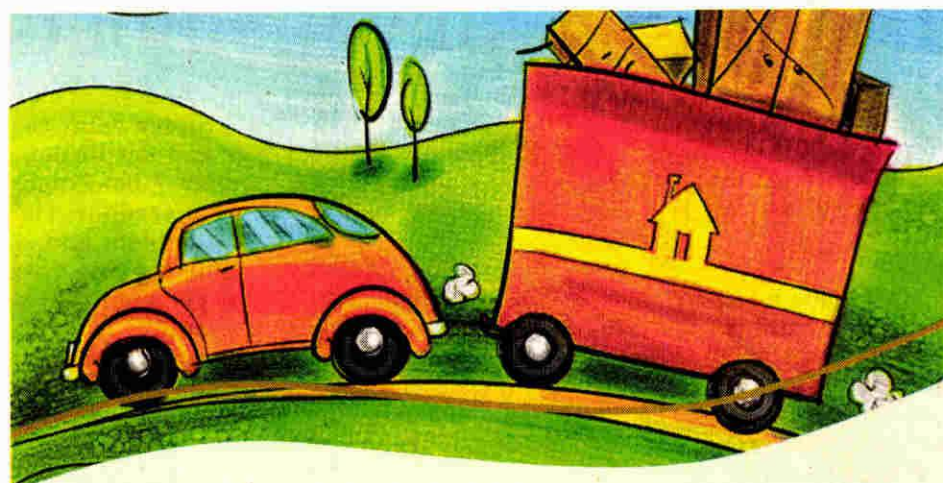
store managers to encourage associates to beat last year's goals and promote the value of giving back.

"This is over 12 truckloads of milk," said Kathi Eckler, RDN, executive director, of marketing and communications for UDIM. "This number is unbelievable and truly going to make a difference."

Doug Busch, Busch's community development director, said credits for the milk are usually Busch's credits, but not always.

"They could use credits other than Busch's, but the smaller food banks, who get the credit, do work with us and get it at Busch's," he said. "The bigger groups take various deliveries of the milk and distribute to those in need."

Busch's Fresh Food Market, which opened its doors in 1975, has stores in Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth-Northville and South Lyon among its 17 locations.



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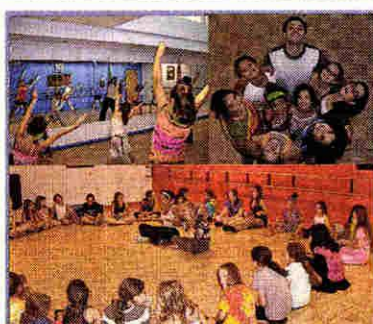
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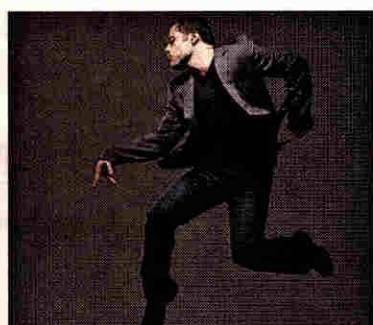
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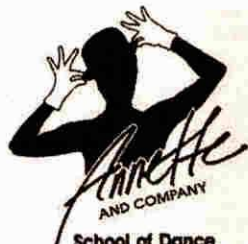
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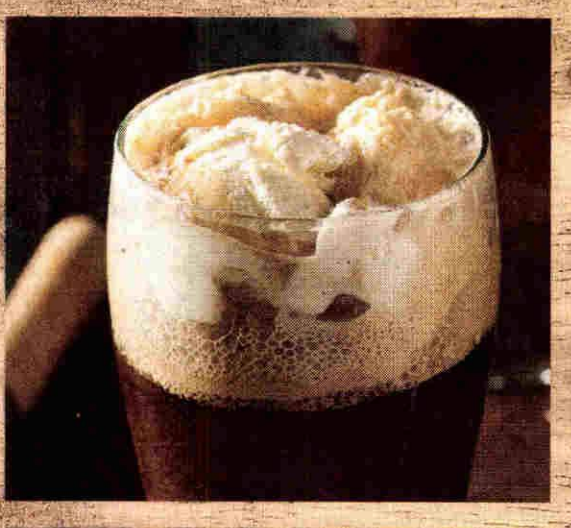
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame's Butler cuts down the nets

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Maureen Butler's first season as a walk-on with the Notre Dame women's basketball team went beyond her wild-dreams.

The Livonia resident, a 6-foot-1 junior forward from Dearborn Divine Child, found herself with a pair of scissors in her hands cutting down the nets after the Fighting Irish beat Mississippi

State, 61-58, thanks to Arike Ogunbowale's last second 3-point shot April 1 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

The game-winner came right in front of the bench and Butler was standing there perched with a bird's-eye view.

"I thought it was good when it left her hands," Butler said. "It was quite a shot."

It's been quite a journey this season for Butler, who saw action in 20 games, scoring 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the floor and 3-of-4 free throws.

"It was more than I imagined," Butler

said. "I was so lucky to be on a team that was so dominant. We'd be up so often that I was able to get in a lot of games and even score few points here and now. I was really lucky."

Notre Dame's ride to the national championship was nothing short of remarkable. The Fighting Irish, who finished 35-3 overall, did it with only seven available scholarship players. Four were lost for the season with torn ACL inju-

See BUTLER, Page 3B



Notre Dame walk-on Maureen Butler kisses the NCAA Division I women's basketball championship trophy.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Fans of all ages came to meet Megan Keller and admire the gold medal she won as a defenseman for the U.S. women's hockey team. RENA LAVERTY

AMATEUR HOCKEY

Wilde heads off to U-18 world tourney

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The U.S. National Team Development Program has been a breeding ground for a number of current National Hockey League stars.

Auston Matthews of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Clayton Keller of the Arizona Coyotes. Cam Fowler, a Farmington Hills native now with the Anaheim Ducks. Bryan Rust, once a student at Brother Rice, a key component with the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.



Wilde

Bode Wilde would one day like to end up in the NHL like those standout NTDP alums.

The former Birmingham resident is on the right path as a defenseman for the highly-regarded development program based out of the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Wilde will soon head to Russia with his NTDP teammates to participate in the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 World Championship tournament.

The IHF world championships take place April 19-28 in Magnitogorsk, Russia. The American squad will compete in Group A, alongside Canada, Belarus, Switzerland and Sweden.

Opening against Canada

The Americans, coached by Seth Appert, are slated to open play April 19 against Canada.

The U.S. has won three of the past four U-18 world titles and has taken home 10 gold medals since the tournament's inception in 1999. The team has finished among the top three in each of the past 14 tournaments.

The Americans enter the 10-team tournament as the defending champions. Wilde, whose billet family is Aaron and Shannon Bartley from Plymouth, is excited to be part of the action.

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GOLD NUGGETS

Keller's post-Olympic days a whirlwind of activity and adulation

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's an understatement to say it's been a whirlwind for Megan Keller since her gold medal conquest at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

The 21-year-old Farmington Hills resident helped the U.S. women capture their first Olympic hockey gold medal in 20 years — second overall — as the young Americans defeated arch-rival Canada, 3-2, in another international classic decided via shootout.

Since returning from PyeongChang in late February, Keller and her Olympic teammates have crisscrossed the country like Hollywood movie stars. She's hardly been able to spend any time at home to recap Olympic adventures with her parents Lynn and Gregg and older brother Ryan.

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Olympic gold medalist Megan Keller from Farmington Hills dropped the first puck at the recent U.S. NTDP U-18 hockey game against Youngstown in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY

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Players and coaches unite after the recent benefit hockey game between Schoolcraft College and the Michigan State Police. The contest, won 5-4 by the MSP, took place at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY

WHAT TROOPERS!

Schoolcraft College and Michigan State Police team for charity game

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Schoolcraft College hockey coach Rob Lindsay loves it when his team wins a game, particularly if it means a playoff spot or championship.

But all of those things would pale in comparison to what Lindsay and his Ocelots experienced March 3 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

That afternoon, Schoolcraft faced the Michigan State Police hockey team in a benefit contest for the MSP Fallen Trooper Memorial and Trooper Assistance fund.

And although Schoolcraft lost, 5-4, it was all good because players on the police team included Lindsay's sons Rob Jr. and former Ocelots player Andrew.

"This was actually the highlight of my 27 years of coaching," Lindsay said. "It was more thrilling than any championship my teams have won. No game can compare to this community service event. I am so proud of my two MSP trooper sons and the Michigan State Police."

The second annual benefit game raised about \$3,600 and that money already is being put to the best of uses.

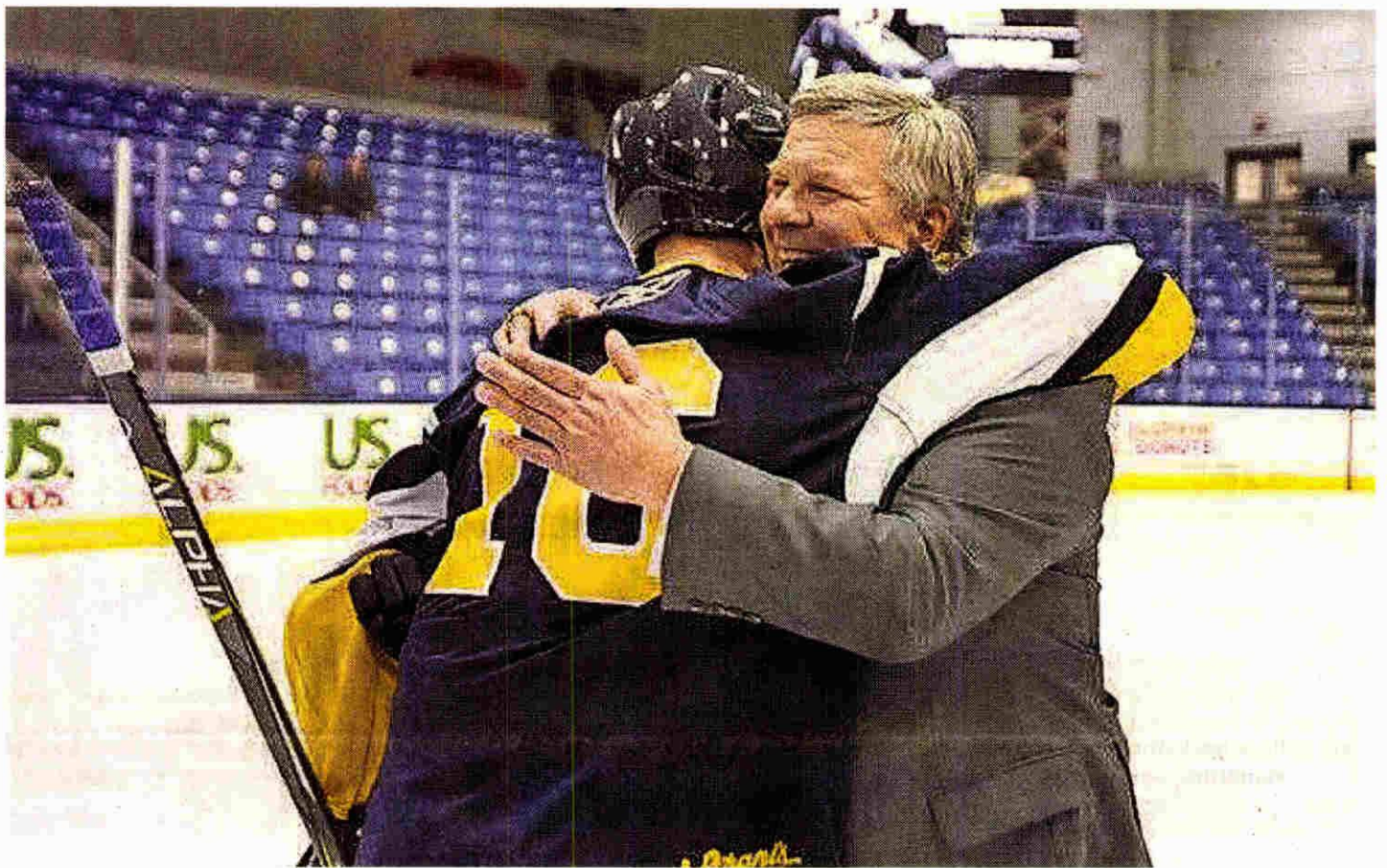
Lindsay cited a few examples of how the dollars are helping the MSP cause: Assisting families with funeral expenses, easing the financial burden for the family of a slain Detroit officer and providing financial help for families of troopers who suffered severe injuries after being shot on duty.

Money also is helping benefit the MSP Training Academy's Fallen Trooper Memorial and contributing to educational efforts to stop bullying in Michigan schools.

"I'm proud of my two boys being troopers," Lindsay said. "And I think that's one of the reasons we're doing this event. Andrew really got it started."

"The MSP says they drew more money from the hockey game than all other events they do."

This was the second benefit game between the Ocelots and MSP; in 2017, an estimated \$6,500 was raised. Andrew Lindsay was an active player for Schoolcraft during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons before leaving to join the MSP



Schoolcraft College hockey coach Rob Lindsay (right) embraces son Andrew, who is a Michigan State Police trooper and former Ocelots hockey player. RENA LAVERTY

academy. He became a trooper in late November.

To the next level

What about year three for the benefit game?

"Our goal for next year, we're going to shoot for \$10,000," Rob Lindsay said. "We're going to go after 10,000 bucks for them."

"The players have to do a better job selling tickets, getting advertisements, fundraising part of it. I think if we can get the (Schoolcraft) criminal justice program involved with it, that would be huge."

"They all want to be cops, right? They really should jump on board, it would look good on their resumes that they helped raise funds for the MSP."

Another boost will come from having MSP trooper Jon Tibaud on board as a Schoolcraft hockey assistant coach. Tibaud played with Rob Lindsay Jr. on Saginaw Valley State University's ACHA championship team.

"I love having a guy like that," Lindsay said. "He's got great character and

integrity, we know that already."

"And I think that will be good for the fundraiser next year because he'll be right with us, he'll be able to talk to the players and tell his side, about what they're doing with the Michigan State Police."

Team also on rise

Lindsay, a former coach at University of Alabama-Huntsville and a teacher at Trenton High School, also is optimistic about the Schoolcraft hockey program.

The Ocelots just finished their third season, with the team going 17-13 and nearly making the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III playoffs for the first time. The Ocelots dropped out of a spot in late January.

"In the first year, we had a team we probably had a handful of hockey players at Schoolcraft," Lindsay said. "We got out and started promoting the team and we got a lot more hockey players. We had 35 kids try out two years ago. Last year, we had 45 kids come out."

"Of course, we couldn't take them all. So all those kids actually stayed at

Schoolcraft and took classes, so it helped Schoolcraft with enrollment. Our team is getting better every year."

Team leaders included defenseman Andrew Nowak and forward Vinnie Glenn, who were the captain and assistant captain, respectively. Both are Livonia Stevenson alums.

"(Nowak's) a great leader in the locker room and a great leader on the ice," Lindsay said. "He gets a little upset with the players sometimes when they're not listening to him."

"Vinnie Glenn's the same way. Vinnie's very intense, he's a leader at practice, too."

Lindsay would like to see Schoolcraft hockey become an official varsity sport (rather than a club offering), but that might not happen until 2019-20.

A key hurdle is a September millage which, if successful, will enable Schoolcraft's student activities department and led by Todd Stowell (which operates the hockey program) to continue.

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BOYS TENNIS

Keating takes Northville coaching reins

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The Northville boys tennis program, coming off a sixth-place finish in the 2017 MHSAA Division I state finals, will have a new coach for fall 2018 as athletic director Bryan Masi announced the hiring of Trey Keating.

A teaching pro at Deer Lake Athletic Club since 2008, Keating has coached the Clarkston girls tennis team the past three seasons.

"Northville has always had a great tradition with their tennis team," Keating said in a Northville Athletic Department press release. "I am honored that the tennis committee and Mr. Masi have chosen me to lead this program. I am looking forward to meeting and working with everyone who was part of the program last year and in the future."

Keating has extensive experience playing and coaching tennis at the high school and collegiate levels.

He attended Troy High School, where he was a two-time regional champion

and two-time state semifinalist during his career.

He went on to play at Wayne State University, where he was ranked as high as No. 6 in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional for doubles. Keating also received the prestigious Jean Hoxie Sportsmanship Award from the U.S. Tennis Association's Southeast Michigan Association.

In addition to last year's sixth-place state finals finish, Northville placed a close runner-up to rival Novi in both the Kensington Lakes Activities Associa-

tion and Division 1 regional tournaments under coach Andres Torres.

"Trey brings an extensive knowledge of the game as both a player and a coach," Masi said. "We believe his experience, knowledge and character will help our program to achieve at a very high level."

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Wilde

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"I'm pretty focused on finishing the season right and coming home with that gold medal," Wilde said March 30, following the team's final regular-season game.

Wilde, a 6-foot-2, 195-pound right-handed shooter, had a stellar season for the NTDP squad, which finished first in the United States Hockey League Eastern Conference.

The 18-year-old Wilde registered 36 points over the 52-game schedule with 11 goals — including three game-winners — and 25 assists. He's scored four power-play goals and is plus-28 on the season.

He credits the NTDP with improving his overall hockey skills.

"I'm satisfied with where I'm at as a player, but you always want to do a little more," Wilde said. "The big reason I wanted to come (to the NTDP) was because I wanted to develop my game on the defensive end more than anything. I've always had success offensively through instinct and natural talent.

"But I'm a defenseman first and I wanted to develop my game and become the most complete defenseman that I could. That's probably the biggest part of my game that has changed and gotten better.

"But overall, this place has done wonders for me as a player," he added. "I've really been able to round out my game as much as I could and achieve a lot of the goals I set for this season."

Projected first-round pick

More importantly, he's progressed to the point where he is expected to be a



Bode Wilde (right) is a top defender for the U.S. NTDP U-18 team that will compete in the world championships later this month in Russia.

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first-round pick in the 2018 NHL draft, scheduled for June 22 in Dallas. In fact, Wilde is one of three current NTDP players projected to be among the top 15 picks.

"I'm an offensive defenseman. I like to create offense," Wilde said. "And, for a big guy, I skate pretty well, so that helps me, too. I can skate up the ice quickly and join the rush.

"I came here and rounded out my game. I want to get to the NHL one day and do the same thing there," he added. "I just want to be a sponge and try to develop, so I can make the jump to the NHL as fast as possible. As a kid, I always thought about the NHL, but never thought about where I'd play it to get there."

Wilde grew up in Montreal, but his family moved to Birmingham, where he

attended Derby Middle School for a couple of years and joined the Belle Tire hockey program. His hockey development took him to Canton and then the Chicago area, where he played with the Chicago Mission before returning to Michigan, where he joined the NTDP two years ago.

"It was really a good time living in Birmingham and I enjoyed myself there," said Wilde, who would have attended Seaholm High School. "A bunch of my friends still go to Seaholm and I go back there and hang out with them whenever I can."

Next fall, it's on to the University of Michigan, where Wilde will continue his hockey career in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines this year skated into the Frozen Four and Wilde is looking forward to watching them challenge for the nation-

al championship.

"My first college hockey game I ever went to was at the University of Michigan and that's pretty special to be going there," Wilde said. "I'm a die-hard Michigan fan and I've always been a fan of all their athletics and just the school in general. The school is unbelievable and Ann Arbor is beautiful.

"It's pretty exciting for them (to be in the Frozen Four) and I'll be watching," he added. "I know a couple of those guys who have played here (with the NTDP) in the past. I'm excited for what they are doing this year, but I'm really excited to go and play with them next year."

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TRAVEON MADDOX, JR.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL NOVI WILDCATS

Novi's Traveon Maddox, Jr. has proven this boys basketball season he has ice in his veins. The 6-foot-5 senior guard, who was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week, made the game-winning shot with only 2.8 seconds left to give the Wildcats their first-ever Class A regional title to beat previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, 61-59, March 16 at Salem.

And he did it again Tuesday night with a buzzer-beater in the state quarterfinal at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall to knock off Belleville, 75-73, as Novi earned its first trip in school history to the state semifinals on Friday at Michigan State's Breslin Center. (Game time is 2 p.m.)

In the five games during Novi's state tourney run, Maddox is averaging 18.6 points with highs of 22 each against Belleville and Northville (in the district final when he had five dunks).

"He's a special player," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said following Maddox's clutch performance in the quarterfinal. "I've mentioned it before, he's made big-time plays in big-time games and is a big-time player. He's a Division 1 player who is going to do a lot of great things at the next level."

Maddox, who was also a three-year standout wide receiver for the Novi varsity football team, is headed to play basketball next year at Oakland University.

This season he's averaging 19.5 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He's shooting 48 percent from the field, including 33 percent from three-point range, and is a 75 percent free throw shooter.

"My favorite player is Kobe (Bryant) and I try to pattern my game after Kobe," Maddox said of the retired Laker great. "So, I watched so much of Kobe Bryant... I've seen he plays inside and outside. He can go to the basket whenever he wants to. He can shoot the jump shot whenever he wants to. His pull-up game is nearly unstoppable. And that's one thing I really, really worked on in the off season was my pull-up game, attack the basket a lot stronger and finish over people."

Maddox credits his family and fellow Novi senior classmate Xavier Martin for putting him in the position where he is today.

"I have a sister, but he's my best friend, I call him my brother," Maddox said. "Outside of basketball he keeps me level headed and supports me through everything. I really appreciate him for that. My mom (Alisha Thomas) and my dad (Traveon Maddox, Sr.) have also pushed me all the time."

A preseason top 20 team, Novi stumbled out of the gate going 1-5 at the start, but has now won 11 of its last 12 and stands 17-8 overall heading into the Final Four matchup Friday against Holland West Ottawa (24-2) at Breslin.

And Maddox believes there is one big reason why the Wildcats turned their season around and have earned their first-ever Final Four berth.

"Just getting our brotherly connection, trusting each other," he said.

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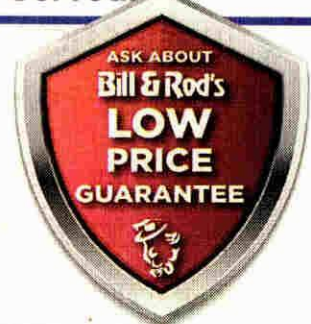
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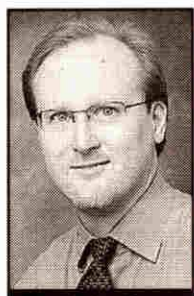


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GMC'S FROM-THE-GROUND-UP NEW TERRAIN CROSSOVER GETS THE FORMULA RIGHT IN COMPACT SEGMENT WHERE THE ACTION IS



By Dale Buss

There's no question that General Motors is making hay while the sun shines when it comes to expanding and refining its lineup of sport-utility vehicles and crossovers to take advantage of a strong economy and the flip in the American market to one that is dominated by utilities and trucks instead of sedans.

And specifically, the GMC brand is taking best advantage of that trend of all four GM brands, because all GMC has ever sold is trucks and SUVs. In fact, sales of GMC crossovers in February were up by 19 percent overall, in increasingly competitive segments.

Sales of the new 2018 GMC Terrain were up by 17 percent year-over-year, reflecting both the strength of the brand and the fact that the fully redesigned vehicle has become a more competitive entry in the segment.

Driving the new Terrain for a week, I was thrilled to find it ticked all the important boxes for me when it comes to a small to mid-size SUV: sharp handling that makes you forget you're not driving a sedan; height and visibility from the driver's seat; plenty of interior room and flexibility; and contemporary exterior styling.

It's a plus when those vehicles can deliver exemplary fuel economy — which Terrain also does. And while prices for the upscale Denali version of Terrain can push \$40,000, the nameplate starts at under \$25,000, which makes the new Terrain very competitive in a prolific segment where consumers are getting more



New design for 2018 GMC Terrain features distinctive window treatment.

redesigned Terrain, and the attention paid off in front seats that are very comfortable and supportive, while the cabin keeps wind and road noise levels nearly imperceptible.

I drove the top-of-the-line Denali version of Terrain, and its delights were considerable. There are added luxuries such as ventilated seats, for instance, and unique interior trim and styling cues, as well as 19-inch wheels (versus standard 17- and 18-inch wheels for other versions of the vehicle) and LED headlights.

The Preferred package in the Denali version includes options such as a panoramic sunroof and Driver Alert safety system that boasts active collision-avoidance features.

There were a couple of notable things I didn't like about the new Terrain: the tabs in the front console that you must pull toward you to get the car into and out of gear — very annoying — and how the side design narrows the windows to a tiny strip at the rear of the vehicle. Not only doesn't it look good, it needlessly obstructs the driver's views.

automatic transmission. The previous generation of Terrain was getting a bit long in the tooth as GMC addressed and upgraded other key nameplates such as the Sierra pickup and Yukon large SUV. So the new version nicely closes the gap to state of the art for its drivability, technology and interior quality.

For instance, there's plenty of head room all around, and the rear seats fold flat with just the pull of a lever. In fact, redesigned from the ground up, the new Terrain sacrificed only about an inch of head and legroom and only a titch of maximum cargo volume while shrinking by just over three inches in length and 400 pounds from the previous generation.

Equipped with a turbocharged, 1.6-liter diesel engine, one of a range of attractive powertrain options, that means the 2018 Terrain can get a smashing 40mpg on the highway. The diesel is paired with a six-speed

The standard powertrain is a 1.5-liter gasoline engine with front-wheel-drive, and reviewers say that acceleration is decidedly overwhelming with the standard powertrain.

But the 2018 Terrain also is available with a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that yields 252 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque, as well as dual exhaust tips and larger wheels.

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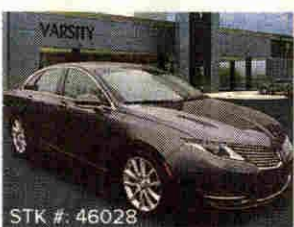


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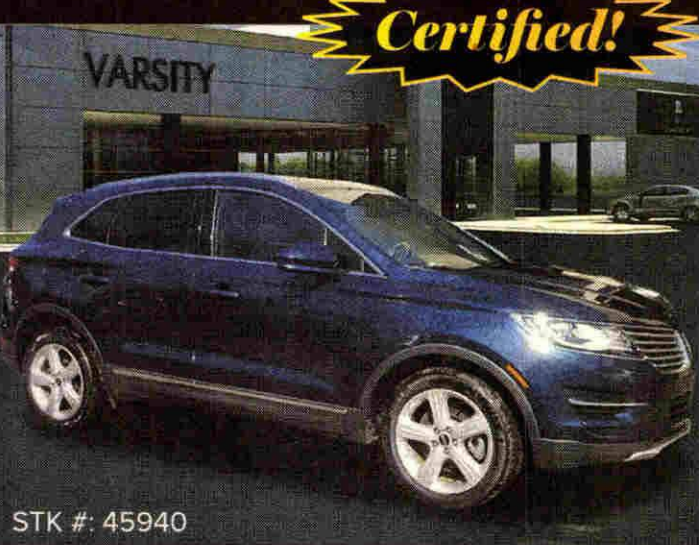
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