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## W-W to adjust grade configurations

### District must now decide which schools to close

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The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has gotten through one hoop as it deals with declining enrollment: the configuration of the district's school buildings.

Now comes the hard part: Figuring out how best to rearrange buildings and close some to better the learning envi-

ronment for students enrolled in the district.

The school board voted Monday on a new configuration for grouping students together in buildings, opting for a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 structure. It's the first step in eventually reducing the number of buildings in the district, which enrolls students from communities such as Westland, Wayne, Canton, Inkster and Romulus.

The district currently uses a configuration of K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12, one that's been in place for nearly a decade.

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The Wayne-Westland school board had a full audience Monday night for when it decided to change the grade configuration in the district's buildings. **DAVID VESELENAK** | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder stretches out to stop a Russian player's scoring attempt during the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in February. DeRidder and his teammates now embark on a quest for gold at the U-18 worlds in Russia. **RENA LAVERTY** | USA HOCKEY

## Westland mayor pitches new city budget

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Residents won't see many changes in the proposed Westland city budget this upcoming year.

The millage rate is staying essentially identical to previous years at 18.88 mills for the \$67 million budget for the upcoming year as proposed by Mayor William Wild.

"One of the things with cities is that there's not a whole lot of new revenue coming in," he said. "We're still investing in some of our buildings. We're going to continue to invest in the equipment we're purchasing."



**Wild**

Those include a new tree trimming trunk, a new EMS unit and a new refuse truck.

Wild proposed his budget earlier this month to the city council, which will review it and make the final approval.

One of the bigger investments placed in the upcoming budget is body cameras for the city's police department, a move that brings Westland in line with several other surrounding communities, including Livonia, Garden City and Canton.

The decision, Wild said, came a little later than some area municipalities as Westland wanted to make sure issues surrounding the cameras, including their accessibility to the public, were evaluated. Wild said the city is confident those issues have been worked out.

"We kind of took a slow walk on it, because there were some bugs that had to be worked out, as far as technology and FOIA and a couple others," he

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## GOING FOR THE GOLD

### U.S. squad ready for bad water, good hockey during tournament in Russia

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Mention Russia these days and thoughts turn to a constant barrage of stories and speculation, with presidents of two countries in the cross-hairs of political comment.

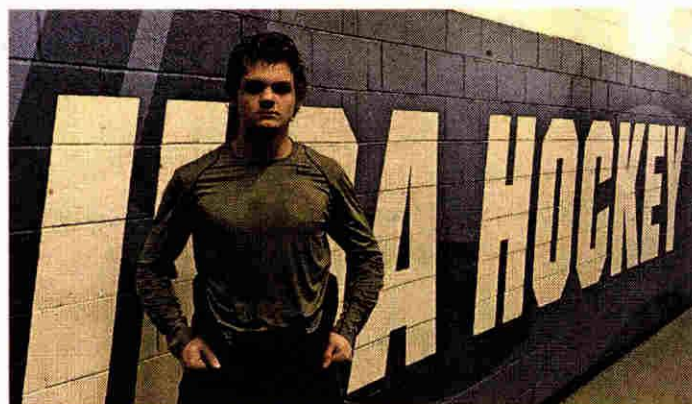
Cable airwaves are saturated with stories about angst, turmoil and controversy.

But the only thing Russia means to players on the 2018 U.S. U-18 Men's National Team is a glorious opportunity to play hockey with a crack at winning gold on foreign soil.

Just make sure not to drink the water.

"No matter where we are, we just want to win that gold medal," said Jonathan Gruden, a forward on the U-18 squad. "But I think being in Russia makes it a little more special. We've never won a gold medal there. Hopefully, we'll be the first team to do that."

"It's always unbelievable to be able to represent the USA playing against different countries," said defenseman Ty Emberson, a partner of Birmingham's Bode Wilde. "So we're going to go to a great place in Russia. Hopefully, it will be fun."



Jonathan Gruden, a forward from Rochester, can't wait to represent the United States during the 2018 U-18 World Championships April 19-29 in Russia. **TIM SMITH**

For the past two seasons, players such as Gruden and Emberson have been grinding and working to improve their skills in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, based out of Plymouth.

The NTDP U-18 squad has embarked on three days of trav-

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# Flavored ice is hot commodity for Canton family

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Everything about the Berryhill family's side business is chill.

From the multi-colored company vehicle that features a giant smiling penguin to the amount of money they donate to local charities, members of the Canton family are all in when it comes to making cool customers.

When Jeff and Jennifer Berryhill decided to look for a fun and profitable franchise opportunity, their research led them to Kona Ice, a Kentucky-based company that delivers tasty shaved-ice treats to large groups of people at special events.

Jeff, an engineer at Yazaki, and Jennifer, a fourth-grade teacher at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth, have

teamed with sons Wilson and Jace to sculpt a successful business in the flavored-ice market.

"The first thing that appealed to us with Kona Ice is that it seemed like one of their trucks was always at our sons' lacrosse tournaments and there was always a line of people waiting to buy something," Jeff Berryhill said.

"After we did a lot of homework, talked to some people who are already franchisees and talked to their CEO, Jen and I decided to give it a shot."

The next thing they knew, the Berryhills were attending a mandatory three-day learning course at Kona College in Florence, Ky., where they were educated on all of the intricacies of selling flavored ice.

With a coverage area that includes south Canton, Van Buren Township and Ann Arbor, the Berryhills' hard-to-miss Kona Ice truck became a staple at major gatherings, like the Canton Cup soccer tournament, Canton's Liberty Fest and youth sporting events.

By the time their first summer was over, they had donated roughly \$15,000 of their sales to local charities and organizations.

"The company is very big on giving back to the community and that was something that appealed to us," said Berryhill, who has decided to leave his longtime engineering job at Yazaki to work full time with the Kona Ice franchise. "Whenever we work at a fund-raising event, we donate 20 percent of our sales to the host."

The family's business peaks during



Canton's Berryhill family (from left) Jennifer, Wilson, Jeff, Sparty and Jace bring joy to summer events with their Kona Ice truck.

the hottest stretches of the calendar, Berryhill confirmed, but cold days don't necessarily mean cold sales.

"Last spring, we were over at Independence Park in Canton for a normal day of soccer," he said. "The temperatures were only in the 40s and most of the parents were bundled up in winter coats, but the kids didn't care how chilly it was — they wanted their Kona Ice."

The brand's top-selling flavor, Berryhill revealed, is Blue Raspberry, with Ninja Cherry a close second.

When Jennifer Berryhill's students found out about her second "job" as a flavored-ice entrepreneur, it expanded her already impressive popularity.

"Yeah, they think it's pretty cool," she said. "I love when we have the truck at a

soccer tournament or Liberty Fest and one of my current or former students comes up and says hi. This is a great business, because we get an opportunity to get out into the community and give back to the community."

Jeff Berryhill has had to on occasion good-naturedly remind potential customers that the Kona Ice brand has been developed with children in mind.

"I've had people ask me if we can add alcohol to the flavored ice," he said with a chuckle. "I tell them, 'No, we can't, but you can add anything you want to it once you carry it away from the truck.'"

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## Budget

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said. "But now, we feel comfortable with the generation of body cameras that are out there now."

He said the city would apply for a grant to help offset the cost of adding the technology.

In addition to the cameras, the proposed budget has funds to retain four police officers and three firefighters who had been kept on payroll through federal grants. New to this budget is funding to

help add four employees to the city's dispatch center, which covers dispatching for Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster.

"We've been struggling to man our dispatch. We've been kind of burning out our dispatchers, working overtime," he said. "We're bringing on four new employees, but we're sharing the cost with those four cities."

In addition, the city will look to adopt a five-year road plan and a five-year water and sewer plan. Wild said the city is looking at what it expects to spend in the next half-decade and will ask the city council to adopt that plan to commit

to the work and be ready to apply for federal funding as well.

The city will also sell one of its cellular towers, the one located behind the police station on Ford Road. A purchase agreement is in place to sell that structure for \$1.4 million, Wild said.

The city council will review the proposed budget in a session at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21. The budget, if approved, will take effect later this summer.

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# First Step hires new executive director

First Step, a nonprofit serving domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in Wayne County for 40 years with headquarters at 44567 Pinetree Drive, in Plymouth Township, has announced the selection of Lori Kitchen-Buschel as executive director. First Step's mission is to eliminate both domestic and sexual violence and to provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes.



**Kitchen-Buschel**

"We are excited to announce and welcome Lori to First Step. We know her passion and experience will serve this organization and our community well," said Jennifer Hartke, board president.

Kitchen-Buschel has more than a decade of experience in the nonprofit sector in fundraising, program and board development. In her roles, she led education and advocacy campaigns on basic needs, 2-1-1, food access and human trafficking. Kitchen-Buschel has worked on both sides of philanthropy, managing foundation and federal grant giving and also leading fundraising efforts. Kitchen-Buschel has also worked with numerous nonprofit organizations, coaching them on practical and tangible fundraising initiatives and board engagement, while also championing for nonprofit fundraising to be accessible for marginalized communities. Kitchen-Buschel has special education and expertise with issues affecting women and children and graduated from the Women and Politics institute at American University in Washington, D.C.

"I am excited and honored to serve this essential organization in our community to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and help eradicate this violence from our community," Kitchen-Buschel said.

First Step is having a 40th anniversary celebration Thursday, May 10. Information about this event can be found at <https://www.classy.org/events/-/e135128>.

For more information, go to [www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org).

## Schools

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The board, voting unanimously to move ahead with the new configuration, made its first step Monday night at a board meeting with a full audience.

"It's going to be a long process, but it's good to at least have a direction, that we're going to have a direction right now and that we came together as a community to make the decision to move forward," said Shanna Walker, school board president. "It's a relief to get past this first part of it. But it's just one of many steps to come."

The reconfiguration of the schools comes as more than 4,000 fewer students are enrolled than a decade ago. Under this new configuration, two elementary schools and one upper elementary or middle school would be eliminated. This transition could be complete by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year and would consist of a savings of \$1.8 million.

The other final plan reviewed by the board was one

that created K-8 schools and maintained 9-12 schools. That plan was discarded in favor of keeping elementary, middle and high schools within the district.

While this plan could be done by the beginning of the school year in 2019, Superintendent Shelley Holt said it's also possible the plan would not be finalized until the 2020-21 school year.

"Chances are it's going to be 2020-21," she said. "If we can do 2019-20 we will, but we want to move in a pace that works with our community so that everybody can be a part of the decisions."

### No timetable on closing schools

Now that the configuration is finalized, district officials say the next step is to determine what schools will close and what will be done about renovating the remaining buildings as needed.

There's no official word on when that process will begin, Holt said, though she said the district will next look at how it delivers its teaching to students and see if that's something that also needs to be looked at.

"We have not timed that decision out," Holt said.

"The next step is to look at instructional programs that we currently have."

"We need to make those decisions now and set up how we want that to look."

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## Inappropriate emails from president cause for concern



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**A:** While the specific content of the emails may determine the extent of actions we would advise to take, this is certainly an inappropriate use of the association's email list, which this person seems to have used for his own personal purposes.

If you are on the Board of Directors yourself and a majority of the board agrees with you, you may wish to consider a resolution that formally censures him for these actions. If the emails in question make negative generalizations about certain groups of people, for example, based on race, political affiliation or affiliation with the media, it is important for the board to distance itself from those comments in writing. It must be made clear to the association's members that his statements are his personal opinions only and do not reflect the opinions of the Board of Directors. And if he happened to have "president" and/or the association's name in his signature line, that would be even

more egregious, as you can imagine how someone reading it may reasonably conclude that he is representing the board's opinion. Formally distancing the board from those comments lessens the chance that the association will face claims of discrimination or disparate treatment from people who belong to the groups referenced in his emails.

Officers also serve at the pleasure of the board, so if a majority of the board agrees, you can remove him from the office of president and appoint someone else to the office. But you could not remove him from the board, as only the members would be able to do that by a recall vote (there may be exceptions in some cases, but this would not be one of them).

If you are not on the board and the other board members don't want to do anything about this, you should seriously consider running for the board yourself and getting some like-minded neighbors to run as well. If this person cannot see that these actions are improper, they are likely taking other actions to the association's detriment.

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## Guilty plea entered by teen in false threat

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A guilty plea has been entered by a student charged with making a false report/threat of terrorism that shut down a Farmington alternative high school for a day.

Redford resident Myreon Daquan Davis, 17, entered the plea Monday before Oakland Circuit Judge Cheryl Matthews. Free on bond, he had waived his preliminary examination in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 14, but Davis will be evaluated before then by the probation department, which will provide a report and recommendations.

Defense attorney Douglas Oliver declined to comment on the plea. It's expected that Davis could be sentenced to a diversion program, which would keep him from having a criminal record if the conditions of his probation were met.

Any sentence of that type would be an agreement between the court and defendant, said Oakland County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton, who said his office would have some conditions.

"We would want a mental health risk assessment and require intensive probation if there is no jail time," said Walton, who said mental health counseling and financial restitution would also be sought.

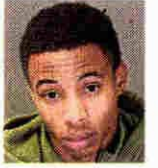
In what has been a series of social media threats against area schools, this particular threat was directed at Farmington Central High School. The threat came at the end of the school day March 21. As a cautionary measure, classes were canceled the following day.

Farmington Hills police identified the person responsible for the threat as a student at Farmington Central High School, an alternative high school with about 60 students.

Along with with the high school students — Central is a school of choice — the building on Shiawassee is divided to also hold a separate early childhood center.

Investigators identified Davis, a student at Central, as the person responsible for posting the threat and he was arrested, police said. His family was cooperative, according to police, and no weapons were located in the home.

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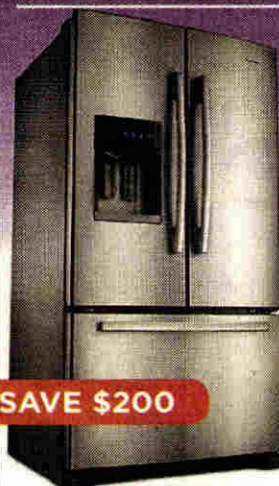
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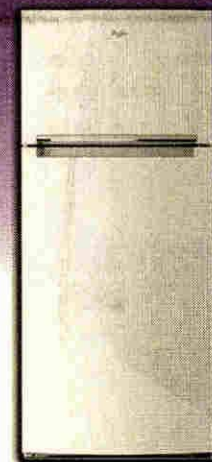


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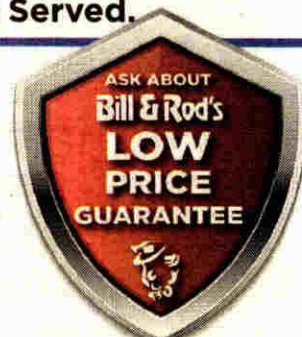


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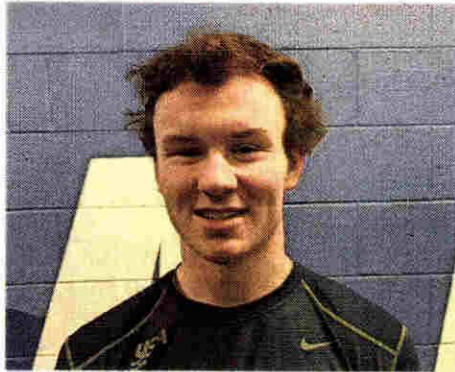


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For U.S. defenseman Ty Emberson, getting proper rest and nutrition in Russia will help the squad be ready for international competition. TIM SMITH



The U.S. team's trek to Russia is a "business trip," head coach Seth Appert stressed. TIM SMITH

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el — leaving April 9 and taking three planes that will connect the dots from Detroit to Amsterdam to Moscow to, finally, Chelyabinski.

**Reaching a climax**

At the final destination, players will go through a week of preparation before motoring to Magnitogorsk for the International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 worlds (which run April 19-29).

The group also will take on a new moniker as the U-18 men's national team. Make no mistake, whatever the team is called, the tournament represents the culmination. For two years, players have gone to work with skates firmly on the ice and the U-18 worlds somewhere in their thoughts.

That tournament will include Russia, as well as Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic, Canada and several other countries.

"Do we want to win the gold medal? 100 percent," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "Do the guys have that (worlds) ahead of them for two years? Yes. That's certainly something at the end to keep them motivated and driven, that they're here to end up winning a gold medal for the country.

"But along the way, we spend two years working on player development, to get them ready for this — and what's going to be beyond for them."

Most players on Appert's team already are lined up to play hockey for a

major college in 2018-19 and a number of players are expected to hear their names called in June at the National Hockey League entry draft.

All of that is in the future. Russia is now and players are pumped.

"It's going to be a great opportunity, a great trip," U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "I've never been to Russia, so that will be pretty cool.

"We have a great team and I think we'll have really good success over there."

**Pucks, not politics**

That a group of elite young Americans is about to spend a few weeks in Russia, during a contentious period of world history, is merely coincidental.

DeRidder and his teammates aren't concerning themselves about all the political unrest that dominates the 24-hour news cycle, much of it spent seemingly poring over every move made by President Donald Trump, Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller.

"My dad watches the news sometimes," said DeRidder, who hails from Fenton and will play next year at Michigan State University. "He'll just sit there and listen for a few minutes. There's some weird stuff, but I try not to think about it."

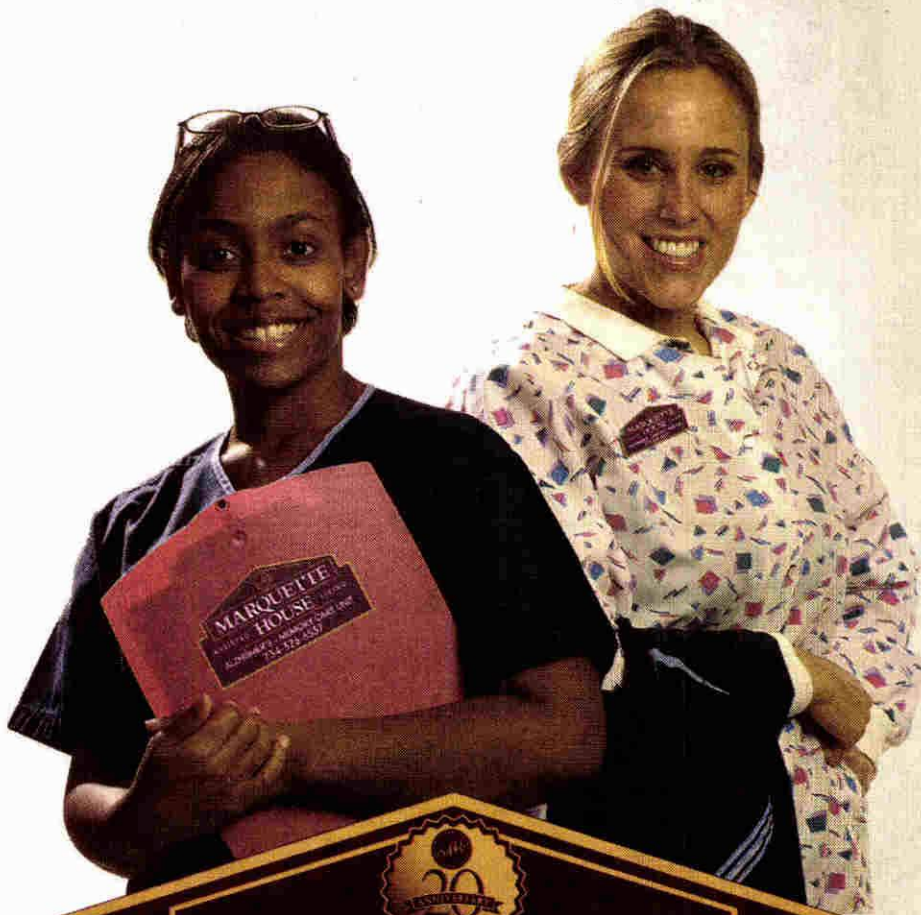
Asked if he is solely focused on stopping pucks against international rivals, he smiled and said, "Yeah."

Chiming in was Appert, noting that "those are things that I like to say are above our pay grade. Those things between our government and their gov-

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ernment, they're not for a hockey coach to be concerned with, right?"

So politics won't be top of mind. But personal health, hygiene and rest will be.

### Safe and secure

After reaching the first of two top-notch hotels the U.S. team will stay in while in Russia, players will be urged to kick back before kicking it up once they reach the rink.

"It's going to be a little bit different," DeRidder said. "The food's not going to be great. It's going to be a little bit different atmosphere than what I'm used to here. You just got to eat the food, stay hydrated (by drinking bottled water), stay rested and make sure we're doing everything we need to do."

USA Hockey will make sure players stick to the script as much as possible, already having gone to great lengths to reassure players and their families that they'll be safe.

One area of previous concern was a reported cloud of radiation hovering over much of Europe, but the all-clear sign was given several weeks ago.

"A few kids were worried about it, but I'm not worried about it anymore and the coaches have done a good job keeping us informed and telling us it's not a problem," DeRidder said. "I trust them. They're not going to bring us somewhere where we're going to be in any harm or anything like that."

Players might sneak in some trail mix or candy bars in their equipment bags, but USA Hockey "has done a good job of figuring out what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink. So I think we'll be fine," Emberson said.

Here's how thorough USA Hockey has been: In prepping the players, they were told to not use tap water to brush their teeth or shower with their mouths open.

Appert and his staff already have driven home the message that the team is embarking on a business trip, with the only sights to be seen reflecting gold, silver or bronze.

"Yesterday, we were talking to coach Appert and he said we might get out on the town a couple days just to get some pizza in the city," future University of

Wisconsin player Emberson said. "But we're there for hockey, so we're going to treat it as a business trip."

### A job to do

Having some downtime will be key, however.

"It's really important. We got to let loose some days," Emberson said. "We can't be stressed for three weeks in a row. But I think once the games start and once we have to get focused, I think the boys will get focused, because we're a mature group and we'll figure out how to win over there."

Concurring was Appert, emphasizing that "this isn't a sight-seeing trip, this is a world championship. When we go over there, the first couple days are going to be important, to get rest and get acclimated to the time change, get our feet underneath us on the practices, get an exhibition game in. And then we'll move down to Magnitogorsk; at that point it's on. We play three games in the first four days once the official tournament starts."

The team already has some international success under its belt — winning February's Five Nations Tournament in Plymouth after coming back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat Russia and then topping Finland in the championship game.

"I think we gained a lot of confidence in how we won that tournament," Appert said. "Not just that we won it."

### Patriotic pride

Now it's time to drink it all in — excepting tap water, of course.

Whether inside the arena on Beck Road or inside one across the Atlantic Ocean, players such as Gruden will relish putting on the U.S. crest and getting after it. A heavy workload awaits if a gold medal is to be won, namely eight games in less than two weeks.

Bring it all on.

"What am I looking forward to the most?" asked Gruden, whose family lives in Rochester. "Probably just being on the ice with the guys, wearing that crest internationally, it's so surreal."

"I dreamed about it when I was a kid. Probably just doing that and winning the gold medal has been a goal of mine."

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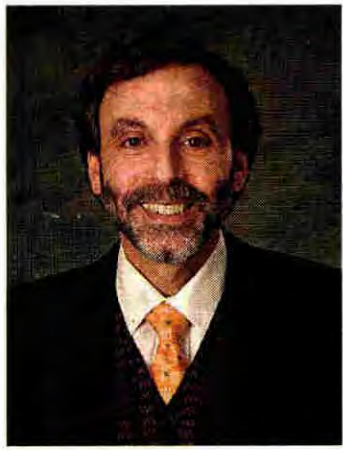
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**year. My question to you is, other than loaning my son the money, is there any other options that you can recommend for him?**

**A:** The first thing I would do is determine if your son has a realistic chance to repay your loan. Have him sit down and put together a listing of where his money is going. In addition, it is important that your son realizes he is going to have to change his spending habits. It is obvious your son is living above his means and he must be willing to change his spending habits and become much more disciplined with his money.

By looking at your son's expenditures, the two of you should be able to determine what he needs to cover his living expenses. That number, subtracted from his take-home pay, will leave you with what he has left to repay your loan. For example, if his take-home pay is \$30,000 a year and his new cost of living is \$25,000, there is only going to be \$5,000 left over to repay you. Based upon those numbers, it would take him more than 40 years to repay the loan.

Once you sit down with your son and

you look at his expenditures, you can realistically conclude that it would be doubtful that your loan would be repaid. Since you will need that money to cover your expenses and lifestyle, you would be taking a substantial risk to loan the money to your son. I know that's not necessarily the answer you wanted to hear, but it's reality. This is one of those times in life that you have to be somewhat selfish and look at your own interests first.

I have another alternative that I recommend your son explore. Based upon his income and his outstanding debt, my recommendation is to consider bankruptcy. I believe that, from a financial standpoint, he needs a fresh start. Yes, that would mean losing his home and increase the cost of any borrowing he may do in the near future. The offset is that more likely than not his charge card debt and the balance of the outstanding mortgage would go away. Freeing himself of the debt would allow him that fresh start so that he can get his financial house in order. I would tell your son that bankruptcy does give peo-

ple a second chance. Whether he takes a class on personal financial planning or reads a book, he needs to educate himself about personal finance and have the discipline not to overspend.

Bankruptcy is another tool in our tool chest that people in severe financial difficulties should not be hesitant to use. Corporate America has used the bankruptcy laws to its advantage and there's no reason we shouldn't follow its lead. The key is to sit down with a qualified bankruptcy attorney, so you can understand the process and the outcome, as well as the consequences. Just because you're in debt does not mean you file for bankruptcy. But like the situation at hand, if there is no realistic chance that even with a payment plan you are going to be able to repay your obligations, you owe it to yourself to explore bankruptcy. Good luck!

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# 'Cinderella' gets Ladywood's final curtain

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Rachel Paulin's family, like so many other theater folk before them, bought an ad in the program for her first production at Ladywood High School, congratulating her on her performance and wishing her luck in years to come.

Only there won't be many years to come after the Felician Sisters, who control the school, decided to close Ladywood at the end of this school year.

Paulin, a freshman who thought she was headed to a four-year career in the school's drama program, was devastated.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Paulin said. "I was being stripped of my home and my family."

While the school closure hangs like a cloud over the production of the spring musical, Disney's "Cinderella," Paulin and the rest of the cast are putting forth an effort they believe ensures the program goes out with a bang.

And after Disney released a new version of "Cinderella" in 2013 that updates the lead character — "She's more of a dynamic woman and less of a damsel in distress," director Laura Rea said — Paulin was excited to audition for the production.

"I knew it was the (school's) last production, so I auditioned for a female lead," Paulin said. "I wanted to play a big part of the last show. She's so playful, she shows so much emotion in everything she does. It's so fun."

Like Paulin, Rea thought she'd be around for a long time when she came back to Ladywood this year (she gradu-



The cast sings "The Prince is Giving a Ball." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ated from Ladywood). After being laid off in Farmington, Rea came back to Ladywood thinking she'd be giving back. She is — but only for this year.

"I thought it would be powerful to give back," Rea said. "Even though it was only for a short time, it was fun."

Rea said in addition to the changes in the lead character, the updated version added back stories for the wicked stepmother and stepsister, and added "a French Revolution" aspect that has "the peasants uprising."

Mostly, though, Rea thought the new version fit the talent pool at the all-girls school.

"I have a lot of strong female actresses and there are a lot of strong female role models in the show," Rea said.

One of those actresses is senior Kelly Gambino, who plays Marie, Cinderella's fairy godmother.

"I get to wear a really cool costume and I get to be magical," Gambino said. "It's a very big (role) and I love playing her."

Gambino, one of several seniors in the group, said the decision to close the school cast a pall over the production in the beginning. But she said as preparation has gone on — rehearsals started in

mid-January — that fog has lifted a bit. "Everyone just sort of got used to the fact it was closing," Gambino said. "It's really sad around here. I feel really bad for the underclassmen. I think toward the end, it'll be a bit of a cloud again, but for now, we're dealing with it."

A 12-week rehearsal schedule has presented some distinct challenges, particularly with a larger-than-usual cast. Because it's the school's last production, Rea wanted to involve as many actors as possible.

But with so many of the girls participating in extracurriculars aside from drama, finding the time to rehearse has been problematic.

"The girls at Ladywood are very involved in sports, so that's a challenge," Rea said. "I like it when they're involved, so we work around their schedules. Since this is the last production, I wanted as many people as possible to be involved."

The group will pay homage to the program at the Saturday performance, during which alumni of the program will be invited on stage. After the show, a reception to celebrate the school's legacy will be held. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the school's mission trip to the Dominican Republic later this year.

"Cinderella" takes the stage at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, and also at 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

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It was standing room only April 7 at the Novi Public Library as a crowd of about 180 people cheered Democratic candidates at a town hall-style forum for supporting gun control reform as part of their congressional campaigns.

The event was one of more than 100 Town Hall For Our Lives gatherings taking place across the country as a follow-up to the March For Our Lives rallies March 24, calling for tighter gun control in the wake of the Parkland, Fla., school shootings Feb. 14 that left 17 dead.

In attendance in Novi were five Democratic candidates for Michigan's 11th U.S. House District: Tim Greimel, Suneel Gupta, Dan Haberman, Fayrouz Saad and Haley Stevens. Organizer Dana Fortier said all the candidates, including the Republicans and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott (who is not running for reelection), were invited as well. None were present.

"I was disappointed, but I wasn't surprised," Fortier said. "This is just par for the course. I wish they had, because it would have been a more well-rounded discussion."

The five-candidate panel largely agreed in their support for universal background checks for gun sales, red flag legislation that would allow law enforcement to temporarily take guns away from people who they see as a danger to themselves or others and banning bump stocks, which enable semi-automatic rifles to fire faster, similar to machine guns. They also talked about changing the culture around guns, violence and mental health.



**Jon Cherney of South Lyon asks a question during the public comment period.** MARIA TAYLOR

ence and mental health.

Haberman congratulated young people for using "shame" to call for reform. "The leaders of this movement are students, are kids. They are standing up against the folks who are refusing to do their job to protect the people," he said.

Saad said gun violence in America is a "public health crisis" and called for investment in research and community-based programs "that empower teachers and students ... to have conversations and identify those who might be going down these pathways of violence." When people "started dying disproportionately in car accidents," she said, research was done and laws were passed, mandating seatbelts and banning drunk driving. "No matter how it has hurt the car industry, we've gotten it

done," she added. "This is the exact same thing."

Gupta said he believes gun control is compatible with the Second Amendment and that he believes 90 percent of people in America — plus a majority in the district — are in favor of common-sense gun laws.

"Why has nothing been done? There's a three-letter answer: NRA," he said, calling the National Rifle Association a "lobby group for arms dealers" rather than representing the voices of NRA members. "Far too many people have been murdered for the profit of arms dealers," he said.

Grimel is serving his third term in the state House of Representatives, 29th District, and said he's been the "point person" in the House to oppose "some insane" Republican policies. Currently, Michigan law prohibits the banning of open-carry firearms in public areas like schools and libraries.

"No other country would allow this lawless, Wild West kind of environment to exist," he said. "We need to change the fundamental culture that acts like guns are these great things that should be toted around in society."

Gupta, an engineer and entrepreneur, called for investment in technology. "If you look at any other product — toys for our kids, automobiles — technology has made them more safe. Technology has made guns more unsafe," he said, citing an app he'd worked on that matched patients with health care providers. "We can do the same thing with mental health. By doing this, we can help remove the stigma and start putting resources back into communities." None of the candidates agreed with

the repeal of the Second Amendment, as former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens called for in a New York Times op-ed late last month. They did, however, feel that the context of the Second Amendment has changed and that gun laws need to be modernized accordingly.

"When the Second Amendment was written, guns were not technology," Gupta said. Updates since then mean we need restrictions, "the same way as you can't stand up in here and shout 'fire.'"

During an audience comment period, Jon Cherney of South Lyon, a retired Detroit teacher, noted a "tremendous disconnect" in the way that people from the suburbs think of gun violence.

In areas like Novi, he said, folks think in terms of mass shootings "because that's all we see. We ignore the cities." In reality, he said, gun violence was part of his students' everyday lives.

Haberman agreed, saying that as a middle school student in Detroit's Cass Corridor, he had a gun pulled on him and didn't even think to tell his parents.

Saad said that, as an Arab-American, she was tired of the mentality that "when a white person has a gun, they're mentally ill. When a brown person has a gun, they're a terrorist."

It's a disconnect that Stevens noted, as well. "We absolutely, as a country, need to have a conversation around institutionalized racism and persecuted groups of our community who are maybe misunderstood," she said.

"We know as Michiganders that we can enjoy the sport of rifle hunting, but our kids should not have to go to school afraid. This is not a nuanced topic."

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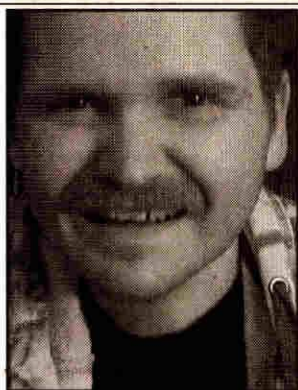
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# Obituaries

## Suzanne Healy Maccio

SOUTHERN PINES, NC - Suzanne Healy Maccio, born October 9, 1931, Flint, Michigan, died April 3, 2018, Southern Pines, North Carolina. A graduate of Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, she was an elementary school teacher and award-winning real estate agent, a docent at the Cincinnati Art Museum, and member of the League of Women Voters and the Junior League of Birmingham, Michigan. She was utterly devoted to her husband and traveled with him extensively throughout China, Thailand, and Malaysia. A great lover of literature, art, and flowers, she possessed a heart overflowing with graciousness and hospitality, and the sparkle in her Irish eyes was eclipsed only by her beautiful smile. For 61 years she was the adored wife of Chester Michael Maccio, Sr., and will always be the beloved mother of Christopher (Christine), MaryEllen (David Schumer), Kathleen (Dennis Holman), and Michael (Tia), grandmother of Nathan (Hilary), Molly (Josh), Joseph (Devin), Anthony, Daniel, Ari, Samuel, Maddie, and Benjamin, great grandmother of Sophia and Liam, sister of Barbara Collins, sister-in-law of Michael Maccio, Sarah Healy, Janell Healy, and LeAnne Burns, and Aunt to scores of devoted nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her loving parents, Geraldine Weiss and Louis Healy, cherished older brother Fritz and wife Jane Healy, treasured younger brothers Louis and Jerry Healy, best friend and sister, Mollie Lukken and husband Walt, and brother-in-law Norm Collins. She loved and was much loved, and Angels have carried her to final peace. A memorial mass will be held on May 5th, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 160 E. Vermont Avenue, Southern Pines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Penick Village Foundation, 500 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

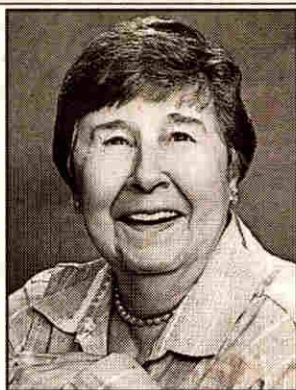


**Aaron Moeck**

REDFORD - Aaron Michael Moeck was born in Chicago, IL on February 7th, 1976 to parents Kathryn and Steven Moeck. Aaron enjoyed attending New Beginnings United Methodist Church in Redford, MI.

Aaron passed away on April 6, 2018 at age 42. Aaron is survived by his mother, Kathryn, father Steven and siblings: Sarah (Simon), Jon (Jessica), Andrew, and Rebecca.

A memorial service for Aaron will be held at New Beginnings United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 19th at 1:00pm.



**Anna M. Walker**

-- Mrs. Walker passed away on April 6, 2018 at 102 years young. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. She is survived by her two daughters, Kathleen and Christine, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She lived in Birmingham for over 30 years before moving to Minnesota. A memorial service will be held on Sat., April 21st at 2:00 pm at White Chapel Mausoleum in Troy, MI.

## Carolyn Ann Wieneke

PLYMOUTH - April 4, 2018 age 83. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Carla (David) Weier. Sister of Doris Williams. Dear daughter of the late Leonard & Doris Hill. Visitation Friday April 13th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd. W., Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Cycle for Survival. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

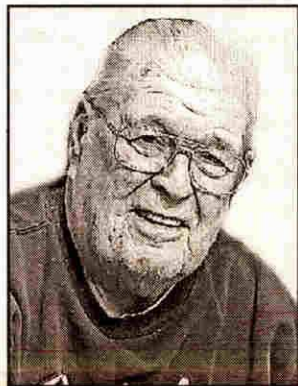
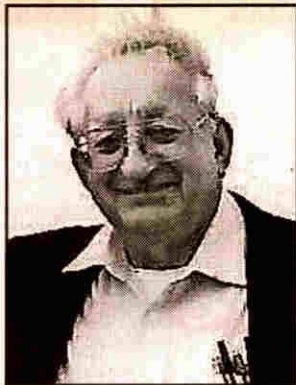


## Richard Jacques

FARMINGTON HILLS - Faithful husband of Wendy (nee Glick) passed away April 6, 2018, age 65. Survived by brother Thomas Jacques (Barbara), uncle Robert S. Rooke Sr. (Winifred), cousin Kathleen Walsler (Kurt) and cousin Robert S. Rooke Jr. (Susan). No ceremony planned. Donations to Salvation Army: <https://give.salvationarmyusa.org>

## Thomas N. Kayfes

HOWELL - Age 89, Tom passed away Friday, March 23, 2018, while peacefully at rest. Born June 5, 1928 to Philip and Mary Kayfes, in Ahmeek, he and Carol Goldsworthy were married June 23, 1951, until her death March 22, 2014. After seriously studying the Bible, they were baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses in 1956. Tom's love for God and genuine interest in people moved him to zealously share his faith in the Bible's promises. His daughter, Judy Bonga, granddaughter, Sherry Bonga, and brothers, Edward and James Kayfes, predeceased him. His daughters, Gloria Arndt and Donna Reimer; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Buell; five nephews and a niece, survive him. His memorial service was on Saturday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m., Kingdom Hall, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.



**Eli Lux, Jr.**

SOUTH LYON - Age 81. Beloved husband of the late Claudia. Dear father of Vanessa (Sky) Lechel, Allen, and Charles (Robin). Loving grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 9. Brother of Shirley Cookson and Carmen Puro-Dell. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to Karmanos Cancer Center or the Alzheimer's Association. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)





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# MDOT ramps up for I-696 construction project

## Freeway will see night and weekend closures

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It's still several years before Interstate 696 in Oakland County sees any major construction work. In the meantime, the Michigan Department of Transportation plans to have some off-peak closures of the freeway this summer to make some repairs before that work can begin.

I-696 will see work as part of MDOT's Restore the Reuther project beginning this month, a \$110 million road construction project that will see major closures in Macomb County and night and weekend closures in Oakland County, including through Farmington Hills and Novi.

The work, scheduled to begin in later this month in Macomb County and in mid-May in Oakland County, will include concrete pavement and joint repairs, along with drainage system repairs and minor structure repairs. Some of these repairs will take place on the weekends, as well as weekday nights after rush hour.

"There will be a lot of nights where we have stretches of 696 down to one lane," said Courtney DeFauw, the MDOT assistant construction engineer on the project. "It would only be a three- or four-mile stretch on each bound."

For concrete repairs, DeFauw said those will require complete closures of segments of the freeway over a span of 10 weekends this summer throughout Oakland County. The entire freeway from Madison Heights to Novi will not close with these weekend shutdowns; instead, four separate sections will be worked on at different times. These include eastbound I-696, between I-96 and Telegraph and Telegraph to Dequindre. The same zones are in place for westbound I-696 as well.

A public meeting to discuss the project took place Wednesday evening at Southfield City Hall.

There's no word on when or exactly how many weekends the freeway will

shut down yet, DeFauw said, though she said more will take place along the eastern half of the freeway through places like Southfield, Oak Park and Royal Oak, as that stretch of road is in worse shape.

"There's a lot more repairs between Telegraph and I-75," she said. "But we left it to (the contractor)."

No holiday or special event weekends will see closures, including Memorial Day weekend, the weekend after Independence Day and the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Detours for when the eastbound portion of I-696 is closed will take motorists down M-5 through Farmington Hills to Eight Mile on the Farmington Hills/Livonia border, then along Eight Mile to Telegraph before heading back to I-696. When westbound lanes are closed, motorists will be detoured the reverse way: southbound on Telegraph to westbound Eight Mile to westbound M-5.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said while work isn't scheduled quite yet, it's important for drivers to figure out their best travel route for when closures do begin.

"You do want to find your detour right now," she said.

She said MDOT will work to give drivers advanced warning of those closures before they happen, including through social media and contacting local media.

The work in Oakland County won't be nearly as painful for motorists as it will be in Macomb County. MDOT is closing westbound I-696, between I-94 and I-75, with eastbound remaining open throughout the project. Once the westbound lanes are complete, MDOT will continue to keep eastbound traffic flowing while shifting it onto the westbound lanes with limited exit ramp availability.

More information on the project can be found at [movingmacomb.org](http://movingmacomb.org). Another public meeting on the project will take place 4:30- 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square.

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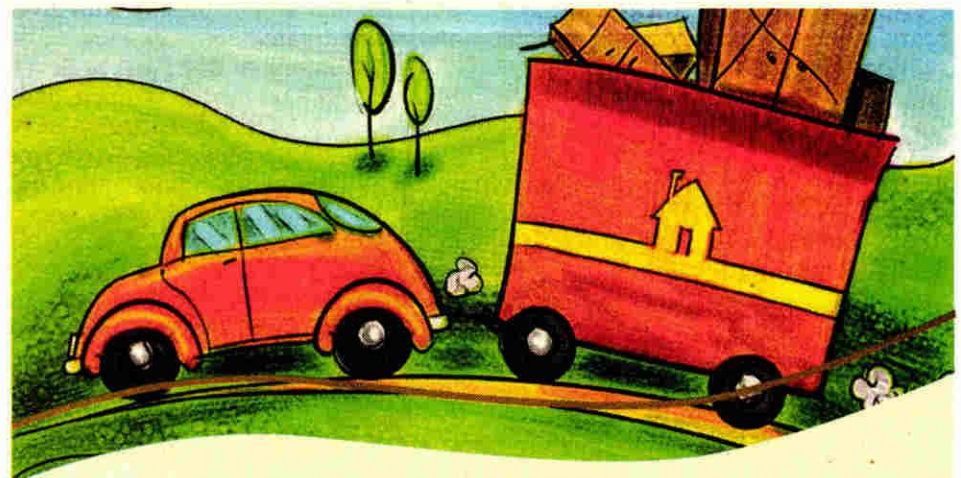
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**Western Wayne Genealogical Society**

The Western Wayne Genealogical Society will host its next meeting Monday, April 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Note the new format: 5 p.m., volunteers needed to help set up tables and chairs; 5:30 p.m., bring your dinner and enjoy conversations with other members; 6:15 p.m., announcements and pre-program round table with Todd Bredin; 7:30 p.m., Don Hengen will present Lesser Used Search Options in Find-A-Grave.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, go to [www.wwcgs.org](http://www.wwcgs.org).

**Diabetes prevention program**

Wayne Senior Services, 4635 Howe Road, will offer a free diabetes prevention program from Beaumont Hospital 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Program is led by trained lifestyle coaches who will give you the skills you need to make lasting, healthy lifestyle changes.

After the initial 16-weekly core sessions, you will meet monthly for added support to help maintain your progress. Register at [https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/\\_ZA7CBBXwLtxPgXWlz67T3?domain=beaumont.org](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/_ZA7CBBXwLtxPgXWlz67T3?domain=beaumont.org) or call 313-586-5488.

**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 17 and May 1, 8 and 15) 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](mailto:kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org) or 734-338-9580.

**Belle Isle at Wayne library**

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will host Belle Isle Conservancy president Michele Hodges for a talk at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. To register for this free program, call the library at 734-721-7832 or visit the Adult Services Desk.

**St. Michael meet and greet**

St. Michael Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard Road, in Livonia is hosting a meet and greet 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, for all students entering preschool and kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year and their families. There will be many different activities, including crafts, face painting, refreshments and much more. Parents will be able to ask questions and meet teachers, other school families and current students.

Reservations can be made at [school@livoniastmichael.org](mailto:school@livoniastmichael.org) or by calling 734-421-7360, ext. 225.

**Funding college workshop**

A workshop on funding your child's college education will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Livonia Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road. The speaker will be Robert Hoyer, certified college planning specialist

with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to increase your eligibility for aid and how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free, but seating is limited, so call 248-662-1300 to reserve your a seat.

**Vaping 101 programs**

The Livonia Public Schools district, Livonia Police Department and Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition will sponsor a pair of Vaping 101 programs, designed for adults and adolescents to learn the facts about vaping. Participants will learn what a vape is and how it is used, the effects of its use and what the legal issues are surrounding vaping.

They are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Riley Upper Elementary School, 1555 Henry Ruff, and 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Madonna University, Franciscan Center Lecture Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft Road.

For more information, call 734-338-9580.

**'23rd Floor' at Inspire Theatre**

Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" will be presented at the Inspire Theatre, located inside the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, from Friday, April 20, through Sunday, May 6. The play is directed by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher of Wayne.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased online at [inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com](http://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com) or by calling the box office at 734-751-7057.

**Crossroads dinner fundraiser**

Crossroads Church will host a benefit spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at Alpha Baptist Church's Family Life Center, 28051 W. Chicago Street, in Livonia, to raise funds for the Crossroads Youth Summer Missions Trip. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

All donations go toward the youth mission trip Hope for the City 2018 in Detroit Urban Harvest Ministries. For more information, go to [www.CrossroadsNow.org](http://www.CrossroadsNow.org), or call 734-338-5149.

**Dog park grand opening**

Livonia's first dog park will celebrate its opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Pet Supplies Plus will be on-site with giveaways and treats.

The Bicentennial Dog Park, at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, is open daily from dawn to dusk, not before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. The dog park features waste stations, a doggie drinking fountain, benches, agility stations, areas designated for small and large dogs, as well as an open area to allow for rotation.

Livonia residents with licensed dogs may access the park for a \$30 annual fee for the first dog and \$10 for each additional dog. There is a maximum of three dogs per household. For application information, go to [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org).

**St. Micheal open house**

St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne, is hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21. It offers a Christ-centered environment with small class sizes for preschoolers through the eighth grade.

For more information, call 734-728-3315 or go to [www.stmichaelmustangs.org](http://www.stmichaelmustangs.org).

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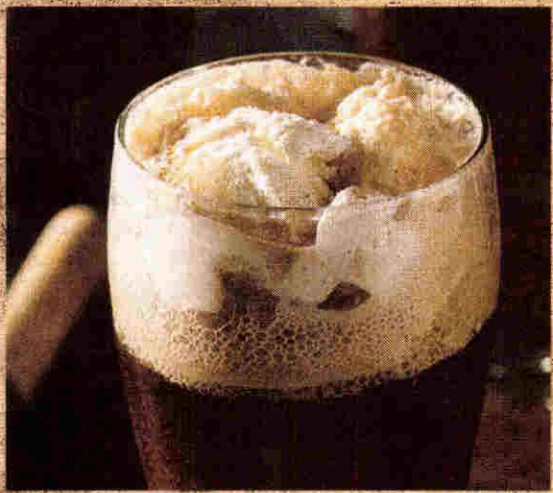
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# Sports

## PREP LACROSSE



West Bloomfield's Nick Ferenc (right) tries to slow down Patrick Distelrath of the Livonia Lumberjax. Distelrath played varsity lacrosse at Canton before his family moved to Livonia. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Upstart Livonia Lumberjax squad mirrors sport's growth

**Tim Smith**  
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Like fabled Paul Bunyan, who never let anything stand in his way, so go the Livonia Lumberjax — the city's first high school boys lacrosse team, which swung into action for the first time Tuesday at Bentley Field.

The Lumberjax clubbed West Bloomfield's junior varsity team by a 14-2 score to officially launch a squad composed of 20 players from Livonia Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools.

One of the standouts in the victory was Patrick Distelrath, a junior at Franklin who transferred from Canton High School. He tallied two goals and three assists, teaming with Nate Duns-

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The Livonia Lumberjax are serving notice to all of the city's athletic community that high school lacrosse is here. The junior varsity-level club team defeated West Bloomfield, 14-2. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### 'No regrets' for Shaffer; Rice seeks new coach

**Marty Budner**  
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Birmingham Brother Rice will have a new coach in charge of its basketball program starting next season.

School administrators informed players and parents via email late Wednesday that Ed Shaffer has been let go as the basketball head coach. Rice is in the process of setting up search plans to hire a new head coach.



"The Brother Rice basketball program is taking a new direction," Brother Rice Principal Ed Okuniewski said when contacted about the news. "We are working on a selection process and time line (to select a new head coach), which should be available shortly."

In the email, Okuniewski wrote: "Coach Shaffer's commitment and dedication to the Brother Rice basketball program is to be commended with much appreciation. Mr. Shaffer, an esteemed member of the Brother Rice faculty, will continue to teach in our English Department."

Following is a message Shaffer sent out to current players and alumni after he was informed of the decision:

"I hope to have the chance to talk to each of you individually, but I want you to know that I appreciate everything you've done for me and for our program. You and all the guys who have played for us in the past 11 years have given me some of the greatest memories of my life and I vow to always return that loyalty, anytime you need me.

"I said to you many times that, if you know you gave your all, you should have no regrets, regardless of the results. I have no regrets today. Thank you for everything."

#### Rice's second-winningest coach

Shaffer has been with the Brother Rice basketball program for 14 years, succeeding Brian Kalczynski as head coach to start the 2007-08 season.

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Cartwright, Rochester capture national crown

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Armand Cartwright finally has that basketball championship that eluded him in high school.

Cartwright was a member of Bloomfield Hills High School's inaugural 2013-14 boys basketball team that advanced to the Class A state championship game. The Black Hawks lost to Muskegon, but made history by winning district and regional titles in quite a memorable debut season after the merger of Andover and Lahser high schools.

Now, four years later, Cartwright helped lead the reputable Rochester College men's basketball team to the 2017-18 United States Collegiate Athletic Association national championship.

The Warriors defeated Oakwood University in the championship game, 80-61, to bring home the program's fourth national title. Cartwright, a 6-1 guard, played a key role by averaging 10 points and five rebounds over three games to land a spot on the all-tournament team.

"In high school, we were close, but it was amazing going to a national (college) tournament and winning it instead of losing," Cartwright said. "There is

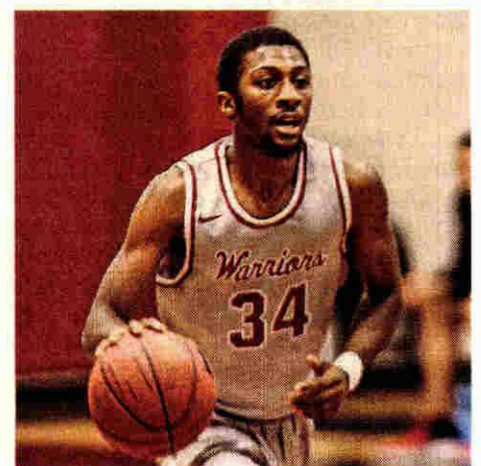
definitely a big difference and it was a great experience to go through.

"That feeling was unreal, because it was our fourth national title. Just winning it was amazing, because I've never been a part of something like that before. Everyone was so excited.

"Seeing us play together like we did after a long, tough season was really cool," he added. "We had our ups and downs this season, so for us to win it all was a great reward."

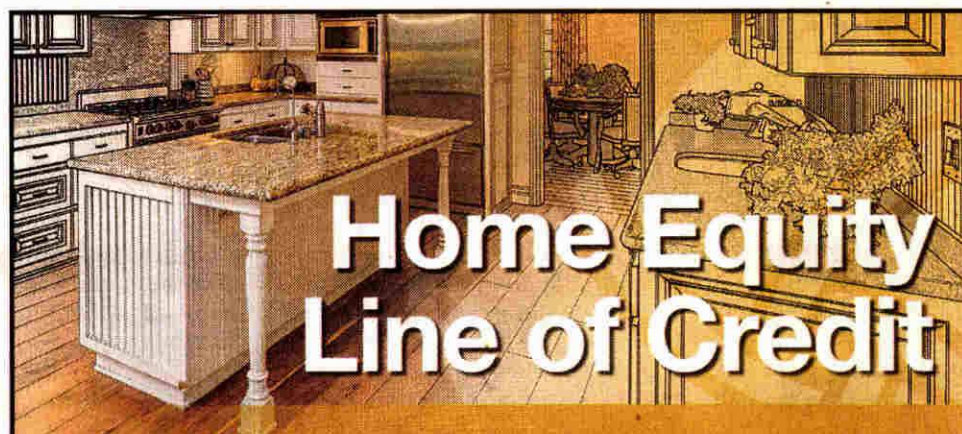
Rochester College entered the tournament, held at the Penn State Fayette

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Bloomfield Hills High School graduate Armand Cartwright was named to the all-tournament team after scoring 34 points in three USCAA games.

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## PREP ROUNDUP

## Seaholm wins OAA Red Division golf meet

## Boys golf

**OAA RED DIVISION:** Birmingham Seaholm won the first OAA Red Division meet Wednesday with a team score of 307. Henry Scavone was the low Maples scorer at 70. The other Seaholm scorers were Jack Muir (76), Alex Ocho (79), Hagen Cunningham (82), Andrew Krivan (86) and Connor Everett (86).

## Track and field

**BROTHER RICE 64, ST. MARY'S 59:** In its first meet of the season Wednesday, Brother Rice traveled to Orchard Lake and took down St. Mary's by five points. The individual Warriors winners were Jim Casper in the high jump (5-foot-6), Jared Webb in the 100-meter dash (11.32), Alec Miracle in the 800-meter run (2:02.52), Jon Browne in the 200-meter run (23.69), Grant Davey in the 1,600-meter run (4:53) and Kevan O'Brien in the 3,200-meter run (11:01). The foursome of Webb, Dodi Onwuzurike, Firras Almsaddi and Browne teamed to take the 400-meter relay. Brother Rice hosts arch rival Catholic Central on Monday.

## Girls soccer

**GROVES 1, WEST BLOOMFIELD 0:** In 44-degree weather conditions Tuesday, Groves blanked West Bloomfield to keep its record perfect after two games. The lone goal came from Larkin O'Gor-

man who boomed in a shot to the left-hand corner of the net off a great feed from Clare Brady.

**MARIAN 4, LUTHERAN NORTH 2:** Bloomfield Hills Marian doubled up Catholic League foe Lutheran North Tuesday behind a balanced offensive attack. The four Mustangs scorers were Jansen Eichenlaub, Annie Bruce, Kate Hughes and Claudia Schilling. Marian, the defending Division 2 state champion, and Lutheran North were tied 2-2 at the half. The Mustangs outscored host North by two goals in the second half to earn the triumph. Megan Krause played goal for Marian.

## Baseball

**GROVES 7, TROY 2:** On Wednesday, Groves played an error-less game to defeat host Troy by five runs. George Cutler smacked a key two-run single while Falcons teammate Roger Motley had three hits, including a double, with an RBI and a run scored. Aerik Joe (2-for-2, RBI, two runs scored) and Brian Roberts (three of the team's five sacrifice bunts) also had strong games. Chaise Ford was the winning pitcher as he allowed four hits, two earned runs and struck out six in 6½ innings of work. The victory lifted Groves to 3-0.

**GROVES 3, BISHOP FOLEY 2 (10 innings):** Groves and Bishop Foley decided to work overtime in this non-league battle Monday. The host Falcons opened the scoring with a first-inning run, but

the Ventures tied it at 1-1 with a sixth-inning run. Foley scored in the top of the 10th, but Groves rebounded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the 10th to earn the victory. Harrison Cole had a pair of hits and scored two runs for Groves, while Aerik Joe and Drew Thomas had one hit apiece. Chaise Ford hit a solo home run in the 10th that tied the game at 2-2. Roger Motley started on the mound for the Falcons and struck out nine while not allowing a run through five innings. Matt Bachand hurled the final five innings and registered the win as he gave up just three hits. For Foley, Ben Alderson allowed one earned run in seven innings and went 2-for-4 at the plate.

## Boys lacrosse

**BIRMINGHAM UNITED 18, STONEY CREEK 4:** Colton Tinsley, Carson Claar and Owen Cross each scored four times in United's first victory in three games Tuesday. Birmingham led 8-2 at halftime.

## Girls lacrosse

**BIRMINGHAM UNITED 21, ATHENS 7:** On the road Tuesday, Birmingham United grabbed the early lead and registered this victory. Junior Shannon Stubbs led the attack with five goals, while classmates Meryl Feys (four) and Kate Wujciak (three) combined for seven goals.

**MARIAN 17, NOTRE DAME PREP 5:** Marian won its first home game Tuesday over Notre Dame Prep.

## Softball

**NORTH FARMINGTON II, STRONGTOWER 3:** In its home opener Tuesday, North Farmington strong-armed Strongtower in non-league action. Senior hurler Sam Cherney struck out 11 and allowed two hits in five innings of work. North Farmington broke up a close game with a five-run fifth inning. The Raiders had 13 hits, led by Mara Szczecienski and Sara Williams who each had three hits and combined for five RBIs. Cherney and Maeve O'Hare both had two hits and Sarah Fish, Molly Simpson and Ella O'Neill had one hit each.

**SEAHOLM 8, FRASER 7:** Seaholm improved to 3-0 with this victory in its home opener Wednesday. Sarah Hegel, Elle Lewandowski, Erika MacArthur and Reagan Hurdle all blasted doubles to lead the Maples. Reilly Vida stole three bases and made a game-saving diving catch in the final inning. MacArthur went the distance to pick up her second win of the year.

**NORTH FARMINGTON 4, FARMINGTON 0:** North Farmington opened its season Tuesday with this victory over rival Farmington. In seven innings, senior Sam Cherney struck out 14 and scattered two hits. Mara Szczecienski and Cherney both had two singles, while Molly Simpson had one single.

## Lacrosse

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more (also of Franklin).

Distelrath, a two-year veteran with the Chiefs, looked to the Livonia junior varsity level team when he wanted to continue playing lacrosse after his family moved. He was grateful for that opportunity, even if he wasn't too keen on the team's nickname and (original) uniform choice.

"I thought it was a little loopy at first. I didn't really like it," Distelrath said with a laugh. "I was, like, 'Livonia Lumberjax?' I thought the idea of, like, plaid, a bunch of plaid, running around in plaid. But when the jerseys came I was, like, 'Wow, they aced that.' They look so cool."

## Laying the 'lumber'

The concept for plaid jerseys with a lumberjack theme quickly fell by the wayside. What players wore Tuesday were crisp, white jerseys with blue and yellow lettering and numbers.

"Lumber is old-school terminology," Lumberjax head coach Mike Redding said, noting that efforts to somehow incorporate all three high school nicknames just wasn't working. "Sticks used to be wood, you were laying the lumber to it."

Also happy to have an unexpected chance to run and gun on the lacrosse field is sophomore Josh Miller, who transferred to Franklin from Brighton High School.

"It's been pretty cool," Miller said. "I was really disappointed when I moved here that I wasn't going to be able to play lacrosse. But then my dad called me up one day and said, 'They're starting up lacrosse here.'"

"I was really excited to be one of the first ones, to start off a legacy."

That excitement isn't just with players. Redding, 50, said he was "bouncing" out of his chair about the team finally coming to fruition after a two-year effort. He said he played lacrosse at Detroit Catholic Central (then located in Redford), when only four high schools in the state offered the sport.

## Filling a void

In 2018? It is considered one of the top movers and shakers in Midwest college and high school athletics. Madonna University added men's and women's lacrosse in 2016-17 and Lawrence Technological University also has recently added the sport — a longtime fixture on the east coast — to its roster of offerings.

High school districts all around Oakland and Wayne counties boast lacrosse programs. Livonia, until now, has represented a hole in the tapestry of the sport's fast and furious growth.

"I think the potential is huge," Redding said. "Anyone that's familiar with Livonia knows that the athletes, the base, coming out of Livonia is huge. There's a huge group of athletes here. We just need to grow it, we need to get the culture built. Expand it and try to get it out.



Carrying the ball for the Livonia Lumberjax is Grant Gibson.

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ers.

"That is the ultimate goal," Redding said. "Because to get into high schools, with all the Title IX, you need to bring in two teams. I can't just bring in a boys team."

## Taking notice

Whereas the Lumberjax are just now hitting the field sprinting, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads already are in full gear.

Both Canton and Plymouth are coming off seasons of team-record success with hopes of a deep run in the 2018 state tournament.

Over at Salem, Anderson is looking for the Rocks to make the jump from a .500-type squad into a KLAA contender.

It helps that top offensive players from 2017 such as senior Tyler Thompson are back. But also important is an influx of multi-sport athletes who heard about the splash lacrosse is making and wanted to be in on the fun.

One of those newbies is Salem senior Sean McCormack, who played high school football, hockey and baseball in previous years. This time around, he opted to give up baseball in order to play lacrosse.

"My heart just wasn't in baseball," McCormack said. "I was thinking about (playing lacrosse) last year and I wanted to give (baseball) one more try."

"I watched a bunch of my football buddies play this and hockey buddies. ... They all wanted me to play it. I just gave it a try and I love it. It's so much fun."

## Trying it, liking it

McCormack said he just enjoys speed and body contact in the sports he competes in.

"It's different than baseball," McCormack said. "And it just reminds me of hockey and football, the physical aspect of it and the atmosphere, the energy level."

Thompson, meanwhile, is glad that multi-sport athletes such as McCormack are gravitating to lacrosse.

"I like the aspect of how it's so fast-paced and I like to run. I feel (reception to lacrosse) is getting better and better," Thompson said. "Kids coming to Salem lacrosse is making it better, having multi-sport athletes (like McCormack) being on it, promoting it, really brings it up."

According to Anderson, who played high school and college lacrosse and formerly coached West Bloomfield's varsity team, there is no reason why more student-athletes can't discover lacrosse.

"It's a great sport and the kids that play it, they all like it," Anderson said. "You'll never see a lacrosse athlete stop playing lacrosse to play baseball. That's just not going to happen."

"It's a sport that lends itself really well to athletes that like the contact, like to work hard and like the fast pace of the game."

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"Once we can get these kids to walk around the school with their gear and their swag starting to get more interest ... we need to fill the youth programs up, as well as we need to bring in the girls side of it."

Players, for the most part, were groomed in the Livonia Raptors youth program, founded and owned by Eric Young — who also is the Lumberjax main man. There are several transplants from other schools, such as Distelrath and Miller.

"We started the Raptors five years ago, so there's about 10 boys from the 2021 graduation year that are out on the field right now from the Raptors program," Young said. "For some reason, Livonia just hasn't had the lacrosse opportunity for students. But I think it was because they didn't have the youth presence. I can totally understand why the high schools didn't have it for that reason."

"But now that there's growth in the youth program, now there's opportunities for high school athletes. Everybody around us seems to have it, a lot of the KLAA participating teams have it."

"We've had a great reception to our introduction to this program. A lot of people are wanting to see us succeed."

## Growth spurt

One of the "home-grown" Lumberjax players is Young's son, Ethan Young (a freshman at Stevenson).

"It's a good milestone for Livonia, good step for our community and we can push forward throughout the season," Ethan said. "It's positive; a lot of people like lacrosse. They don't know how to play it, but they want to play it. They just don't have the experience."

"This is a good pathway for other kids to get involved and learn about the sport."

The Raptors will provide a pipeline to the Lumberjax, but lacrosse's appeal as a lightning-fast sport with key components of physicality and skill also are bringing more players on board.

"I was a football and baseball player, which in my opinion I didn't really like,

because it was all brain," Distelrath said. "But in this game, it's all speed. There's a few plays you have to memorize, but it's all technique in the game. ... It's all you, it's freestyle."

At Salem, first-year varsity boys lacrosse coach Ed Anderson said the growth of the sport is being fed by its very nature as a whirlwind of pace and possibility. Every trip into the attack zone brings with it anticipation of a player circling the goal and flinging the ball past a goaltender.

"It's a sport that plays pretty quickly for athletes," Anderson said. "It's a fairly easy sport to pick up. And then, of course, to be a very highly skilled player takes a lot more work."

"But it doesn't mean that we don't have a place on the field for every athlete."

## Planning a future

Everything is being done by the book with the new team, with evidence being collected to share with the athletic directors in the Livonia Public Schools district. The school board recently discussed adding lacrosse during a study session.

If all goes according to Eric Young's plan, lacrosse eventually will become an official MHSAA-sanctioned sport in the district.

"My motivation is to take opportunities while these kids have eligibility to still have an opportunity to play," Young said. "I share openly with the high schools our progress. They know our roster, they validated our roster, so when we play other programs, they know all the boys are from Livonia public high schools."

"If they're ready to make a move and add it on, I'll basically give them the framework and the playbook to move on with it."

For starters, the new venture is solely a boys team. But Young stressed that the Raptors (essentially a feeder program with players in grades 3-8) soon will launch teams for girls in grades 3-4.

Down the road, the hope is for another high school JV team for female play-



## BOYS LACROSSE

## Detroit CC ends Brother Rice domination

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Joey Kamish's overtime goal exorcised more than a few demons in Novi Detroit Catholic Central's 10-9 lacrosse win Tuesday over 13-time defending Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

It was the fourth goal of the night for the sophomore and none was bigger in the history of the Shamrocks lacrosse program.

That's because CC hadn't beaten its longtime nemesis since 1994 and it was only the second time Rice had fallen to a school from this state during its 13-year MHSAA tournament reign.

Kamish's goal was golden, for sure. It came with 1:45 to play in the first sudden death four-minute OT period, on a low drive that skipped underneath Rice goalie Jack Michael.

The Kamish game-winner sent CC, players and coaches into a wild celebration afterward on the Rice field.

"I just thought it was time to rip it and it went in," Kamish said of the game-winner. "What was the difference today? We beat Rice. That's always been my goal and it's something my brother (Brennan) wasn't able to accomplish, but we were just fortunate to get the win tonight."

During the 13-year history of the MHSAA tournament, Rice had beaten CC seven times, all of the last four finals, including a tense 8-7 win in last year's state final. Last year, the Warriors beat CC three times, including 15-14 regular season OT victory and a 15-10 win in the Catholic League final.

But this time the tables were turned as CC's face-off specialist Connor Beals won the all-important draw to start OT and the Shamrocks got a 30-second man advantage when Rice's James Donaldson took a penalty.

"I know that our offense, in my opinion, is the best in the state," said Kamish, a junior attacker. "There's nothing stopping us from getting that win. And I knew it was just one goal to win it, nothing was stopping our offense. We played



Catholic Central's Joey Kamish (front) is all smiles as he celebrates the game-winning OT goal. MARTY BUDNER

it out, got that penalty, and right after the ball went on the ground, I knew we were going to score and win the game."

Nobody was happier afterward than CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team improved to 4-0 with the victory in the Catholic League opener.

"The state championship wasn't lost or won today," Wilson said. "It's a big win for us. We also recognize that it's one win. We knew eventually we'd kick the door in and the kids just had to be persistent."

CC sophomore goalie Jakob Hemme, who was on the freshman team a year ago, was a lesson in perseverance.

"We knew it was going to be there, we knew we were going to win. This was the team," Hemme said. "We thought we were going to win and we won."

Rice (1-3), led by Pat O'Hara's three goals, tied it up with only 57.2 seconds left in regulation on Cullen Zarek's goal after CC took two successive penalties. O'Hara assisted to make it 9-9.

The Warriors also had the last possession, but couldn't get off a quality shot forcing OT.

"They won some face-offs, they gained possession," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said of the second half. "Youth took over for us. We're a young team and we're starting 95 percent sophomores and juniors. We graduated every goal we had last year in meaningful times, so it's going to take us a while to jell. Unfortunately, we didn't close out that game and a couple before it. Hats off to them. They got us and I'm sure we're going to see them a couple more times."

Rice was coming off successive weekend losses to Ohio powers Cincinnati St. Xavier (9-8 in OT) and Olentangy Liberty (8-6). But the Warriors hadn't lost to a team in Michigan since April 16, 2013, when neighboring Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day pulled off an 8-7 OT win.

"I'm optimistic that they're going to react positively," Chawla said. "Of course, to these guys it feels like the end of the world when you don't lose hardly ever in-state. The last time we lost, it was four years ago. That team took it pretty well and we talked about it a little bit. And I think these guys are going to

bounce back. They're going to have a heck of a season ahead of them. Not overly down about this loss. It hurts, it stings, but we're going to get over it and get to work tomorrow."

Hemme, in only his second varsity game, was electric at times, making 16 saves.

"I was scrambling, I was buzzing, I didn't know what was going on," he said of the frenzied match. "It was an incredible feeling, though. I couldn't think of anything but the game. All I wanted to do was win, all I wanted to do is help the team. It's incredible."

CC trailed 6-3 at halftime and Rice went ahead by four goals, 7-3, with 8:16 left in the third quarter on Justin Glod's goal from Charlie Comer.

But the Shamrocks regrouped, outscoring Rice the rest of the way, 7-2, as Ethan Pattison scored three straight goals, while others came from Kamish (three in the second half), Peter Thompson, Jacob Sposita and Ryan Sullivan.

"I think we just put a little more pressure on them," Wilson said of the second half. "It's something we've been working on all year in practice. We talked. There was no reason to yell or scream. It's not going to make them play better, but try and inspire them to turn up the intensity. It's something we try to do in practice every day. I asked them and I got an honest answer that they weren't as intense as they had been training to do. That helped."

Although it was only a regular season match, it was a breakthrough for the Shamrocks.

"It's been quite the drought for us. Hopefully, it will be more of a rivalry now that we got one in here and hopefully there will be more to come," Wilson said. "I don't know if they consider it a rivalry ... but we did."

The bus ride back to Novi was certainly going to be joyous celebration for the Shamrocks.

"I don't what's going to happen, but it's going to be fun," Kamish said.

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## GIRLS SOCCER

## Stevenson freezes arch rival Churchill, 4-0

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You can always count on Kayla Gacioch to put her best foot forward.

That was most evident during Livonia Stevenson's 4-0 girls soccer win Monday over rival Livonia Churchill, as the senior midfielder scored her second and third goals of the season while assisting on another.

The Spartans also overcame sterling and heroic effort by Churchill senior Katherine Ristola, who finished with 19 saves on a bone-chilling night.

Gacioch, a tri-captain who had nine goals and eight assists last year, said it was matter of strategically breaking down the Churchill defense that led to three second-half goals.

"We knew we had to pass it and, like, beat the skill, just play around them in order to get in, so we just kept passing," Gacioch said. "We were told we were going to be dominating, we just needed to continue to use our skill and play around them. And when the chance came, shoot the ball."

Gacioch put Stevenson on top with 31:04 left in the first half with a left-footed drive from 17 yards out that eluded Ristola.

But the Churchill keeper was able to keep it a one-goal deficit until senior Abby Werthman scored from Gacioch with 33:31 remaining in the second half to make it 2-0.

"(Werthman) played with my club team (Hawks), so we're familiar playing with each other and everything," Gacioch said.

Stevenson increased its advantage to 3-0 with 17:05 left, when senior Audrey Kopitz pounced on a rebound after point-blank shot by Werthman that was initially stopped by Ristola.

Gacioch then completed the scoring just 6:20 later, with Werthman drawing the assist, to give the Spartans a commanding four-goal cushion.

"Kayla was fantastic," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She plays in multiple spots. She's very dynamic in bringing in others into the game and finishing. She's one of the best finishers around. With Abby (Werthman) and Audrey (Kopitz), too, we have three really good goal scorers. They all scored today and they all set up goals. It's just a nice attacking effort by those three. They were really on point."

Stevenson fired a total of 33 shots at Ristola, while the Spartans allowed just one shot by the Chargers all night.

"She was fantastic, I thought," Shingledecker said of Ristola. "She's the reason the game stayed tight for a long time. Three or four shots that looked like they were sure goals and she was coming up with monster saves. I've known Katherine for a long time. She's very good and she works very hard. It was impressive."

Gacioch, who is headed to Grand Valley State,



Churchill's Kayla Karnesky (left) and Stevenson's Adriana Sapia vie for a 50/50 ball. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

where she plans to become a physician's assistant, is entering her fourth year on the varsity.

She showed very little rust as the Spartans had just one spring break practice leading up to the match. And temperatures were less than ideal, hovering around the mid-30s.

"It was cold, but we fought through and just, like, dealt with the weather," Gacioch said. "We knew it was going to be cold, but we had to play tough."

Stevenson continually pressed through Churchill's defensive line from the outset and eventually wore down the Chargers.

"We've struggled to score goals and, finally, I thought, we broke through a little bit here in the sec-

ond half and finally put some away," Shingledecker said. "Our attack has not been the problem, it's just been the finishing. It was good to score some goals today and do it against a good goalkeeper."

Churchill, under first-year coach Christopher Burnette, slipped to 1-1.

"(Down) 1-0 at half I was happy with, but it was closer to 10 than one goal for us because they were all over us the whole time and Kat was excellent," Burnette said. "The game kind of worked out how I expected it. I know they'd keep the ball and I figured just be patient and try and get them on a counter. Unfortunately, they got us three times on a counter."

If they had a vote for the game's first star, it might have been Ristola.

"Kat was excellent," Burnette said. "I just thought we casually defended too much and didn't have a lot of offense. We've struggled to score goals. And like (Shingledecker) said coming in, 'We've struggled to score goals' and we're on the farther end of it. But the casual defending was not good. It puts us in a position and Ken has a really long bench, very organized, and I expect that from his teams. He does a good job."

With center back Loren Kruger out with an injury, Burnette had to make some adjustments with his back line.

"Kayla Osen has done a great job at wide back and she's a good attacking player for us," he said. "But I had to put her as a center-back and it's not where I wanted her to play. It's been a struggle, but I think my freshman Sarah Marasco has been excellent as a wide back. She's come in and played every minute and done a good job."

After a season-opening 2-1 loss to Farmington, the Spartans have won two straight and expect to be a factor going forward in the KLAAs strong Gold Division, as well as a top 10 team in the Division I state rankings.

"I think it's going to be a good year," Gacioch said. "We're all like meshing well together and everything."

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Armand Cartwright (left) helped lead Rochester College to the 2018 USCAA Division I men's basketball championship. ROCHESTER COLLEGE

## Cartwright

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County campus in Uniontown, Pa., as the No. 5 seed. The Warriors, runners-up in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference postseason tournament, qualified for the nationals by placing among the top eight of the USCAA top 25 coaches poll.

### Redemption against Oakwood

The Warriors opened with a 72-62 victory over No. 4-seeded Illinois Tech and then upset top-seeded Florida National University, 70-69, in a thrilling semifinal game, winning on a last-second layup by tournament MVP Justin Nafso from Walled Lake.

Rochester College then played No. 6-seeded Oakwood University in the title game, leading most of the way and soaring to an 80-61 triumph. It was sweet revenge after having lost to that same team in the semifinal round of the 2015-16 tournament.

Cartwright posted 13 points and four rebounds in the championship game after having a monster outing in the semifinal against Florida National with 14 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals. The Bloomfield Hills resident finished with 34 points and 17 rebounds in the three-game series.

"Two years ago, when I was red-shirted, we went to the USCAA, where we played Oakwood and lost to them," Cartwright said. "I wanted to play Oakwood again so we could redeem ourselves. And even though they were the lower seed, we knew we couldn't underestimate them."

"I knew we couldn't sleep on them, so we came in and played hard and played confident," he added. "And we came out with the win. It was great to have that payback against them. The win was, basically, because of our defense and playing together as a team. We just played with heart and it was special."

After graduating from Bloomfield Hills High School in 2014, Cartwright attended Jersey Coast Academy in New Jersey for a year. He then returned to Bloomfield Hills and decided to continue his studies and play basketball at Rochester College.

Cartwright was red-shirted his freshman year, but has improved his game to such a point where he has averaged 11 points last year and 13 points this season for the Warriors. He has

shown versatility by playing the one, two or three guard positions.

### A 'complete' player

Veteran Rochester College head coach Klint Pleasant, a Waterford Kettering High School graduate, said Cartwright is not only a "complete" player, but a vital "leader and model student-athlete."

"Armand is a true player in the sense he's position-less. He has a complete game on both ends of the floor and that made our team better this year," said Pleasant, who just completed his seventh season as head coach. "He attacks the rim, he shoots it well, he will distribute the ball and he's a high energy defender."

"Armand is still improving and we have high expectations for him in terms of his personal skill set as a player," he added. "Most importantly, he is a leader and he is selfless and just wants to win. He is easy to coach and plays a major role in adhering to and encouraging our program's culture."

Cartwright still has two years of eligibility remaining and is looking forward to playing out his college career with the Warriors.

"Rochester College is definitely the right school for me, no doubt about it," Cartwright said. "I had a pretty good shot in high school — I shot 56 percent — but it wasn't really good-looking form. I've really been able to improve my jump shot here."

"I've learned how to shoot over the big men," he added. "I've been able to play the game with my size and I've learned how to control the tempo of the game. I've really enjoyed my time here. We've had great success here and we just want to keep it going."

In high school, Cartwright was teammates with two other college-level players in Yante Maten and Khalil Gracey.

Maten enjoyed a stellar career at the University of Georgia, where he was selected this past season as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, is the school's second all-time leading scorer and is a potential NBA draft pick this year. Gracey plays basketball at Morgan State, where he sees limited playing time.

"I kid Khalil and Yante that I have one up on them now," Cartwright said. "I can't wait to play the next two years."

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## Shaffer

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In those 11 seasons at the helm, Shaffer's teams finished with a 111-123 record (.474 winning percentage) record and a 28-74 mark (.275) in the Catholic High School League. The 11 victories place him second in all-time wins at Brother Rice behind only the legendary Bill Norton, who compiled 323 victories in 17 seasons.

Shaffer's Warriors captured two Catholic League Central Division titles (2008, 2010) and back-to-back MHSAA district titles in 2010 and 2011. Three of Shaffer's players earned all-state honors — Austin Fowler

(09), Kevonte Martin-Manley (10) and Kevin Hayes (15).

In addition, Shaffer was named the Catholic League and Oakland County Coach of the Year in 2010.

Brother Rice hired Shaffer in 2004 as director of advancement and an assistant basketball

coach under Kalczynski. The 1987 Boston College graduate coached in the Chicago area prior to joining Rice.

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## COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Madonna downed in Comerica Park game

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Joe Wozniak hadn't pitched an inning all season for the Madonna University baseball team.

So while sitting in the bullpen during Wednesday night's game at Comerica Park against the University of Toledo, the freshman left-hander from Livonia Churchill became a little bit startled when he was told to start getting loose.

"When we first got the call out of the

bullpen, I was kind of like, 'Oh, man, this is, like, my shot,'" Wozniak said, "and immediately it was, like, the fifth inning and I wasn't going down until the eighth. I immediately got up and wanted to throw. I felt anxious and, basically, I was, like, 'All right, I got to chill out.' Once I got out there ... it was a cool experience because, obviously, there's tons of guys in the major leagues that do that. I just really enjoyed the experience."

Ferguson



Wozniak

Wozniak gave up one hit and pitched a scoreless eighth, but it was far from a storybook night for the Crusaders, who fell to the NCAA Division I Rockets of the Mid-American Conference, 13-0.

"Originally no, I wasn't on the agenda to pitch," Wozniak said. "Things got tangled up. They got a few runs and hits. I'm trying to live up to the moment and how cool it was, even though we didn't come away with the win."

Both of Wozniak's parents, including his father Michael, who played on MU's second-ever team under now assistant coach Mike George, were in the stands to cheer him on. His girlfriend at Central Michigan also watched the game online.

"I've never had a tour of this, but actually I thought it was a pretty cool facility," Wozniak said.

The top five batters in Toledo's lineup went a combined 15-for-25 at the plate with nine runs scored and eight RBIs. The Rockets, who improved to 11-18, racked up 20 hits.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jack Ferguson, who is 4-3 overall with a 4.03 earned-run average in 38 innings, got the start for MU and wiggled his way out of a first-inning jam in his lone inning of work.

"It felt good, it was my third appearance back from my (elbow) injury that I re-aggravated from last year," Ferguson said. "I had a partial tear on my UCL (ulnar collateral ligament). Felt good to be out there, very energized. It was really fun. My mindset was to throw backwards. I think they figured that out early. You try to stick to the game plan, but at the end of the day, you've got to go out there and execute."

MU used a total 26 players and nine different pitchers.

Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), who suffered the loss, went the next inning and allowed up two runs. Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union), who came on in the third, gave up four runs, one unearned, on three hits as Toledo built a 6-0 lead.

Toledo's A.J. Montoya then deposited a Ray Richard pitch into the Tigers' bullpen for a three-run homer in the top of the fourth to make it 9-0. Ross Adolph added two-run triple for the Rockets in the fifth and the rout was on.

After going up by 13 runs, the Rockets were kept off the board over the final three innings as MU relievers Todd Jones, Wozniak and Cliff Landess each took a turn on the mound.

"Our guys, I think, got a good experience out of this today and a lot of them got opportunities and that's we talked about with them," MU coach Ted Falk-

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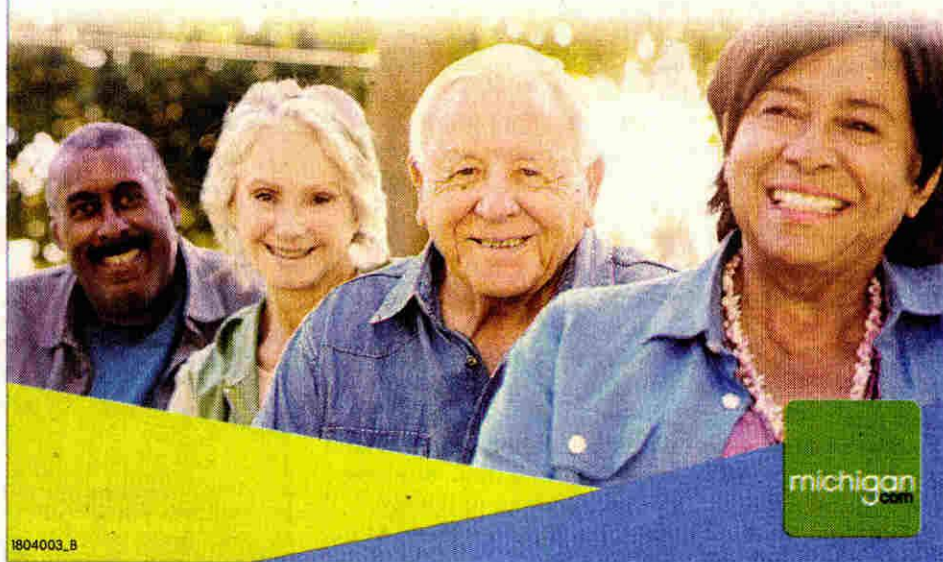
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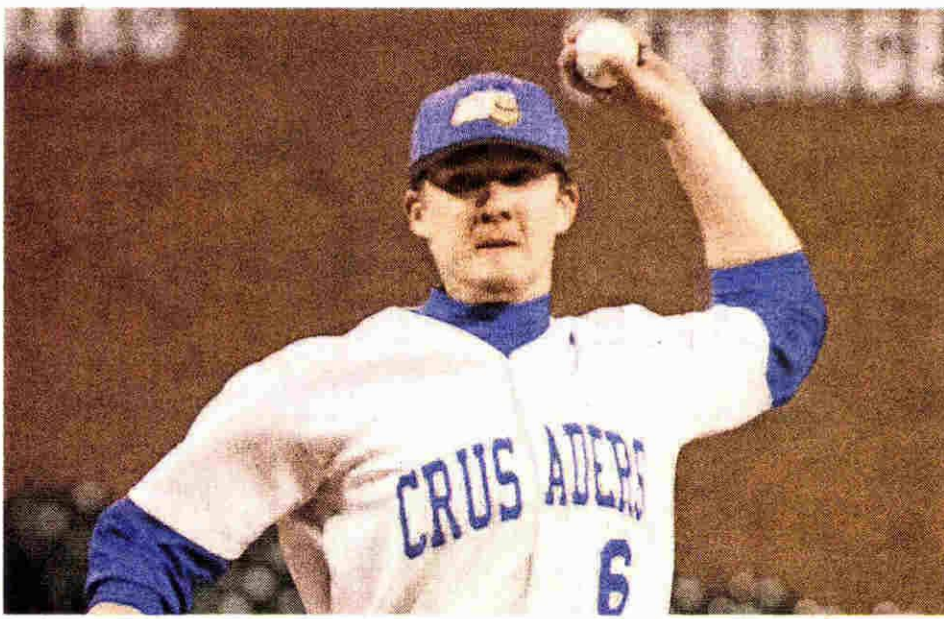
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Madonna freshman Joe Wozniak made his pitching debut at Comerica Park. KELLY CIESLAK | KELLYBYKEEPER.COM

## Madonna

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ner said. "Joe Wozniak hasn't pitched all year and he made his debut at Comerica Park and he threw one of our few zeroes up, which is pretty cool for him and a good confidence-builder for him."

Catcher Matt Deneau collected Madonna's first hit with two outs in the bottom of the fifth against Toledo starter Joey Prechtel (Rochester Adams), who retired the first 14 batters he faced. Prechtel, a sophomore, went five scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Sophomore Adrian Reed (Livonia Franklin) collected Madonna's other hit.

Meanwhile, Toledo freshman shortstop Chris Meyers made three highlight reel plays to rob MU of hits.

"He made some great plays and from what I've been hearing, he really hasn't played all year," Falkner said. "Good for him, but not for us. He made some heck of a plays. That's what is cool about this game. It doesn't matter who is playing out there. What matters how they execute and he made some big plays that shut us down to get any kind of momentum."

The Crusaders, ranked No. 22 in the latest NAIA national rankings, are 25-10 overall and 16-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference heading into a big three-game weekend series at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

"It was an opportunity for our guys to

play at a beautiful ballpark," Falkner said, "and we've got some some ties to the Tigers and we just think it's just a cool thing for them to come out and play. We had some weather issues. We had to play Monday, a conference doubleheader, and one that got pushed up to Friday, so we decided as a staff to go one inning at a time with our pitchers and Toledo showed they could swing the bat. That's what the numbers say."

A big concern for MU is the status junior right-hander Taylor Turner (Northville), who is a team-best 7-1 with an ERA of 3.61 in 57 1/3 innings. He went just one inning in a 10-6 loss in the opener of a doubleheader last Monday against Concordia.

"He had a little twinge in his shoulder and we'll see," Falkner said. "He's a big, big piece of our pitching staff and puzzle and a big part of our success so far. We're hoping for for the best for him."

But despite the lopsided loss to the Rockets, the second-year MU coach remains confident.

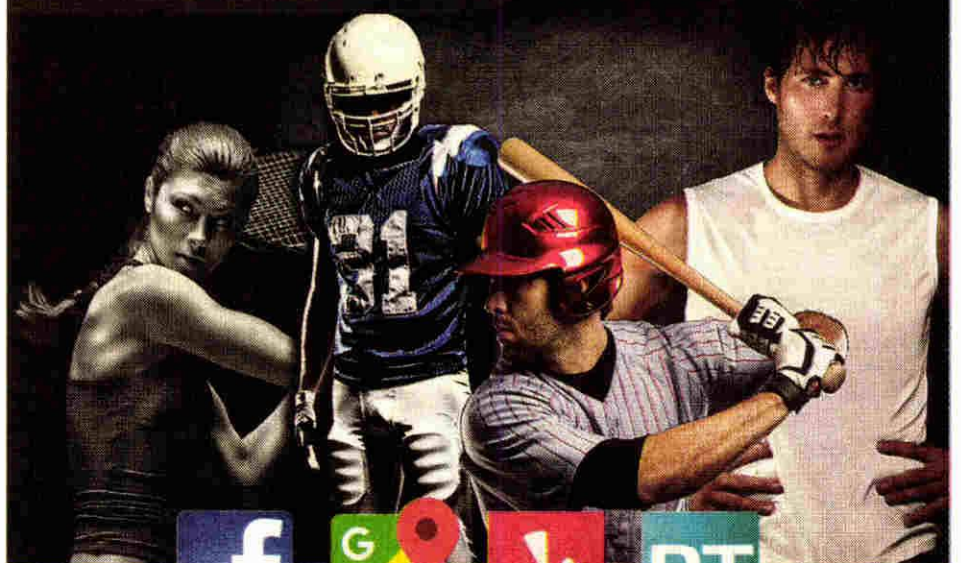
"There's some positives I'm going to take out of it today, for sure, with some of our guys," Falkner said. "We've got a couple of guys coming back from injury and getting at-bats, but we got to get better and we got to keep playing hard, keep working. The conference is in our hands. We just had to see what we could do."

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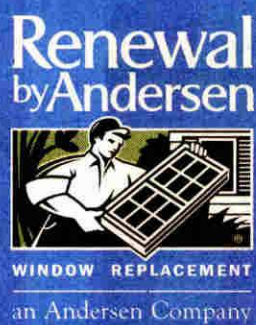
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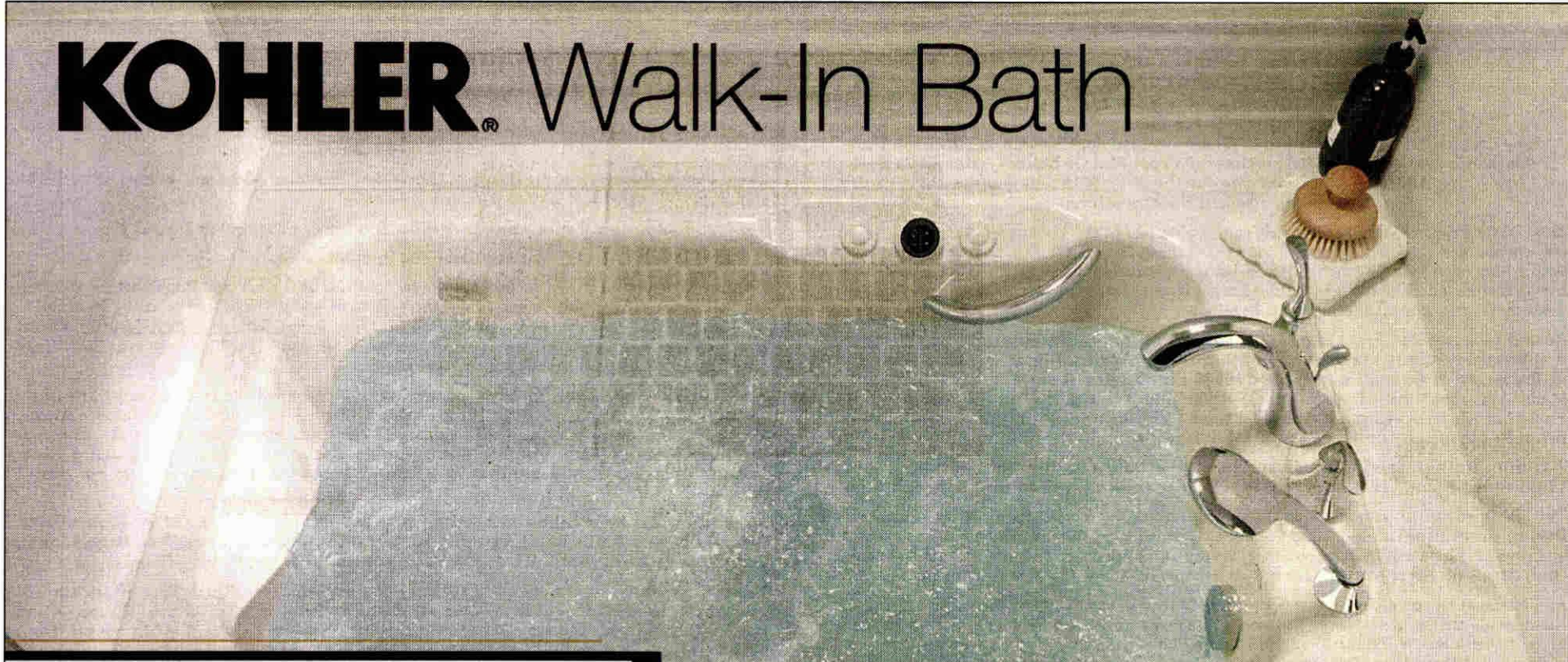


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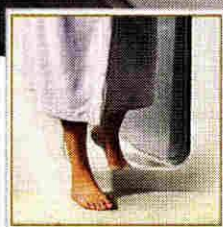
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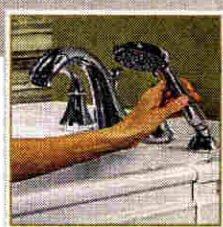


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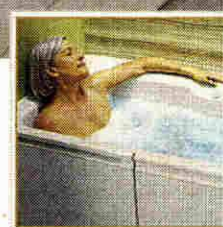
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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **May 2nd, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**CITY WIDE ALARM REPORTING SERVICES**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**CITY OF LIVONIA**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Nick Brenner, Real Estate Representative for Menard, Inc., for the rehabilitation of building and related property to operate as a truss manufacturing plant as well as a rail siding constructed to operate a lumber transload operation at their facility located at 12701 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (Industrial Development Overlay District #108)

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

- The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
- The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Monday, April 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
- The Council has set **Monday, April 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN M. NASH  
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PUBLIC SERVICE DIVISION  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
FOR

**Replacement of Air Handling Units at City Hall**

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018**, at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held in the lobby of City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan at **10:00 A.M. on April 18, 2018**. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **City of Livonia, Michigan Replacement of Air Handling Units at City Hall, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for the opening.

The City reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties

Donald R. Rohraff Dennis K. Wright  
Director of Public Works Mayor, City of Livonia

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**15125 FARMINGTON ROAD**  
**LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474**  
**(734) 744-2500**

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of: **Frost Middle School – Hamilton Boiler Addition and Demo Bid for the 2017-2018 School Year** (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018 school year, open bids OR the SIGMA Website, [www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS](http://www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS). Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

**Sealed bids marked Frost Middle School – Hamilton Boiler Addition and Demo Bid will be received until 12:30 p.m. on the 25th day April, 2018, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.** Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

**A facility walk thru will be on April 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Please check in at the Front Office.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **12:30 p.m.** on the **25th** day of **April, 2018**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

**This is a Prevailing Wage Bid.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award 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 district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

**Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission.** All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Phillip Francis, Director of Operations  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154-5474  
**"Frost Hamilton Boiler Addition and Demo Bid"**

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.  
Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, [hlau@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:hlau@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

**LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 16-2017-DR-006590-FMXX-MA  
Division: FM-F

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:  
DAVID J. GEDERT,  
Husband,  
and  
NICOLE R. GEDERT,  
Wife

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION**

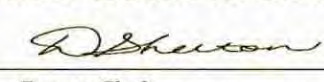
**TO: Nicole R. Gedert**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for Dissolution of Marriage, including claims for dissolution of marriage, payment of debts, division of real and personal property, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Michelle Broyles, Esquire, of Beaches Family Resolutions, PLLC, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 14333 Beach Blvd., Ste 33, Jacksonville, FL 32250, on or before **APRIL 18TH, 2018**, and file the original with the clerk of this court at the Duval County Courthouse, 501 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, FL 32202, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this **16TH** day of March, 2018.

**RONNIE FUSSELL**  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By:   
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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, May 1, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2018-03-02-06 submitted by Khuja Consulting L.L.C.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 19.06 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to increase the seating capacity of a previously approved limited service restaurant (formerly Rocky's Rotisserie) into a full service restaurant (Alloush Cafe) at 37337 Six Mile Road within the Newburgh Plaza shopping center, located at the southeast corner of Six Mile and Newburgh Roads in the Northwest ¼ of Section 17.

**Petition 2018-04-02-07 submitted by Bianca Bousamra** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(f) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a dance studio (The Foundation House) at 11936 Farmington Road, located on the east side of Farmington Road between Plymouth Road and the CSX railroad right-of-way in the Southwest ¼ of Section 27.

**Petition 2018-04-02-08 submitted by Crossfit North Industry** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(f) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate an indoor fitness center at 11944 and 11948 Farmington Road, located on the east side of Farmington Road between Plymouth Road and the CSX railroad right-of-way in the Southwest ¼ of Section 27.

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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**Pool Boiler Replacement – 2 Sites Bid for the 2017-2018 School Year**  
(See Attached Specifications)

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**Sealed bids marked Pool Boiler Replacement – 2 Sites will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day April, 2018, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.** Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

**A facility walk thru will be on April 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. starting at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152, proceeding to; Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI, 48150. Please check in at the Front Office.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **1:00 p.m.** on the **25th** day of **April, 2018**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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## How to prepare your kids for career success

BY ERIC TITNER  
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If you're a parent, chances are you spend a great deal of time worried about your kids. You do your best to ensure that they grow up happy and healthy, prepared for the world around them and well positioned to achieve fulfillment and success in life.

The truth is, some of what will happen to your kids in their lives will be out of their control — and your control as well. That said, as a parent, there is plenty you can do to help set them up for their best shot at success.

Use the following tips to help guide your kids along the right path:

### Build a learning partnership

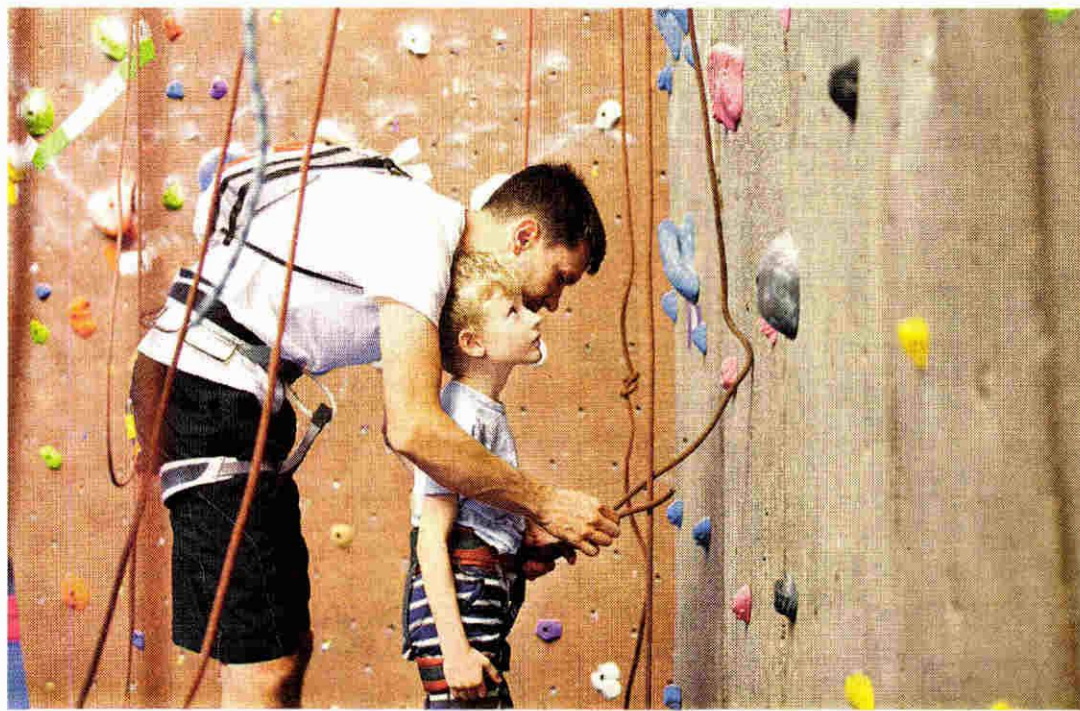
When it comes to education, it's best to make it a collaboration between you and your child's teachers.

Make time to work closely with them to ensure that your child's needs are met and that they are getting the most out of their educational experiences.

Get involved and stay involved in their educational development.

### Make learning a lifelong pursuit

Learning should not begin



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This can be a great way to completely miss out on success and happiness in life. Instead, teach your children that it's OK to fail, that life is a learning process full of trial and error, and that the only way to know what they're really capable of is to test their limits, step outside of their comfort zones and understand the notion of failure.

### Face the future

Many people are really good at putting things off that they don't want to confront — sometimes until it's too late. Like it or not, the future is coming for all of us, and those who plan for it as early as possible are most likely to be prepared for a variety of outcomes and develop a winning strategy for success.

Although we can't guarantee success for our children, we want to help them have successful futures.

Use the tips here to guide your kids as they learn, mature and grow, and you'll be setting them up well for achieving their goals in life. Good luck!

*Eric Titner has been an editor and content creator for more than a decade. His primary professional focus has been on education- and career-related topics. He currently lives in New York City.*

and end in the classroom; it's a lifelong journey, and those who learn early in life that we are constantly surrounded by opportunities to grow are best positioned for success.

Create an environment in which your child can develop a love of learning and a fascination with the world.

### Encourage their passions

The most successful and fulfilled people aren't necessarily the ones who make the most money.

Rather, they are often

those who have discovered the things that they are truly interested in and passionate about and have found a way to make it a significant part of their life — either as a profession or a hobby.

Encourage your children at an early age to explore the world around them and find something that excites them, and then support them and encourage them to follow their passions.

### Instill the value of lifelong friendships

Building strong social bonds

early in life can be invaluable. Help your child recognize the importance of building and cultivating solid friendships.

It will help them recognize the value of having a strong network of support — to find new opportunities, face obstacles, overcome challenges, and make the most out of life.

### Dare to fail

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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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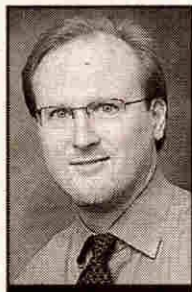
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# Car Report

## DEMAND FOR THREE-ROW SUVs CATCHES UP WITH FCA'S RELIABLE DURANGO, WHICH IS BECOMING MORE OF A DODGE ALL THE TIME



By Dale Buss

FCA calls the Dodge Durango "the Dodge Charger of the SUV segment." And there's a lot of truth in that description. That's one reason Durango remains a keystone of Dodge's lineup many years after it became one of Chrysler's original entries in the still-young SUV derby.

Now that utility vehicles are all the rage — especially three-row versions like Durango — Dodge needs this nameplate to compete in an increasingly important category and segment.

As the company has reshaped the identities of its brands, Durango over the last few years has emerged with a hardy, sporty, no-nonsense yet fully

capable footprint as a workhorse SUV. It's almost become a quasi-Jeep in that sense. Durango has held its own, sales-wise, as a result, even though it hasn't been significantly overhauled since the 2011 model year.

Durango keeps finding ways to refresh its proposition and continue to move it further under the Dodge performance umbrella. Case in point: the 2018 Durango SRT version, which features the legendary 475-horsepower Hemi V-8 engine, a quarter-mile time of 12.9 seconds, a 4.4-second time going zero-to-60mph, best-in-class towing capability of 8,700 pounds, and dual-center stripes that are available in five different colors (Bright Blue, Flame Red, Gunmetal Low Gloss, Low Gloss Black and Sterling Silver) to add what Dodge calls "a sinister factory-custom look."

And, oh yes — each purchase of a Durango SRT comes with a



The new Durango SRT sports dual center stripes.

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But you don't have to drive the SRT to partake in Dodge's steady elevation of Durango into its current persona. The three-row SUV got a significant refresh in 2014 that added an eight-speed automatic transmission and a revised interior with Chrysler's excellent 8.4-inch touchscreen and Uconnect infotainment system.

These enhancements built on what Durango had going right for it from the start: plenty of power and room.

Durango is one of the heaviest vehicles in its class, meaning that its fuel economy is nothing to write home about. The base V6-powered version gets typical mileage for its class, at 19 mpg in the city and 26 mpg on the highway. Stepping up to the V8 diminishes fuel economy to 14 in the city and 22 on the highway. The new SRT is even less fuel-efficient

in a tradeoff for its screeching performance creds.

Yet Durango's weight no doubt contributes to its ride quality, one of its best features. It rolls down the road impressively and swallows potholes and surface wrinkles with aplomb. Its handling is much crisper than you might expect for such a large vehicle. Dodge knows how to engineer to Durango's advantages.

Inside, Dodge also knows how to accentuate Durango's strengths as well. With an exterior design that is about as box-like as anything in its class, Durango can provide plenty of space inside for both passengers and cargo.

When Dodge says Durango can seat seven, the company

means it: The third row in Durango can comfortably ensconce two adults, without their having to scrunch or hunch to accommodate space limitations.

And when it comes to hauling stuff, Durango provides a maximum cargo capacity of 84.5 cubic feet, which is very competitive in the segment, while its 47.4 cubic feet behind the second row bests many competitors. An available cargo cover can conceal the area behind both the second and third rows if required.

Safety-wise, Durango notches four to five stars (out of five) in government crash tests and includes as standard antilock disc brakes, stability and traction control, front side airbags, a driver knee airbag and full-length side-curtain airbags. A rearview camera and rear parking sensors are optional on the SXT and standard on all other Durangos.

Uconnect provides large virtual buttons, logical menus and helpful secondary physical controls, and through it FCA — despite perceptions that it is challenged in some areas of new technology — provides one of the best infotainment systems available.



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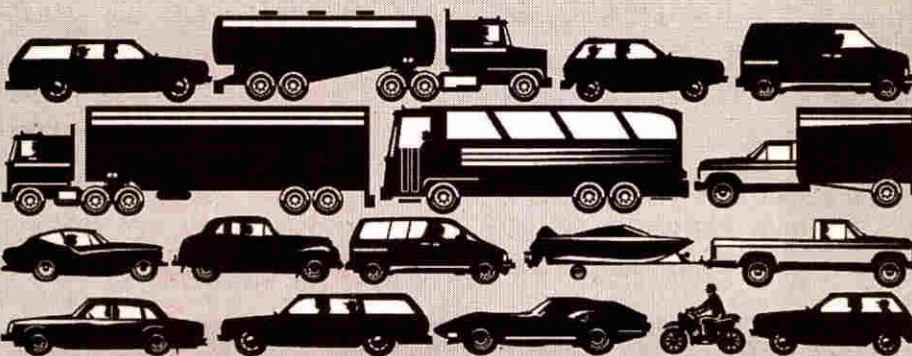
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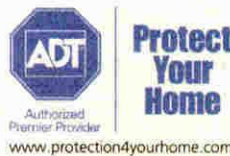
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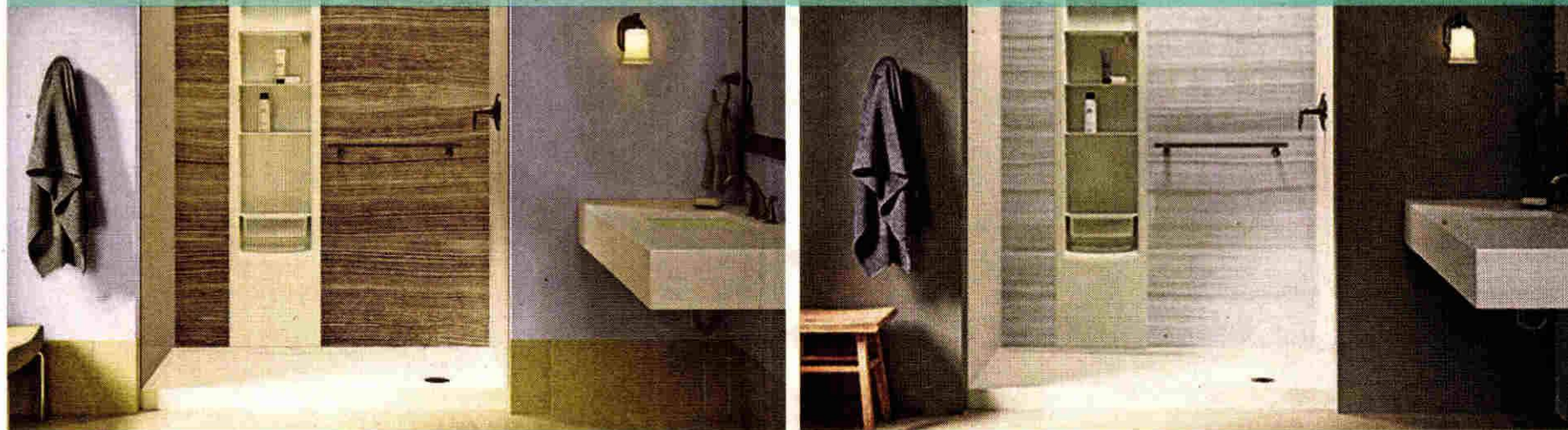
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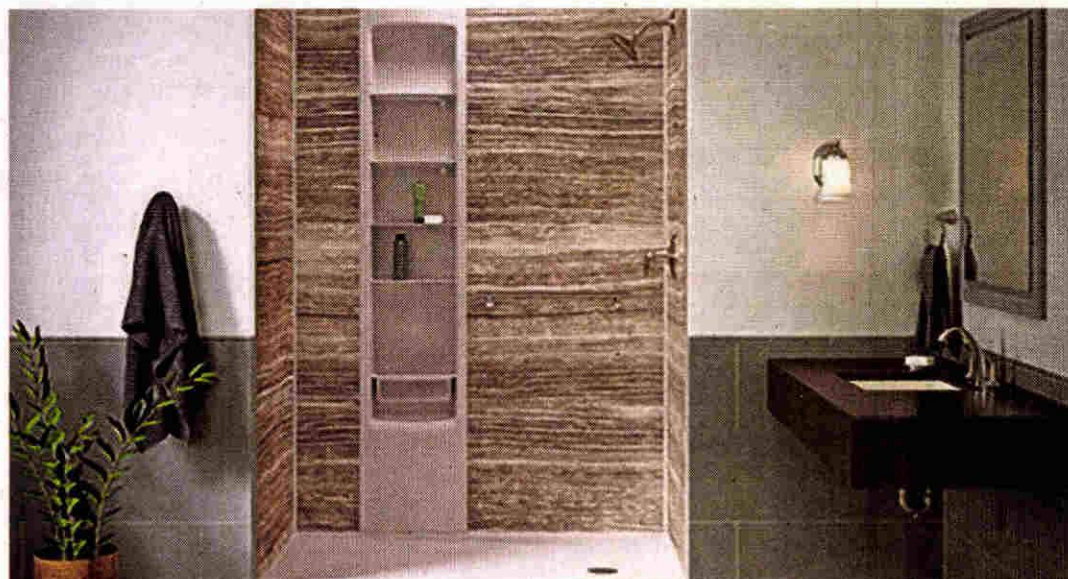
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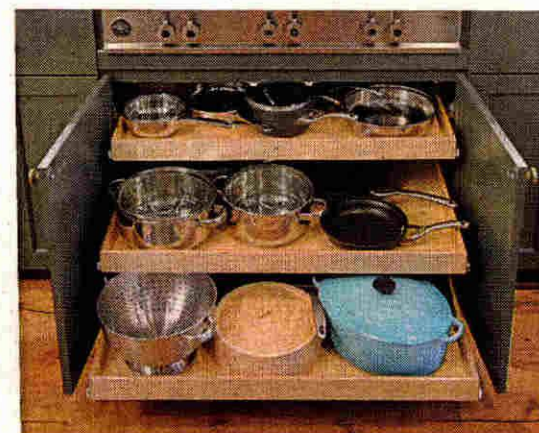
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