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Five in the running for state House seat

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Five candidates will vie to replace state Rep. Robert Kosowski to represent Wayne and most of Westland in the Michigan House of Representatives beginning in 2019.

With the filing deadline Tuesday afternoon, four Democrats and one Republican filed to run and replace Kosowski, D-Westland, who is term-limited and cannot run again.

- The Democrats running include:
- Wayne resident Jacob Johnson
 - Westland resident Kevin Coleman
 - Westland resident Bill Johnson

■ Westland resident Mike McDermott

The four running for the Democratic nomination in the August primary will face off for the right to move on to the November general election. There, they will face the lone Republican in the race,

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Four Democrats and one Republican filed to run and replace Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who is term-limited and cannot run again, in the state House 16th District in Wayne and Westland.



Roberto Teran of Livonia spreads mulch. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Cleanup day at Miracle League field a heartfelt event

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Gripping a rake in one hand, his bright-green T-shirt dotted with traces of mulch, Livonia resident Roberto Teran talked passionately Tuesday morning about the Miracle League of Plymouth field that rested just a sacrifice bunt away from him.

An electrical engineer at Ford Motor Co., Teran has spearheaded the annual

preseason cleanup efforts at Bilkie Field ever since his youngest son, Carlos, started playing baseball six years ago on the rubberized diamond designed for special-needs kids.

No matter how much sweat equity he invests, Teran asserted he will always be in debt to the field that has given his disabled son a chance to play baseball like able-bodied youngsters.

"This place is incredibly special to me," he said, talking over the humming vibrations of a leaf blower. "My son

absolutely loves this place. He didn't learn to walk until he was 4½ and he's non-verbal, but he's an absolute ham when he gets on that field and plays.

"There was one game last year when my wife asked me why I was taking pictures of his feet. I told her it's the first time I've seen both of his feet leave the ground at the same time. Carlos was so excited, he was running for the first time."

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Laxminarayan is new library director for Westland

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland Board of Trustees has announced it has selected Ishwar Laxminarayan as its next library director, effective June 11. Ishwar brings more than 25 years of library experience, including 10 years as director of the Jackson District Library. The hiring follows a nationwide search and finalist interviews April 11.

At the Jackson District Library, Laxminarayan led a countywide library system that served a population of more than 160,000 through a network of 13 branches. He has experience with library expansions, strategic planning, millage campaigns and implementing collection, technology and programming enhancements.



Laxminarayan

"We are excited to name Ishwar Laxminarayan to the position of director of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland," library board president James Higgins said. "We believe with his unique experience in library leadership he has the vision to move the library forward. We are pleased that the staff and library board shared the same sentiment regarding Ishwar's selection as the library director."

"I am delighted at this opportunity to work with a great staff and dedicated trustees to provide the highest quality library services to the Westland community," Laxminarayan said.

Laxminarayan possesses a master of librarianship from Emory University in Atlanta and has attended the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program through a Public Library Association Fellowship award. He is a member of the American Library Association and Public Library Association.

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Westland announces police changes

Department has hiring, promotion, retirement

The Westland Police Department announced recently some changes to its staff. Michael Kumeisha was sworn in as a new officer, veteran Officer Jason Brassfield was promoted and Sgt. Paul White announced his retirement.

Kumeisha has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Michigan University and a total of eight years of police experience. He also possesses special training as an evidence technician and a field training officer.

Brassfield has been promoted to sergeant after 13 years with the Westland Police Department. Prior to his time in Westland, he worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Brassfield is also a former Westland Police Explorer and has an



Westland City Council President James Godbout (from left), Officer Michael Kumeisha, Sgt. Jason Brassfield, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, Mayor William Wild and Clerk Richard LeBlanc. SUBMITTED

associate's degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College. During his time with the department, he has served as a member of the special investigation unit, the Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force, a

field training officer and a firearms instructor.

White is retiring from department after 19 years of service. Prior to working in Westland, White served on the Detroit Police Department

for five years, served one year of active duty in the U.S. Army and served 6½ years in the U.S. Army Reserve/National Guard. He has been a member since 2001 of the tactical response unit, where he was trained both as an entry team member and a sniper. He has been in charge of TRU snipers since 2013. He has also been a member of the honor guard since 2009 and the honor guard commander since 2013. He also served as a field training officer, range officer and driving instructor. White's retirement allows for the promotion of Brassfield.

"The Westland Police Department has a 50-year long tradition based on hard work and professionalism that has been demonstrated by Sgt. White during his nearly 20 years of service," Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "I am certain that both Sgt. Brassfield and Officer Kumeisha will be great additions to our agency and will continue to uphold our tradition."

"Congratulations to all three members of the Westland Police Department who are being honored tonight," Mayor William Wild said.

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Garden City student earns scholarship

Joshua A. Piehl, a mechanical engineering Ph.D. candidate from Garden City at Wayne State University, received a Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense, providing him with significant support as he continues to research the chemistry of fuel combustion.

The SMART program endorses undergraduate and graduate students pursuing technical degrees in STEM disciplines and aims to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working at DoD laboratories. Among the benefits Piehl will receive are full tuition, health benefits, paid summer internships, an annual cash stipend and post-graduation career opportunities.

"This scholarship is a wonderful blessing. Graduate school is difficult enough without having to worry about finances,"



Joshua A. Piehl received a scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Piehl said. "With this scholarship, I am able to focus on my studies and research to provide higher quality work."

SMART scholarships are highly competitive. In 2017, the DoD distributed awards to only 14 percent of the reviewed applicants nationwide.

"Josh demonstrates a strong commit-

ment to research and has superior intellectual ability to move the combustion field forward," said Omid Samimi-Abiane, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and Piehl's faculty adviser.

Piehl's dissertation objective is to identify and quantify the intermediate species formed during combustion. His research and industry experience includes a full-time position at Chrysler and internships at Detroit Diesel and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

"Working with the army has been an exciting and rewarding experience. It is wonderful to meet and work with other researchers who are passionate about keeping our nation safe," Piehl said. "The projects are unique and state of the art and will lead to innovations that benefit both the military and civilian sectors. It is a great experience to be able to give back to my country."

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Kubart to perform Village Theater show

Tim Kubart, the 2016 Grammy Award winner for Best Children's Album and host, producer, writer for Sprout Channel's "Sunny Side Up," series will be performing live at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Kubart's performance is an engaging, interactive set of original songs and stories. As a songwriter/composer, Kubart has also composed songs for "Sesame Street," including "We Can All Be Friends," the introductory song for Julia, the first Muppet with autism.

Kubart is still best known as Tambourine Guy, a longstanding cast member of the viral music collective and internationally touring Postmodern Jukebox. The internet sensation has garnered more than 4 million YouTube subscribers, nearly one billion views and the No. 1 spot on the jazz iTunes charts for 10 consecutive albums. Performance highlights include New York's Radio City Music Hall, L.A.'s Greek Theatre, Denver's Red Rocks Amphitheater, London's Roundhaus, Paris' LOlympia and Moscow's Crocus City Hall.

Tickets are \$12 for youths and seniors and \$15 for adults and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater box office one hour prior to show time.



Tim Kubart will be performing live May 12 at The Village Theater.

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Jodi Rice-White, for the seat in Lansing.

There are plenty of familiar faces in the race, including Coleman, a former Westland City Council member who served four years on the body before unsuccessfully challenging Bill Wild for Westland mayor last year.

Coleman said he wants to head to the Capitol and work to combat issues he sees negatively affecting residents, including the taxing of pensions, mental health issues and reforming the criminal justice system.

"We know the current climate has hurt middle class cities like Wayne and Westland," he said. "I have the skills and the relationships to hit the ground running if I'm elected."

Coleman, 34, said he would like to restore more funding to local municipalities, which have seen reductions in state-shared revenue over the last few years.

"We've lost over \$40 million in the last 10 years that could have gone to roads and schools," he said. "Lansing's really balancing their budgets on the backs of cities like ours."

McDermott is a first-time candidate, while Johnson is a current Westland city councilman, a position he's held for more than a decade. The lone Republican in the race, White has run several times for office, including for Westland city clerk and for a seat on the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education.

The 16th District is made up of all of Wayne and most of Westland. The northeast portion of Westland, east of Merriman, is within the 11th District, which is represented by Jewell Jones, D-Inkster. Kosowski is running for the state Senate 6th District, which includes Westland, Belleville, Romulus, Van Buren Township and several Downriver communities.

The August primary will take place Aug. 7, while the general election will take place Nov. 6.

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Kevin Coleman is one of five people running for the state House 16th District seat, which consists of Wayne and most of Westland.

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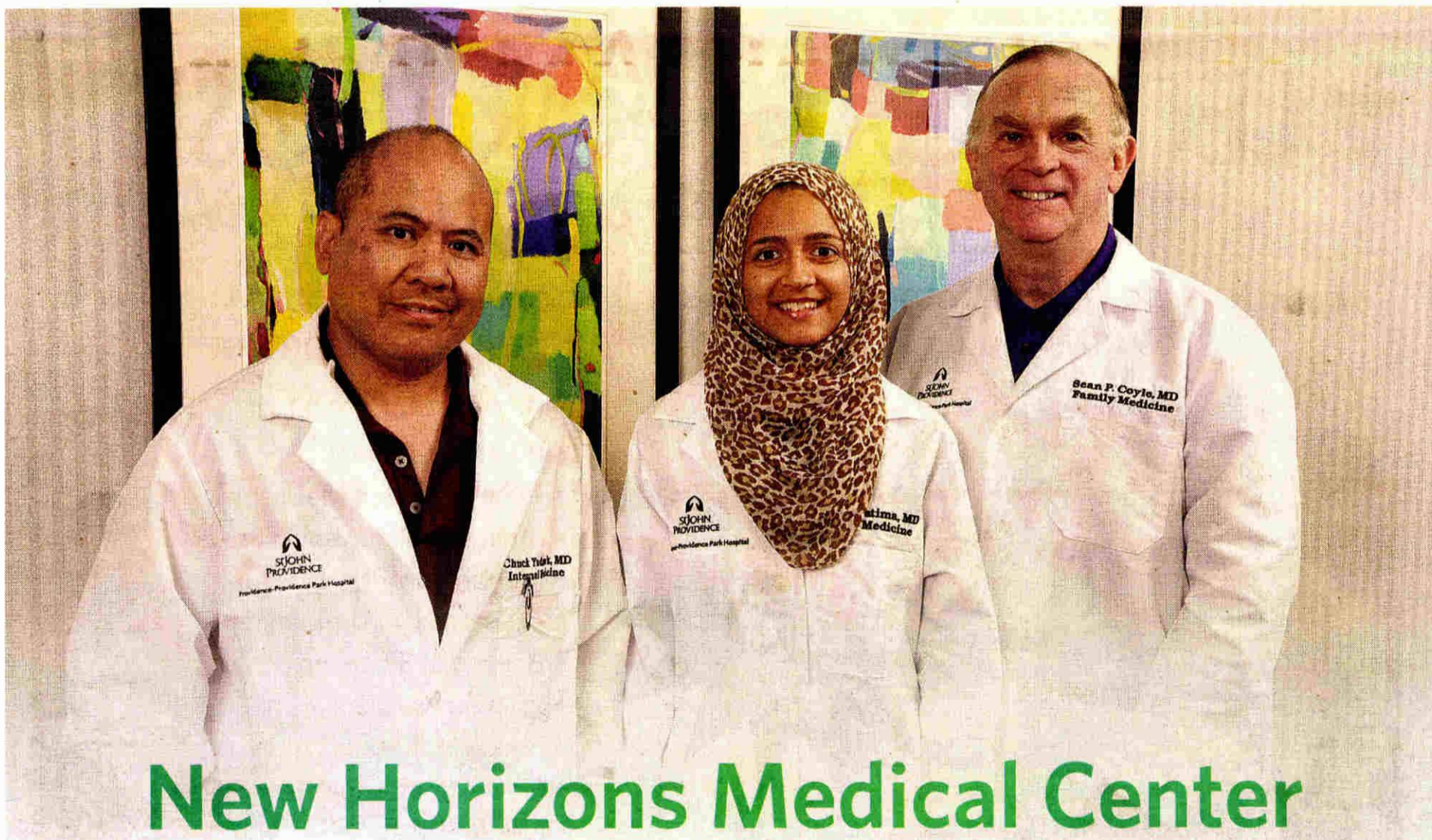
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Barbara Bush remembered for visit

Former First Lady once stopped by Schoolcraft

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Spending time with a first lady is a special memory for Schoolcraft College chef instructor Jeffrey Gabriel. Having her ask for a recipe was a whole other experience he never expected.

Gabriel was one of several chefs in the Schoolcraft College kitchen back in 1992, when then-First Lady Barbara Bush made a campaign stop for her husband, President George H.W. Bush, at the Livonia college.

"She was probably in our kitchen for 45 minutes," said Gabriel, a certified master chef who's been at Schoolcraft College for more than 30 years. "She made it a point to come to the culinary arts department."

Bush, who died April 17 at the age of 92, stopped at the college while her



Former First Lady Barbara Bush, in the Schoolcraft College kitchen with master pastry chef Joseph Decker in 1992. In the background is retired Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell. Bush died April 17 at age 92. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

husband was campaigning against Democrat Bill Clinton. Gabriel said

Bush had heard about the college's flagship culinary program and wanted

to check it out.

She spent the morning preparing a wrapped salmon in phyllo, something Gabriel's class was making in the Waterman building, located where Henry's Food Court currently stands. The dish must have turned out well, since she wanted to take the ingredient list back to Washington, D.C., with her.

"I spent the morning showing her how to prepare this," Gabriel said of the dish. "She was very down to earth. I remember her saying, 'I want that recipe and I'll use it at the White House.'"

It was a moment, Gabriel said, that wouldn't be forgotten by him or by the students in the class, which Bush was happy to speak with.

"She was just very interactive with the students," he said. "(She said), 'You guys are so lucky, you're going to have a career that's exciting and fun.'"

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Garden City women earn Zeal awards

Booth, Corey honored for work at credit union's annual meeting

For the second year, Zeal Credit Union invited online nominations in nine different categories to recognize and reward people for their hard work and accomplishments with the the Hard Working Spirit Awards.

"We received nearly 300 heartfelt and very moving nominations from family members, friends and co-workers. Members and non-members were also able to self-nominate," said Bryan Feldpausch, marketing coordinator for Zeal Credit Union. "It was very difficult to narrow down our selection to nine recipients."

Garden City residents Stephanie Booth and Dawn Corey were among nine honorees who were celebrated at Zeal Credit Union's 63rd annual membership meeting at the Dearborn Inn in March.

Booth was nominated in the category of service work. Manager of a pet grooming business, she has pushed through treatments for health issues while making sure everything at work goes smoothly. Nominated by one of her team members, she is appreciated for her attention to detail, thoughtfulness, and even baking cookies or cakes for their birthdays.

Booth was one of eight recipients presented with award plaques and \$100 in cash.

Zeal CEO Tony Carnarvon made the presentation to



Stephanie Booth (left), who received a Hard Working Spirit award in the service industry, accepts her award from Tiffany Robertson, a Zeal Credit Union team member. ZEAL CREDIT UNION

Garden City resident Dawn Corey, winner of the top category of Hardest Working Member, who received a check for \$1,000, an award plaque and large bouquet of flowers.

Corey was recognized for helping Garden City High School with all of its theater costuming and organized a prom dress sale for students with donated gowns. She also founded Angels Above Baby Gowns, a nonprofit organization to provide burial gowns for infants and small children. The gowns are made from donations of wedding gowns and distributed to 83 hospitals and emergency rooms. Her home is frequently open to volunteers who work together to provide this service and to grieving families when they need to get a burial gown and blanket.

"Having the opportunity to meet and visit with these special winners was as much an honor for those of us who celebrated them receiving the awards," Feldpausch said.

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Cleanup

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Labor of love

Since April 2012 — the first full season of the Miracle League of Plymouth — Teran has rounded up a group of tireless volunteers from the Ford Volunteer Corps to make sure the facility is in pristine shape for opening day, which is usually held the first Saturday in May.

Volunteers like Canton resident Michelle Hutchison do everything from clear the playing surface of debris that has gathered during the winter months, trim and shape up the fast-maturing landscaping and secure the sponsors' signs onto the outfield fencing.

"I love the Miracle League, because it offers some normalcy for the players and their families," said Hutchison, whose daughter played softball at Salem. "I mean, they're kids; they should be playing."

"This is a great team-building exercise for myself and my co-workers. We do whatever they need us to do, whether it's spreading grass seed on the perimeter of the field to putting together picnic tables ... whatever it takes."

Having a contingent of detail-oriented engineers to maintain the field is a good thing, too, Hutchison noted.

"I'll see some of our guys check out the banners on the outfield fence and say, 'That doesn't look straight, let's measure it,'" she said with a chuckle.

While many of Tuesday's volunteers were multi-time helpers, new Plymouth Downtown Development Authority project coordinator Sam Plymale was chipping in with the spring cleaning for the first time at Bilkie Field.

"This is fantastic," Plymale said, gesturing toward the well-organized efforts across the complex. "We haven't even been here an hour and we're already well on the way to getting everything done."

Everyone pitches in

Plymale will serve as the Miracle League's game-day coordinator this season — a position that requires showing up early and staying a little late for all of the Saturday slate of games, making sure everything is in order and convenient for the special-needs players and their families.

Everyone interviewed Tuesday



Ford volunteers Michelle Hutchison and Valerie Piontek hang sponsor banners. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

brought up the name of Miracle League of Plymouth founder Deb Madonna, who continues to serve as the program's president and inspiration.

"Deb is and always will be this place's goodwill ambassador," Miracle League vice president Glen Kordick said. "This place was her idea; it's her way of giving back to the people of Plymouth."

New Miracle League of Plymouth executive director Kelly Hermann, whose daughter Maggie participated in the league as a player for several years, is excited about the upcoming season.

"It's an amazing program that gives a chance for kids who normally don't get a chance to play baseball a chance to play," she said.

Hermann emphasized the ongoing need for volunteers and "buddies" who assist the players during games.

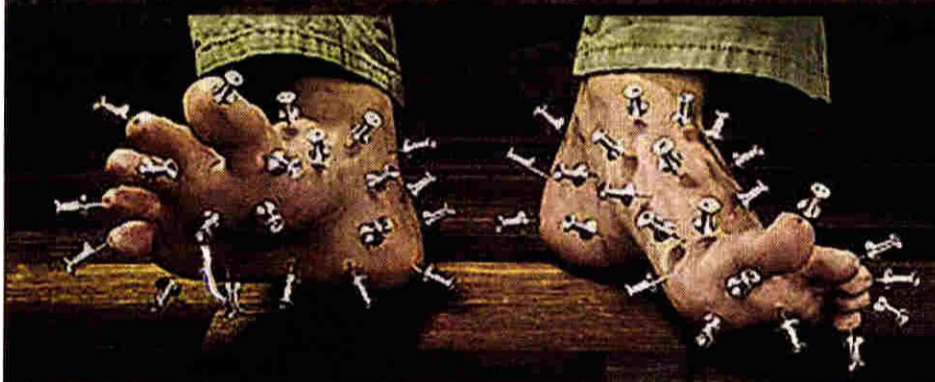
To learn how to register to become a buddy, go to the Miracle League of Plymouth's website.

Contact Ed Wright at eawright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



Sam Plymale, Plymouth DDA coordinator, cuts back last year's vegetation. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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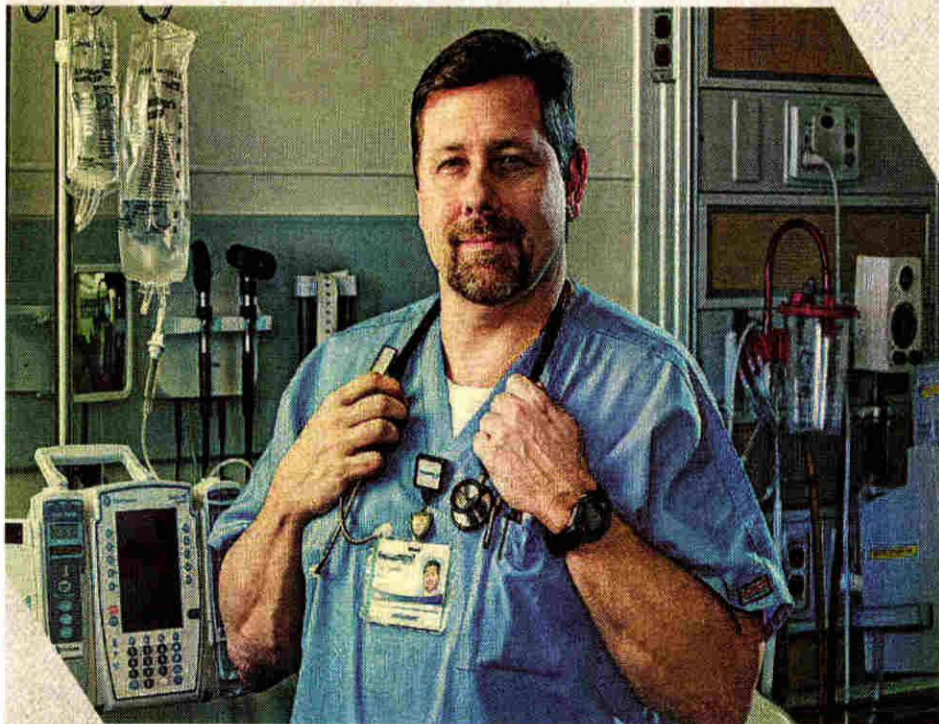
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Co-habitation agreement good for both parties



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Q: I'm in my mid-50s and single. I have never been married and I have no children. I have been dating someone for the last five years and we are thinking about moving in together. Because of a variety of issues, we have no plans to get married. Currently, he rents an apartment and he will be moving in with me. My house is free and clear. My father, who doesn't think it's a good idea, said that I am taking a risk by letting him move into my house. My first question to you is, what risk am I taking and is there anything I can do to reduce the risk? You should know that we don't plan to co-mingle our finances and we would split the household expenses.

A: The old adage of always listening to your father is applicable in this situation. Yes, you are taking a risk by letting him move into your home. At the same time, there are ways to protect yourself.

The risk is, what happens if your relationship does not work out and you want him to move out of the house and he doesn't want to? In addition, there may be issues as to whether he owns a portion of the house and the division of assets accumulated during the relationship. You said that you are going to split household expenses; does that include home improvements? He may claim that since he is paying for certain home improvements, he is building equity in the home. The result of a breakup could be a nasty lawsuit that can get very expensive. I recommend that you consider entering into an agreement known as a co-habitation agreement, which will protect both of you.

Over the last couple decades, we have seen an explosion in the number of adults moving in together and starting relationships without being married. Despite the fact that more and more people are living together, the law hasn't necessarily caught up with that trend. There are laws that protect couples when they are married, but the law is unclear when it comes to people living together. As a result, there's been a substantial increase in the number of lawsuits. A co-habitation agreement is a way to resolve these issues before the parties begin living together.

A co-habitation agreement is nothing more than a contract between two parties who want to live together that

defines their rights and obligations to each other. Co-habitation agreements can deal with such things as property accumulated during the relationship, property acquired by gift or inheritance, property from before the relationship, expenses, separation or death and dispute resolution.

I understand that asking someone to execute a co-habitation agreement, just like a prenuptial agreement, is not the most romantic thing to do. By entering into a co-habitation agreement and going through the process, it will tell you a lot about your partner, the maturity of your relationship and about yourself. If you cannot agree to terms on a co-habitation agreement, what happens to the relationship when you have a dispute?

When it comes to legal documents such as a co-habitation agreement, I always recommend they be drafted by a qualified attorney. When parties without legal knowledge try to draft their own agreements, they all too often fail to dot the I's and cross the T's. The agreement may not be enforceable and, if there is a dispute, the parties will end up in court, exactly where they didn't want to be. I recommend that each of the parties have their own attorney. If there's only one attorney involved, it may lead to allegations of conflict of interest or something of that nature. It is good business for each of the parties to have their own attorney.

Particularly for adults who are entering a relationship later in life, a co-habitation agreement is essential. There are more assets and other considerations that can make a breakup more difficult and expensive. We have responsibilities and one of those is to protect ourselves. By executing a co-habitation agreement that deals with various issues, it can protect both parties if the relationship does not work.

I know that a co-habitation agreement is a difficult issue to discuss. When we enter into a relationship, we are going to have to be able to discuss difficult issues with each other. If you cannot discuss these issues now before you move in together, maybe it's a sign that your relationship is moving too fast.

Good luck!

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



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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. Tuesday, May 1, 8 and 15, in Classroom II.

Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

Rummage sale

The Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia, will host a rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 3-5. Hours are 5-7 p.m. Thursday (\$2 admission for adults), and 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday (half-price sale).

For more information, call 734-422-0149 or email NUMCrummage@gmail.com.

May the 4th Be With You

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will host May the 4th Be With You 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

The Star Wars-themed evening will include dinner, a battle between the light and dark side and training from a Jedi Master. Star Wars characters will demon-

strate some of the skills seen in the movies and guests will be treated to a screening of the first movie in the Star Wars original trilogy, "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope."

Tickets will be available beginning April 2 and are \$12 for Kirksey Recreation Center members, \$15 for Livonia residents and \$19 for non-residents. Space is limited and advanced ticket purchase is required. This is a family event and all youth must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Livonia Parks and Recreation at 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Bomber Buffing party

The Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, in Ypsilanti will host its 23rd annual Bomber Buffing party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

People are invited to help us polish the Boeing B-17 "Yankee Lady" and the North American B-25 "Yankee Warrior." There is no cost to participate in this event. A pizza luncheon will be served for everyone buffing a plane. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags.

Yankee Air Museum itself will be open with free admission for all Bomber Buffers that day and people are encouraged to visit after polishing the planes.

Take Pride in Livonia Day

The annual Take Pride in Livonia Day will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5. This day is designed to spruce up neighborhood parks with the assistance of organizations, families and school groups.

Individual groups choose a park and recruit volunteers to clean that park. We are looking to clean up trails through the nature preserves this year. Each group will be given trash bags, gloves and encouraged to bring rakes and brooms.

After the clean-up, all volunteers are invited to Ford Field for a picnic hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club.

For more information, contact Livonia Parks and Recreation at 734-466-2900 or at www.livoniaparks.org.

Livonia pitch, hit and run

Livonia's annual pitch, hit and run competition will take place at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 5, at Ford Field No. 2, 33841 Lyndon. Participants will compete in the following events: pitching, which consists of six pitches to a "strike zone" banner worth points; base-running, in which the youngster is timed, starting from second base to home; and batting, which allows the youngster to hit a ball off a stationary tee, scoring based on distance and accuracy.

Registration takes place 8:30-11:30 a.m. the day of event. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 7-14 as of July 17. Boys and girls compete separately (baseball/softball) in four age classifications: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Youths have the opportunity to advance to the sectional competition and possibly compete at Comerica Park. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

World Labyrinth Day

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host Walk As One At 1:00, an event in conjunction with World Labyrinth Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5. A Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator and volunteers will be on hand. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

'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, through Sunday, May 6.

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 or by calling the box office at 734-751-7057.

Kirksey Rec Center open house

The Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia will celebrate its 15th anniversary and the grand reopening of Mercy Elite from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

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Guests will have an opportunity to learn about organizations and businesses

in the community. Organizations scheduled to participate include, the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, Healthy Livonia, Wilson Barn, Livonia Rotary Club, HealthQuest of Livonia, Livonia Jaycees, Accelerate Kid, Advocate, Costco, Little Caesars and many more.

Admission is free for Livonia residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Concert at Livonia library

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present the free Harmony Town Chorus concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Robert and Janet Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia Dems Club

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

Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold their May used book sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (Friends members only) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday (\$4 per bag day).

Spring rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square (across from post office), will host a spring rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, which is also bargain bag day (two sizes, \$3 or \$6, fill as you wish). The site is handicap-accessible.

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Canton to host Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the eighth annual Acts of Culture Week. This special week, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin Saturday, May 12 and run through Sunday, May 20, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events will be held, some of which include:

■ **May 8:** D&M Art Studio will hold a free outdoor painting class on the lawn of the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Participants must register in advance via email to jprovenzano@canton-mi.org or by calling 734-394-5497.

■ **May 14:** Summit Spring Art Exhibition will once again brighten the lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, from Monday, May 7, through Sunday, May 14. Stop in and view more than 40 works of art. Enjoy a cookie reception 6-7 p.m. Sunday, May 14. These paintings, which are also available for purchase, have been created by the students and instructors of

Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. This exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Summit on the Park business hours. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.summitonthepark.org.

■ **May 17-20:** Spotlight Players present "Heaven Help Me" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillageheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

■ **May 18:** Acts of Fashion 2018 features a fashion-filled event that includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from metro Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillageheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

■ **May 19:** The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district's 10th annual K-12 Art Show will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, 8400 Beck Road. Stop in to enjoy more than 2,000 pieces of

student artwork.

■ **May 20:** Art lovers can enjoy a special Coffee and Culture Walking Tour of Canton's DIA Inside | Out program, featuring reproductions of artworks on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts on display in Canton's Village District. This free walking tour will examine a few of the 10 high-quality reproductions of masterpieces on display outdoors this

spring in Canton.

■ **May 20:** Canton Concert Band presents Silver Screen Soundtracks at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillageheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Find the complete calendar online at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call 734-394-5360.

Westland resident receives Shining Star Award

Shelly Morell of Westland, founder of Second Chance at Life, was recognized for promoting organ, tissue and eye donation by receiving Shining Star Award during a ceremony April 25 at the Gift of Life Michigan headquarters in Ann Arbor. The award was given by Secretary of State East Michigan liaison Jennifer Helmer.

Morell began volunteering for Gift of Life Michigan shortly after both her mother and her aunt received life-sav-

ing transplants. She also founded Second Chance at Life, which provides financial assistance to transplant patients who are waiting for or who have received a transplant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberals and glass houses

I'm pleased that the Observer is retaining a letters page at least on a recurring basis. Unfortunately, many of the letters are written by flaming liberals who're solid anti-Trumpers. These same folk have been sending in the same plastic complaints now for two years, imposing their boring, lame opinions on the readers (half of whom are Trumpsters).

Hey lib letter writers, I don't know whose opinions you think you're changing with your unending rants — it's certainly not the Right. You're either 'preaching to the choir' (your fellow brain-deads) or you're just venting your childish tantrums.

It's unbelievable how the Rhinos, Dems and lib media have been obstructing and attacking Trump since 2016. The American people chose Donald Trump for their President and the fact that the hate filled, bitter, sore loser liberals have been incessantly undermining him is almost treason. The liberals want us to return to our path to history's dust-bin but the Right won't submissively accept that. Talk about a reason for more not less guns; bring on the second Civil War!

Liberals are vile creatures, real pieces of work. They champion the advancement of homosexuals but the only groups they don't tolerate are Christians, conservatives and Trumpsters. They paint Trumpsters as evil, and paint the Right and racists with the same paint-brush, while backing thugs like ANTIFA.

Liberals believe that the Right shouldn't be granted freedom of speech. They don't want disagreement. To a democrat, bipartisanship means they

get their way 100% of the time! Liberals don't give a whit about truth or justice — everything for them is politically motivated. They don't care about gun violence but are only using gullible dupes to scoff up votes. The Russian investigation is pure hokum made from utter whole-cloth, designed to cripple Trump's presidency. Liberals especially don't care about morality and the current so-called Trump sex scandals are only being spotlighted in hopes of picking off female Christian votes.

Liberals who live in glass houses shouldn't hurl guff. Liberals are the biggest hypocrites on planet Earth. John Kennedy and Bill Clinton turned the White House into a bordello, with nary a peep uttered or a 'for shame' from the lib media. Ted Kennedy drove Mary Jo (a fling) off a bridge and got away with it. Kennedy relatives have been accused of rape and murder. White women threw themselves at the 'wholly hero' Dr. King.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Gun-free zones caused Parkland

Now that more than a month passed since that horrific high school shooting in Parkland, Fla, it might be helpful to note a couple of important factors that the main stream media ignored in their immediate rush to use this tragic event to undermine the Second Amendment and trash the NRA.

One underreported factor was President Barack Obama's school "leniency" policy. According to Peter Kirsanow, a black member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, "Broward County adopted a lenient disciplinary policy similar to those adopted by many other districts under pressure from the Obama administration to reduce racial 'dispari-

ties' in suspensions and expulsions. The drive to 'get our numbers right' has produced disastrous results, with startling increases in both the number and severity of disciplinary offenses, including assaults and beatings of teachers and students."

Sure enough — despite committing a string of crimes that previously would have been reported, the Parkland shooter was able to pass a background check and purchase the weapon that he used to slaughter 17 people. By the way, this same "leniency" policy has allowed thousands of other troubled, often violent students to commit crimes without legal consequences.

The second factor is the magnet of "gun-free" zones. Killers in other mass shooting attacks — including the Charleston church (and several other church-related shootings), the Colorado movie theater, and in Santa Barbara, Calif. — explained that they picked defenseless targets where they knew no one would have a gun.

It is time to apply some common sense.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Gun regulation needed

Citizens must not forget about the deaths which occurred at a high school in Parkland, Fla. We cannot tolerate people who criticize and berate the brave youth who continue to have marches and who fight the hypocrisy of elected officials at all levels of government.

The word militia in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution refers to armed forces to protect our country. The word does not mean everyone is entitled to carry guns. There is a reason-

able movement brewing to re-assess the second amendment.

We must support the knowledgeable and passionate young adults and demand our representatives make needed changes to gun legislation. Let us recall the slogan REV — Register, Educate, Vote.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce


Ex-principal deserves recognition

As more and more Livonia buildings are being named after prominent city leaders, I would like to propose a name to be considered by our leaders and residents for one of the two, new Livonia Public Schools Performing Arts Centers, at Franklin or Stevenson High Schools. That name being Don Friedrichs. He was a principal at the old Bentley High School. His assistant principals were David Amerman and Roy Olson. A proposal to build a large auditorium at Bentley High School was defeated at the polls in 1958.

Don Friedrichs and his colleagues successfully convinced Livonia voters to support a bond issue the following year, in 1959, for a 450-seat auditorium and administrative offices. Those plans were later duplicated with adaptations for Franklin and Stevenson High Schools, according to the book titled "Livonia Public Schools 1830-2002" authored by Martha A. Trafford and Suzanne Daniel. I think that Mr. Friedrichs, also a Livonia Hall of Fame recipient, should be considered when names are bandied about over time to name the two new LPS Performing Arts Centers.

Sincerely,
Joe Neussendorfer
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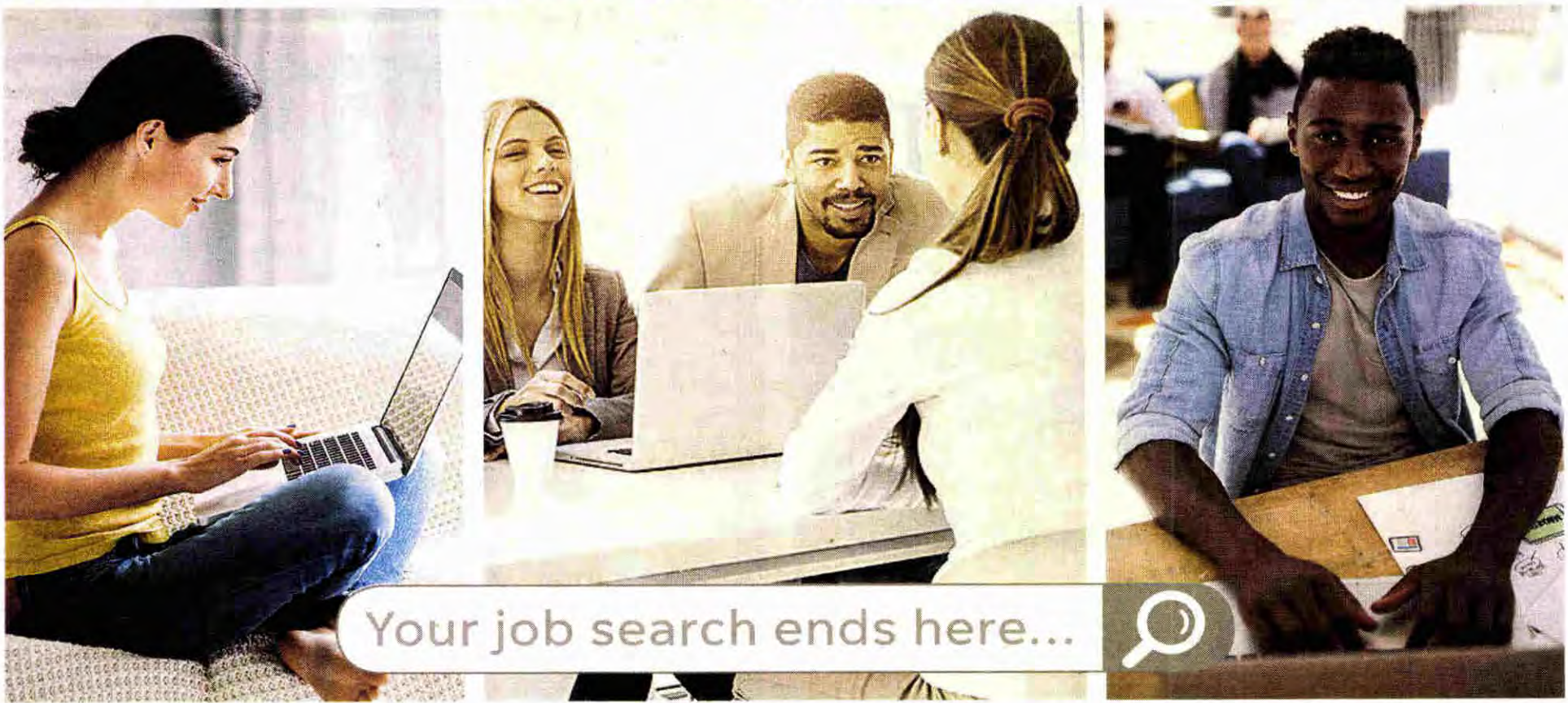
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Obituaries

Curtis Lundy

TROY - Curtis Lee Lundy of Troy MI, passed away on April 18, 2018.

Survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Patricia (Woodmore) Lundy, son James Lundy, his brother David A. Lundy, niece Kristin (Lundy) DeMello, nephew Jon Lundy, and his adored grand nieces and nephews, Sarah, Claire, Christian, Caroline, and Dan. Curtis was predeceased by his mother and father, Alvena (Lee) and Curtis S. Lundy of Lansing MI.

Born in Cambridge MA, Curtis attended Boston Latin School, and graduated from Sexton High School in Lansing MI. He completed his B.S. degree in Geology and Mineralogy, and NROTC training, at the University of Michigan in 1954. Curtis joined the US Navy and served aboard the tanker USS Kankakee serving the Sixth Fleet. He was then deployed as First Lieutenant with the crew of the icebreaker USS Glacier on mission "Operation Deepfreeze I" to Antarctica to establish two Antarctic research bases during the International Geophysical Year, 1957/1958. After his service he returned to the University of Michigan, completing his M.S. degree in Geology and Mineralogy.

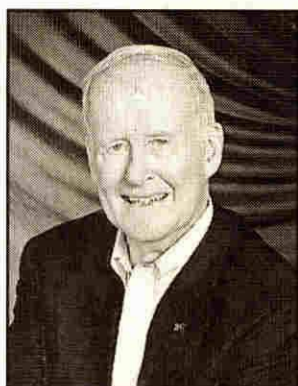
He was first employed in 1958 by Carter Oil Company (later Humble Oil) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, then in 1963 joined the exploration, production and underground gas storage staff at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in Detroit. He was Senior Geologist of Geology, Reservoir and Environmental Engineering when he retired in 1995.

Curtis loved to be of service, and was active in his community, and a long-time member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Session, as well as the building & grounds committee. He worked on a number of homes with Habitat for Humanity. He was a Boy Scout leader, and supported the Geology Merit Badge program at the 1977 National Jamboree. He enjoyed sailing on the Great Lakes, and was a member of the "Old Goat Society", having completed 29 Port Huron-to-Mackinaw races, and 5 Chicago-to-Mackinaw races. He enjoyed gardening, model building, and shared his Father's interest in model railroading.

Curtis died from complications of congestive heart failure, aged 85. He will be lovingly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Relative and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday May 12, at 11:00 AM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Troy, MI 48084.

Donations in memory of Curtis may be made to Northminster Presbyterian Church, and University of Michigan Department of Earth and Environmental Science.



Judith Ann Sherman

- - Judie passed away April 17, 2018 surrounded by the love of her family. Age 79. Beloved wife of the late Roger F. Sherman for 53 years. Loving mother of Roger F Sherman, Jr. (Susan), Ingrid Anne Sherman and dear family friend, Cindee Teer. Cherished grandmother of Jack and Kathleen Turner. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Also survived by her dog, Charlie. Memorial Services were held Wednesday, April 25th at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to The Michigan Humane Society or The American Cancer Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

Margaret Thoms

TRAVERSE CITY - Margaret J. (Hammill) Thoms, 93, of Traverse City, died April 22, 2018, at Boardman Lake Glens.

Margaret was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Flint, Michigan, to May and Clarence Hammill. She received a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as an elementary school teacher. On March 17, 1950, she married John L. Thoms. They lived in Birmingham, Michigan, and built a cottage on Lake Michigan, near Honor, where the family spent countless summer days and nights.

Margaret was a go-getter who took up yoga in her 70s and played a brisk game of tennis well into her 80s. She was talented at knitting and cross-stitch and was an avid reader. She loved walking along the shore of Lake Michigan looking for beach stones. An independent soul, at 79, she sold her home in Birmingham and moved to Traverse City to begin a new chapter. Devoted to faith, family and community, Margaret believed strongly in serving others. She served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham and was active in the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. Active in state and national politics, she was a dedicated volunteer for the Oakland County Republican Party. And she held leadership positions with the philanthropic group P.E.O.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her sister, Barbara Griffin. Mourning her loss is her family, which includes her sons, William (Susan) Thoms and Richard (Michele) Thoms; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

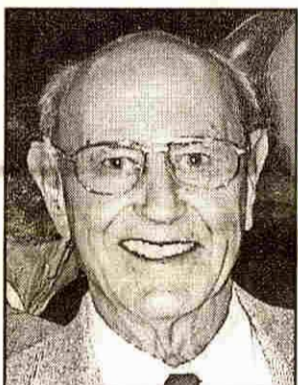
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, where the family will greet friends starting at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Traverse City, or a charity of choice. Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City, 231.941.9034



Arnold C. Boyak Jr.

- - Arnold C Boyak Jr. passed away on March 21, 2018 at age 92.

He was the son of Arnold and Bessie (Titus) Boyak and brother to Betty (John) Barclay, Patricia (Richard) Hill, and the late Phyllis Boyak. He was married to Doris (Bamford) Boyak for 67 years before her passing in 2017. He was father to Steven (JoAnn Peraino) Boyak, Craig (Sabine Schirm) Boyak and Barbara (Jim) Lambrecht and Grandpa to Megan, Caitlin, and Calley Boyak.



He was a graduate of Cooley High School and the Detroit Institute of Technology. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1943 and served as a tail gunner in a B-17 for the 99th Bomber Squadron in Foggia, Italy from May, 1944 through July, 1946. He was a consummate team member; making every team of which he was a member a better group. This included 30 years as an engineer at Massey-Ferguson designing tractors and farm implements, as an athlete on high school, army base, church and recreational teams, and in roles as a coach and umpire assignor with the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association, as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 548, as one of the founding members of the Thurston Booster Club, as an officer and president of the Massey-Ferguson Credit Union, and as treasurer, deacon and Sunday School teacher at 3 different churches. He was also an avid reader and gardener; hybridizing several varieties of daylilies and naming them for many family members.

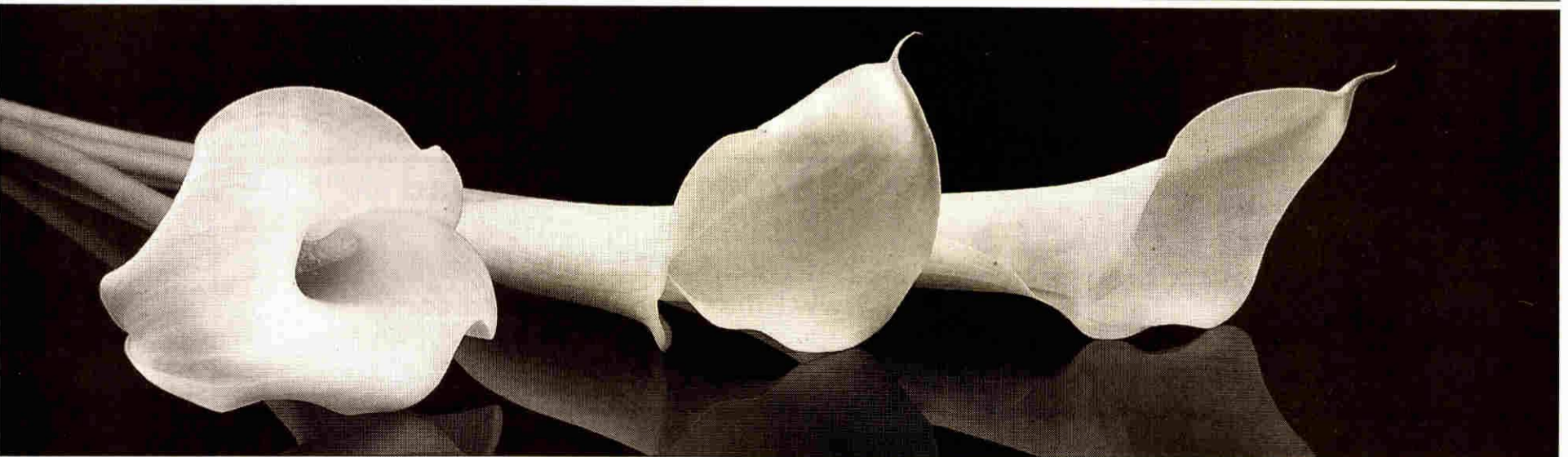
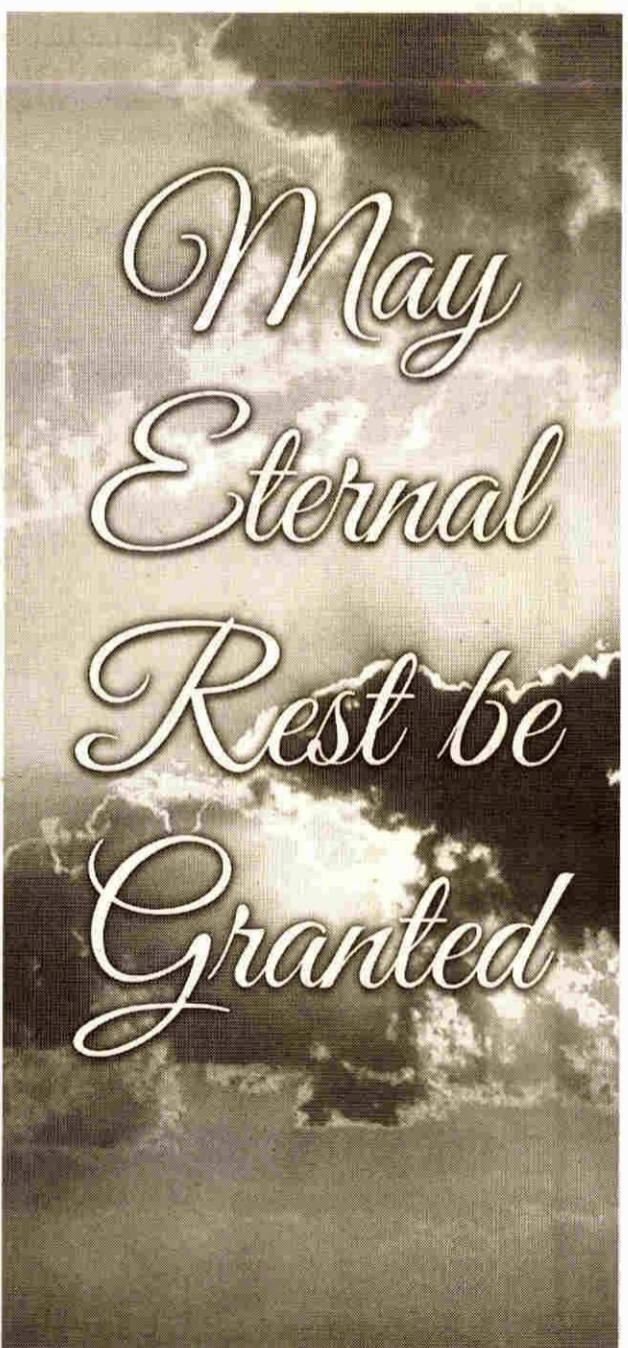
A memorial service and celebration of his life is scheduled at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia at 11:00 a.m. on May 5. Visitation with family will extend from 9:30 until the service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Stephen Ministry at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia

Lilly V. Snyder

PLYMOUTH - Lilly V. Snyder, age 95, a long-time resident of Plymouth, passed away April 22, 2018. She was born on April 10, 1923 in Plymouth, Michigan; daughter of Ernest and Thyra (nee Nilsson) Wickstrom. She graduated from Plymouth High School; Class of 1940. Lilly was united in marriage to Orrin Snyder on January 31, 1941; they spent 30 loving years together until his death in 1971. Lilly worked as a secretary at Bathey Manufacturing in Plymouth, retiring after 25 years with the company. She was a member of the Swedish Club. Lilly loved to travel; she visited places all over the world including Europe, Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia. She enjoyed doing needlework and knitting. Lilly was a wonderful cook and baker. Lilly is survived by her loving daughter Marcia (Frank Philliben) Dawson; and her granddaughter Kristen Dawson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Private family services were held. Mrs. Snyder was laid to rest next to her husband at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



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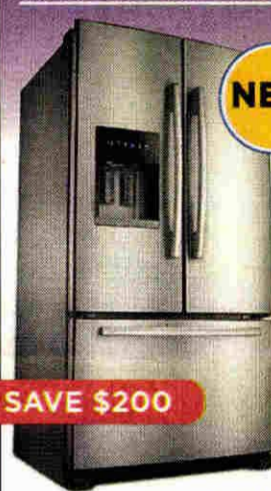
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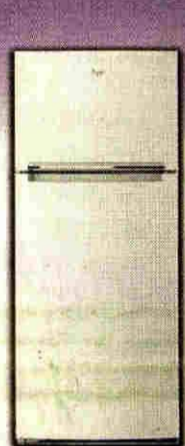
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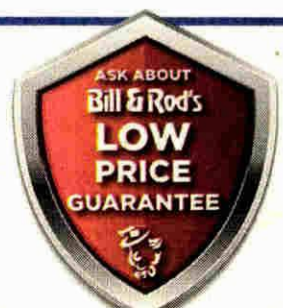


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Carbo returning to his roots

Ex-major leaguer to be honored in May 5 banquet

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's been almost 43 years ago since Bernie Carbo hit one of the most dramatic pinch-hit homers in World Series history for the Boston Red Sox in their epic seven-game set with the Cincinnati Reds.

Now age 70 and just coming off a hip replacement, the 1965 Livonia Franklin High grad, who played for six different clubs during his 12 major league seasons, remains active and connected with the game of baseball.

Carbo will return to his roots for a celebration and dinner put on by his childhood Little League friend Jim Neve on Saturday, May 5, at the VFW Post 7546 in Dearborn Heights.

"My health is good," said Carbo, who currently resides outside Mobile, Ala., with his wife Tammy. "I'm doing really well with it (the hip). I've been teaching baseball almost 35 years plus. I've been teaching hitting. I've worked with boys and girls, teach fast-pitch. I work with kids 5 years old



Carbo

all the way to college. I'm teaching a lot of things just dealing with baseball."

The former outfielder is looking forward to being reunited with his former baseball and football teammates at Franklin as well.

"The last time I'd been to Michigan was probably, I'd say, 15-18 years ago," said Carbo, who also does ministry work and fantasy camps. "It's going to be rewarding to me, because I didn't go to any class reunions because they had them in the summer when I played professional baseball and I never had the opportunity to go. Once in the winter time, they had a football reunion of our class of 1965 where we went 9-0. We really had a great time, so I'm looking forward

to seeing some of the guys from the football team that I played with and baseball."

While he's in town, Carbo plans to speak to the Garden City Fire Department and, possibly, to the Franklin varsity baseball team, which has a double-header that Saturday at home. Ironically, when Carbo played for Franklin, the Patriots did not have a home field. They played their games at Edward Hines Park, just a stone's throw away from where he grew up.

The dinner and celebration features an auction and Carbo will also be signing his book, "Saving Bernie Carbo."

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OLYMPIC GAMES



Luke Shelton, a sixth-grader at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills, poses for a photo with Olympic silver medalist Kyle Mack. MARTY BUDNER

Silver medal winner Mack grateful for hearty welcome

Snowboarder celebrates success with home fans

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

West Bloomfield's favorite son returned home to a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations April 22.

The visitor's bleacher side of West Bloomfield High School's football field was full of enthusiastic fans saluting hometown hero Kyle Mack in a well-orchestrated ceremony commemorating his medal-winning performance at the

recent Winter Olympics.

Mack entered the field sitting atop the back seat of a glistening red Ferrari, which slowly snaked down the track as Olympic-themed music perfectly punctuated the upbeat atmosphere. The 20-year-old snowboarder waved to the cheering crowd and then graciously cupped his heart with his hands in a sincere sign of appreciation.

It's been a whirlwind of activity for Mack since dazzling the world with his remarkable big air Bloody Dracula trick,

which led to the silver medal. He's been celebrating across the country since returning from South Korea and the accolades continued this week with a trip to the White House and a parade in Silverthorne, Colo., with fellow U.S. Olympians Red Gerard, a 2018 slopestyle gold medalist, and Chris Corning.

The Kyle Mack Celebration, sponsored by Boyne Country Sports, opened with the national anthem sung by popular Detroit-area artist Karen Newman, accompanied by the West

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Raiders' Sgambati headed to Michigan Tech

Marty Budner
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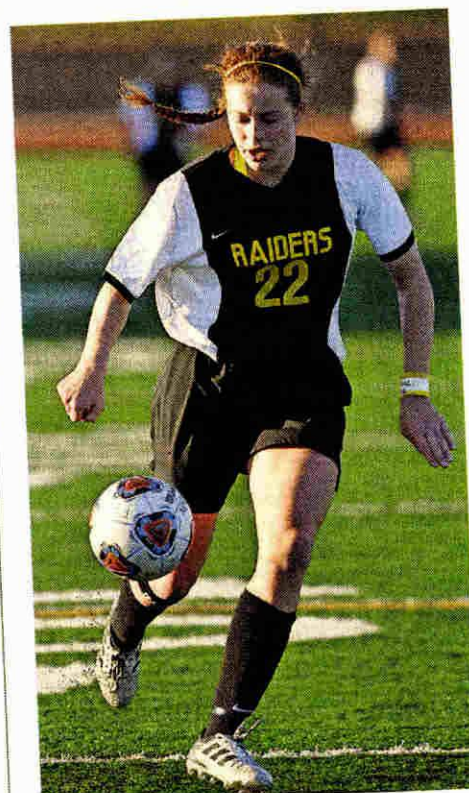
Shaun Gray is familiar with North Farmington senior forward Gabriela Sgambati's soccer skills.

After all, Gray coaches Sgambati on the Michigan Hawks U-18 premier travel team. He marvels at her savvy instincts and overall passion for the game.

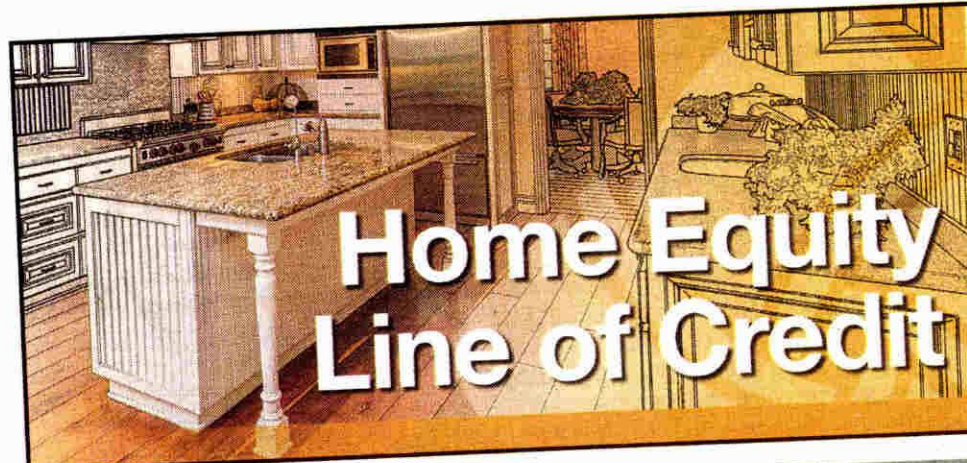
Gray witnessed another sensational play in a recent high school game. However, this time he was on the wrong side of a Sgambati classic.

Gray also coaches the Farmington High School girls soccer team, which hosted Sgambati's North Farmington squad in an OAA Blue Division matchup that doubled as the Farmington

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Gabriela Sgambati is a four-year varsity veteran who will be studying mechanical engineering and playing soccer next year at Michigan Tech University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Sgambati

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Public Schools district championship game.

The Falcons took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half and held the advantage for the next 58 minutes.

Then, with just a little over three minutes remaining, Sgambati picked up a rebound of a Farmington shot that banged off the crossbar, then dribbled down the left side of the field. She powered past a couple of Falcons defenders and then unleashed a left-footed shot that rolled into the far corner of the net, allowing the visiting Raiders to tie the game.

The spectacular play allowed North Farmington to not only leave with a draw, but retain the city championship trophy. Sgambati, a senior, maintained her record of never having lost to Farmington.

An opportunist in life

Gray, in his second year as Farmington head coach, was not surprised.

"Gabby is a very good player and we talked about the threat that she has and that she can score goals," Gray said. "She waited for her opportunity and she took it."

Sgambati seems to be taking advantage of all her opportunities as she closes out a brilliant prep career both in the classroom and on the pitch.

In February, Sgambati signed a national letter of intent to attend Michigan Tech University. She is not only excited to kick-start her college soccer career, but seems even more elated to begin studies in her other passion — mechanical engineering.

Sgambati, North Farmington's senior class president who owns a 4.0 grade-point average, has earned a \$2,000 scholarship from the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program to the Upper Peninsula university.

"I looked at a couple smaller schools, but I mostly wanted to go into an engineering program," the bubbly Sgambati said. "I always wanted to go to Michigan Tech since I was young and both of my parents are alumni. We go to a lot of their hockey games and it's a big thing for my family."

"I figured, as long as they have a soccer team, I might as well play that up there, too," she added. "I've always wanted to go up there."



Gabriela Sgambati (right) celebrates her tying goal with teammate Ava Farquhar during the final minutes of the recent city championship game against district rival Farmington. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Motivated by mom

Sgambati is a member of the National Honor Society, a ninth-grade mentor, a physics club member and a tutor. In addition, she volunteers at the new Farmington STEAM Academy, where she shares her love of math and science.

As for soccer, Sgambati, who has been playing since age 5, has played for the LCSC, Ingatestone FC in England, AC Milan in Detroit and this past season with the Hawks, where she is also a team captain and leading scorer. She is even enjoying her role as an assistant coach with the Farmington Fusion U-10 girls soccer squad.

"My mom was my first coach and she got me motivated," Sgambati said. "I tried other things but, with soccer, I felt it kept me active and have fun at the same time."

"I love the emotions you can have and the tenacity of how you play and can build yourself up," she added. "I like

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Gabriela Sgambati
North Farmington soccer player

team sports, because you can always help each other and you always have some one else to back you up."

In her first three varsity seasons, Sgambati has accounted for 17 goals and 12 assists while primarily playing midfield. She had eight goals and seven assists last spring.

So far this season, while alternating between midfield and forward, she's tallied two goals and one assist. Besides the memorable game-tying goal last week against Farmington, she connected for the game-winning goal Tuesday in a 1-0 non-league triumph over Dearborn.

Veteran North Farmington head coach Tim Russell said Sgambati is simply a natural talent who possesses great enthusiasm.

"She is just an all-around team player and that's why she's going to be playing up at Michigan Tech," Russell said. "She is good with both feet. She can play every position on the field and has a great shot. She can beat good defenders and she's been a battler all four years. She loves the game and you can see she still plays it like a kid."

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Mack

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Bloomfield High School choir. After a short prayer by the Rev. Tim Holzerland, pastor at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor Steven Kaplan offered a few congratulatory words.

Celebrating the Olympian

Kaplan explained that West Bloomfield was going to fete Mack simply for his Olympic berth. The fact that he won a medal just made the celebration that much more festive.

"West Bloomfield Township is honored and privileged to have hosted Kyle Mack," said Kaplan, who began planning the event 90 days ago. "We think he is a champion and hero. More than that, he is a wonderful person with high character. The fact that he qualified was just enough to honor him, but then when he won the silver medal, that was just additional gratitude for us."

Master of Ceremonies Mike Stone from WXYT-FM (97.1) sports radio anchored a short question-and-answer session with Mack, to the crowd's delight.

Mack talked about how his family's presence in South Korea made him comfortable and how "cool" it was meeting athletes from across the world. His advice to young snowboarders is that practicing on any type of board — skate board, wake board or surf board — will go a long ways toward improving snowboard skills.

Mack also mentioned he plans to work hard for a return trip to the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, China.

In addition, prizes — featuring four snowboards and goggles — were raffled off to the fans, with Mack announcing the winners.

Flyin' Brian greets hero

One of those winners was aspiring snowboarder Flyin' Brian Rice from Farmington Hills, who was grateful to win a replica board Mack used at the Olympics.

Rice first met Mack earlier this month at the USA Snowboard and Freeski Association



Farmington Hills snowboarder Brian Rice (right), a.k.a. Flyin' Brian, is all smiles after Olympian Kyle Mack presented him with a snowboard. MARTY BUDNER



Fans traveled to West Bloomfield High School to meet and greet favorite son and Olympic silver medalist Kyle Mack. MARTY BUDNER

sociation nationals held at Copper Mountain. Rice, who placed 12th at that national meet in his age division and owns the No. 1 regional ranking in half pipe, was thrilled when his Olympic hero personally handed him the board.

"I thought it was just an amazing experience. I'm so glad that I went," said Rice, a seventh-grader at Farmington

Hills STEAM Academy who himself entertains Olympic dreams. "Overall, it was just a great experience to know that, one day, my town might do that for me as well. It was so cool that his town did that for him. It was very gracious of them. I got a picture with him there and I got another picture with him after waiting in the line. It was very nice."

After the giveaways, Mack walked back to a designated area to meet and greet all the fans in attendance. He took his time signing autographs and taking photos with all of his fans who came out for the festivities on the warm, sunny afternoon.

Dianne Colby, Mack's second-grade teacher at the now-closed Hickory Grove Elementary, attended with her husband Ray and daughters Caroline and Kathleen. They managed to sneak in a few pre-event photos before heading off to the Detroit Tigers baseball game.

"We just knew that he was special when he was at Hickory Grove. He was always just the nicest person," said Colby, who now teaches at Eastover Elementary in the Bloomfield Hills district. "He was so invested in the sport at a very young age. His two first-grade teachers, and he also had two second-grade teachers, we always watched his progress with enthusiasm."

"I remember one time he went to Vermont for a competition and, as a second-grade child, I thought that was impressive," she added. "We, as teachers, we like to watch our students progress and it's nice to see when they make their dreams and reach what they work so hard for."

Mack is simply grateful for everything that's come his way over the past two months. It's been more than anything the former Brother Rice student could ever have imagined.

"This whole thing, even before this today, the amount of people coming by to say hi and all the support, has been wild," Mack said. "The whole choir played a song for me which was, like, super cool and everyone around here has been so cool and supportive. The whole West Bloomfield Township, I have to thank them so much for being so supportive and throwing this event for me. I'm just so excited."

"It's a huge thing. I've been on TV all week and my first- and second-grade teachers came to see me," he added. "This whole experience has been excellent. I can't thank them enough for what they've done."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Groves defeats Farmington in baseball

Baseball

GROVES 6, FARMINGTON 2: Birmingham Groves avoided the OAA White Division sweep Wednesday afternoon with this four-run win over Farmington. Ryan Laub threw a complete-game victory, allowing six hits and striking out five. George Cutler was 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI while Falcon teammate Aerik Joe was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Chaise Ford and Nick Ringler each pounded doubles for Groves. For Farmington, Deven Mahanti was 2-for-3 with a home run. Groves, which dropped a double-header to the Falcons earlier in the week, hiked its record to 8-3.

GROVES 8-13, UTICA 6-2: On April 21, Birmingham Groves swept this non-league double-header in Utica. In the first game, Aerik Joe, Connor Bradbury and George Cutler each had two hits. Ari Sherman had one perfect inning of work to earn the save. In the second game, Josh Klein pitched four innings and allowed four hits to pick up the win. Tyler Newitt pitched an inning and struck out the three batters he faced. Harrison Cole, Nick Ringler and Bradbury each had two hits. Ryan Laub (1-for-3, two RBI), Joe (1-for-2, one run scored) and Cutler (1-for-2) also had notable performances. The wins lifted Groves to 7-1.

Girls soccer

NORTH FARMINGTON 1, DEARBORN 0: In non-league action Tuesday, Gabriela Sgambati netted the game's only goal in the first half. Sgambati's tally -- her second goal of the season -- was set up off a corner kick by Lynn Lerner. The Raiders held on for the win thanks to a key point-blank save by goalie Patil Tcholakian late in the game. McKenna Galloway, Maya Kelly, Milena Jansen, Ava Farquhar and Hailey Worthing helped preserve the shutout as backline players. Haley Collin had a strong game by sparking numerous offensive opportunities.

LAKE ORION 1, GROVES 0: In a defensive battle between two top OAA Blue Division teams, the Dragons scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick in the 77th minute of play. A handball was called after a scramble in the box following a corner kick and Lake Orion did not miss its late scoring opportunity. The teams were undefeated heading into the game.

MARIAN 8, LADYWOOD 0: Marian scored all eight of its goals in the first half to dominate this Catholic League victory Tuesday afternoon. Jansen Eichenlaub paced the offense with three goals and three assists. Grace Kinna (two), Maria Askunis, Emme DeConinck and Maria Askoinis were the other Mustang scorers. Claudia Schilling, Neve Badalow and Sara Stroud were credited with assists. Goalie Megan Kraus registered the shutout for the defending Division 2 state champs.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4, TROY ATHENS 0: Becka Hancock earned the shutout victory for the Black Hawks Monday afternoon in Bloomfield Hills. Sloane Marwill led the offense with two goals while Christina Hickson and Isabelle Harber accounted for the other Bloomfield Hills goals. Bloomfield Hills raised its undefeated record to 7-0-1.

COUNTRY DAY 6, GROVES 1: Country Day traveled the short distance to Groves on Monday and left with the five-goal triumph. DCD, the state's No. 5-ranked Division III team, was led by Elle Hartje's three-goal hat trick. Jamie Nicholls mustered Groves' only goal on a late penalty kick.

SEAHOLM 6, ROYAL OAK 1: In an OAA crossover game played Monday, Seaholm (OAA White) defeated Royal Oak (OAA Blue) by five goals. Senior captain Zoe Gaffney led the attack with two goals and two assists. Natalie Erne also connected for two goals while Cate Brown and Caroline Esper also found the back of the net for the Maples. Olivia Graham contributed three assists. Goalie Maya Nesti had three saves to pick up the win.

MARIAN 5, DIVINE CHILD 1: On April 21, Marian broke up a close game at halftime (2-1) with three second-half goals en route to the four-goal triumph. Jansen Eichenlaub finished with three goals and Annie Bruce accounted for the other two. Emme DeConinck, Grace Kinna, Sara Stroud, Claudia Schilling and Olivia DeConinck picked up assists. Goalies Megan Kraus (first half) and Annabella Deines shared the victory.

ROEPER 3, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3: Roeper netted the game's first and last goal to forge this MIAA tie with undefeated (3-0-2) Southfield Christian on April 20. Maddie Kragt and Micaiah Ligon (two) were the Eagle scorers.



North Farmington was undefeated after its first seven games, thanks in part to the strong play of shortstop Mara Szczecienski, who is hitting at a .684 pace, with 11 runs and 11 RBIs while batting from the lead-off position. MARTY BUDNER



Junior Jansen Eichenlaub has played a big role in helping defending D-II state champion Marian get off to a sterling start this season. FILE PHOTO

Softball

SEAHOLM 4-7, ROCHESTER 2-12: These OAA White Division teams split their double-header on Tuesday. Seaholm's Erika MacArthur was a two-way force in the opener with a 3-for-3 showing at the plate and going the distance on the mound for the complete-game win. Reilly Vida contributed two hits and Kate Bridges added an RBI-triple. In the second game, Abby Righter led the Maple offense with three hits while Bridges was 2-for-2 with two RBI and Sarah Hegel smacked a triple and scored twice. The results left Seaholm with a 5-2 record.

NORTH FARMINGTON 7, TROY ATHENS 1: North Farmington remained undefeated (6-0) with this six-run OAA Red Division win over Athens on Tuesday in the first game of a scheduled twinbill. Sam Cherney struck out 13 and allowed just four hits to pick up the win. Mara Szczecienski and Molly Simpson each had three hits, while Jordyn Taylor, Sarah Fish and Sarah Williams contributed two hits apiece. Maeve O'Hara added a hit and two sacrifice bunts. The second game was postponed due to weather.

MERCY 19-17, MARIAN 0-0: Mercy scored 36 runs on 26 hits in just five innings in these two mercy-rule wins over Marian Tuesday in Farmington Hills. In the opener, Caroline Carlson had three walks and scored three runs. Mercy teammates Emily Rzepecki and Julia Kleismet combined for five hits and four runs scored. In the second game, Rzepecki was 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Anna Dixon was on base three times and scored each time. The wins lifted Mercy to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the Catholic League.

MERCY 11-10, GABRIEL RICHARD 12-9: Mercy and Gabriel Richard split their Monday double-header, with each team winning by a run. In the second game, Mercy trailed by a run going into its last at-bat. However, the Marlins rallied for a pair of runs to collect the victory. Maggie Murphy smacked a single -- her third hit of the game -- to knock in the game-winning run. Sarah Cassidy had three hits and Anna Dixon scored three runs in the opener.

CHELSEA ROUND ROBIN: On April

21, Farmington won two of three games in the Chelsea Round Robin. Host Chelsea slipped past Farmington in the opener, 4-3. However, the Falcons bounced back with wins over Holt (9-3) and Livonia Churchill (6-3). Against Holt, Robyn Banks and Kayla Ghafari were each 3-for-4 with one RBI. Kacey Noseworthy (run-scoring triple) and Caitlin Sheltown (run-scoring single) also had notable performances. Against Churchill, Lauren Johnson (2-for-4), Lily Morrisette (4-for-4, one RBI), Gabriella Slabaugh (3-for-4) and Banks (3-for-4, two RBI) were notable performers. Morrisette, a freshman catcher, blasted a home run in the loss to Chelsea. Banks was the pitcher of record in all three games, striking out 26 batters and allowing 18 hits on her day's work. "Robyn was stellar all week long. She was able to command her pitches and locate them to work the counts in her favor," said Farmington head coach Stephanie Volpe. "Overall for the day, we played with a lot of energy and showed a competitive attitude which are things that as a team we have been working on acquiring. We had 100 percent contribution today. I am extremely happy with our 2-1 record on the day."

MERCY INVITATIONAL: Mercy won three of its four games in its own tournament April 21 at Founders Park. Mercy defeated Ann Arbor Skyline (16-0 in five innings), Linden (11-1 in five innings) and Northville (8-5 in five innings). The lone Marlin loss was to Anchor Bay (16-3 in five innings). Grace Nieto stood out in the tourney by posting an .833 batting average with nine runs scored and six RBI. The Mercy shortstop was 4-for-5 in the opener over Linden.

NORTH FARMINGTON 4, WATERFORD KETTERING 1: On April 20, North Farmington, after trailing 1-0, scored the final four runs to take this non-league encounter. Mara Szczecienski, Jordyn Taylor and Molly Simpson each had two hits.

Girls tennis

GROVES 5, CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 4: Groves swept the singles competition and Cranbrook won the first four doubles flights on Tuesday. The difference was at No. 5 doubles

where the Groves duo of Eve Wasvary and Hanna Lupovitch rallied to defeat the C-K tandem of Asha Bulusu and Ellie Rothstein in three sets, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. The match's only other three setter was at No. 4 singles where Ariele Bauer of Groves stopped Marie Ghilezan of Cranbrook Kingswood, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The other Falcon singles winners were Sullivan Patel (No. 1), Marin Wachs (No. 2) and Anna Chikhhalenko (No. 3). The winning Crane doubles teams included Kate Cao and Amelia Smith (No. 1), Sophia Moustakis and Abby Foltyn (No. 2), Sara Lawler and Maggie Stutz (No. 3) and Simrin Nagarasu and Mia Inakage (No. 4).

GROVES 7, BRIGHTON 2: On April 21, Groves defeated Brighton in non-league competition. The Falcons won three singles matches and four doubles matches. Sullivan Patel won at No. 1 singles over Brighton's Maria Ranese in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Falcons took the three other singles matches in straight sets: Marin Wachs (No. 2), Anna Chikhhalenko (No. 3) and Caitlin Upkong (No. 4). All five doubles flights were also decided in straight sets. Groves' No. 1 team of Ny'Dea terrell and Karis Horn defeated Olivia Cooperrider and Anna Kelly, 6-0, 6-3. Groves lost to Holly (6-3) and Ann Arbor Huron (7-2) in other matches that day.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 6, SACRED HEART 0: In a rain-shortened match on April 21, defending Division 3 state champion Country Day dominated the six contested flights. The Yellow-jacket singles players dropped just one game in winning all four flights behind the efforts of Julia Fliegner (No. 1), Monique Karoub (No. 2), Elle Hartje (No. 3) and Alexis Nardicchio (No. 4). At No. 2 doubles, DCD's duo of Ruhe Nayak and Tara Rahmani defeated Kathryn Monahan and Serena Seneker by identical 6-2 scores.

SACRED HEART 6, TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS 2: On April 21, Sacred Heart and St. Francis had a closer encounter than the final score would indicate as five of the eight matches went the maximum three sets, with the Gazelles winning four of them. Sacred Heart's three-set winners were singles players Elizabeth Etterbeek (No. 1) and Reagan Beatty (No. 3) and the doubles teams of Kelleigh Keating and Nolwenn Crosnier (No. 3) and Hannah Kakos and Katie Myers (No. 4). At No. 1 doubles, Sara Gerard and Annie Keating defeated Lilly Bobrowski and Lillian Jaynes in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Boys track

DE LA SALLE 65, BROTHER RICE 63: Brother Rice dropped this close Catholic League outing Monday in Bloomfield Hills. The Warriors won three field events -- Lucas Mitrius in the high jump (5-foot-10), Mike Murphy in the long jump (18-feet, 7-inches) and Pete Schultz in the shot put (43-feet, 1.5-inches). Rice's track event winners were Grant Davey in the 1,600-meter run (4:44.5), Alex Miracle in the 800 (2:06.0) and Kevan O'Brien in the 3,200 (10:23.6). The Warriors won both the 4X800- (Dan Serra, O'Brien, Joe Kawka and Miracle) and the 4X400-meter (Mike Tremonti, Serra, Miracle and Mitrius) relays. Rice is 2-1 in Catholic League action.

Boys lacrosse

BIRMINGHAM UNITED II, OXFORD 9: Owen Cross netted a team-high five goals to lead United to this OAA Red Division win over Oxford on Tuesday. Carson Claar and Colton Tinsley each scored twice while Will McBride and Johnny Cross had one goal apiece. Goalie Benny Goldberg had an excellent outing with 14 saves.

Girls lacrosse

CRANBROOK 14, MARIAN 11: Cranbrook Kingswood, the defending Division 2 state champion, defeated visiting Marian by three goals on Wednesday. The Mustangs were led by Mia Hannawa who netted five goals.

Boys golf

OAA RED DIVISION TOURNAMENT: On Wednesday at Twin Lakes Golf Club, Birmingham Seaholm captured the second OAA Red Division tournament of the season with a 300. Jack Muir shot a five-under 67 to earn low medalist honors. Spencer Whittington (74), Henry Scavone (75) and Alex Aho (84) were the other Maple scorers. Seaholm, currently ranked No. 2 in the state, has now won three tournaments this spring.

SPORTS SHORTS

Big year for Blue Dolphins

It was another memorable season for the Birmingham Blue Dolphins age-group swim program.

The Dolphins won the YMCA Eastern Cluster Meet, the YMCA 8-Under Meet, the YMCA State Meet and the Great Lakes Zone Meet. They finished second at the U.S. 12-Under State Meet and capped the season by placing 15th at the YMCA National Meet (the boys squad finished 10th overall).

The BBD set a number of program records, none bigger than the 9-10 boys 200 free relay team, which set a new state standard with a time of 1:50.52. The record-setting foursome included A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack and Jack Higgins.

"The swimmers broke team records in every age group and that made for a memorable season," head coach Kevin Fogarty said.

Following are the BBD team records set during the 2017-18 season:

8-UNDER GIRLS: Avery Tack (50 free, 32.45)

8-UNDER BOYS: Drew Madigan (100 IM, 1:19.25); Gray Schindler, Drew Madigan, Hully Quarrier and Oliver Grake (100 medley relay, 1:08.36)

9-10 GIRLS: Erin Madigan (1,000 free, 12:59.29)

9-10 BOYS: Jack Higgins (50 free, 26.43; 100 free, 58.44); Evan Tack (100 breast, 1:16.60); A.J. Farner (100 IM, 1:07.54; 200 IM, 2:24.99); Sean Lu, Evan Tack, A.J. Farner, Jack Higgins (200 medley relay, 2:07.22); A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack, Jack Higgins (200 free relay, 1:50.52)

11-12 GIRLS: Sydney Dekervorkian (200 free, 1:56.58)

11-12 BOYS: Ethan Schwab (500 free, 5:06.33; 1,000 free, 10:24.60; 1,650 free, 18:14.55); Angus McDonald (100 back, 59.07; 200 breast, 2:25.52; 400 IM, 4:30.94)

13-14 GIRLS: Megan Clifford (200 fly, 2:07.50)

15-17 GIRLS: Courtney Connolly (100 fly, 55.56)

Basketball coaches needed

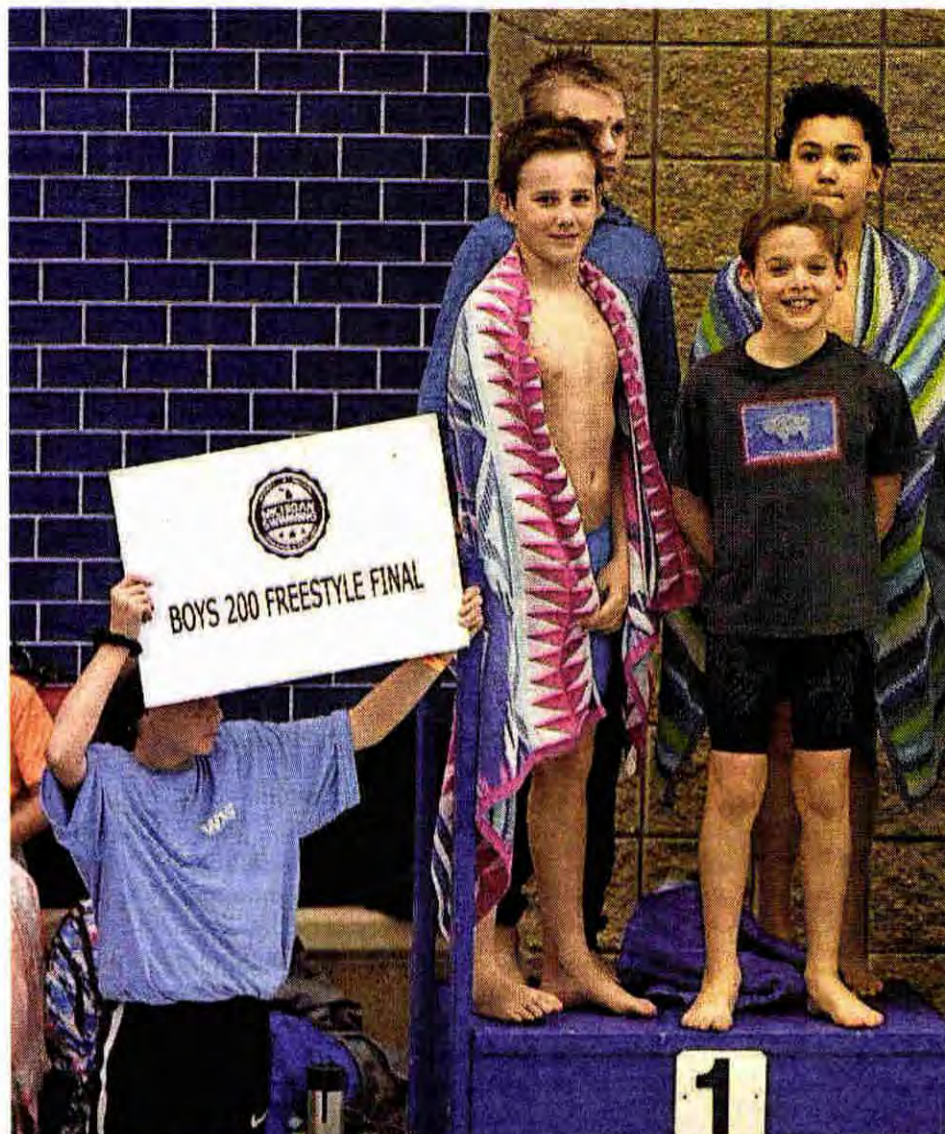
Birmingham Groves and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice high schools are searching for varsity boys basketball coaches.

Marc West recently resigned as Groves head coach to accept an assistant coaching position at Henry Ford College. He spent four years coaching the Falcons, taking them to a Class A district championship in 2016 and an OAA Blue crown in 2017.

Anyone interested in the job should send a cover letter and resume to Groves Athletic Director Tom Flynn at TFlynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Application deadline is May 4.

Over at Brother Rice, former head coach Ed Shaffer will not return next year as school administrators decided to go in a "new direction." Shaffer was head coach at Brother Rice for 11 years, compiling an overall 111-123 record. The 111 wins are second all-time in Rice history, behind only the legendary Bill Norton.

According to Brother Rice administrators, the new head coach must be "committed to the Mission of Catholic



The Birmingham Blue Dolphin foursome of A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack and Jack Higgins set a state record in the 200 free relay.

education and follow the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education while developing the mind, spirit and soul of every student-athlete."

Additionally, the head coach will be responsible for all aspects of the basketball program and must demonstrate strong leadership in player and staff development, sportsmanship, integrity and character development.

Anyone interested in applying should send resumes to Brother Rice Athletic Director Jeff Calcaterra at calcaterra@brrice.edu. Application deadline is May 8. Rice administrators hope to have a new coach by Memorial Day.

USPBL news

The United Shore Professional Baseball League is set to begin its third season May 11 at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, coached by Chris Newell, enter as the four-team independent league's defending champion. The Beavers figure to get plenty of competition again this year from fellow league members the Utica Unicorns, champions of the inaugural season in 2016, Eastside Diamond Hoppers and Westside Woolly Mammoths.

The USPBL certainly seems to have made an impact in its first two seasons under the direction of owner and CEO Andy Appleby of Bloomfield Township.

Following are a few significant headlines heading into the USPBL's third season:

■ The USPBL will have 10 games —

two per month — broadcast this season on ESPN3 as part of a Game of the Week series. The featured broadcasts include the opener May 11, the Home Run Derby and All-Star Game on July 7 and playoff games scheduled for early September.

"To have our games on ESPN3 is another wonderful milestone in the development of the USPBL," Appleby said. "The national platform will give us a tremendous opportunity to show off our great ballpark, family-fun atmosphere and quality baseball being played every

weekend in historic downtown Utica."

Neal Ruhl will serve as play-by-play commentator.

■ Over its first two years, the USPBL had 20 players sign with Major League Baseball organizations. Since its inception, one of the USPBL's main missions was to give young players the opportunity to pursue their major league dreams.

"We consider the USPBL as a developmental professional baseball league for Major League Baseball," said Justin Orenduff, the league's director of baseball operations. "Therefore it's important for our players to compete on a national stage and our games on ESPN3 will allow them to do that. We look forward to this great partnership moving forward to help promote these highly-skilled players."

MWGA play is set

May is rolling around, the weather is starting to break and the Michigan Women's Golf Association season is about to tee off.

The MWGA Match Play League kick-off tournament is set for 10 a.m. May 5 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville. The outing will be followed by the spring meeting luncheon and 2-Woman Scramble & Guest Day, set for noon May 12 at Twin Lakes Golf & Banquet in Oakland Township.

The MWGA's other outings through July include 2-Person, 4-Ball (May 27 at Whispering Willows in Livonia), International Women's Golf Day (June 5 at Carl's Golf and in Bloomfield Hills), Skills Clinic with Debbie Williams-Hoak (June 10 at Brookside in Saline), 2-Woman, 4-Ball (June 11 at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield), Summer Stroke Play (June 24 at Hickory Creek in Superior Township), the Two-Day State Championship (July 14-15 at Timber Ridge in East Lansing) and the 4-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha (July 30 at Northville Hills Golf Club).

Competitions are open to all amateur female players and registration is available online at www.mwga.org.

For more information, contact Pat Shelton at shelton@mwga.org.

PDL SOCCER

Thomas takes over Bucks manager reins

Former Madonna women's coach takes over most successful PDL franchise

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The Michigan Bucks of the USL Premier Development League announced earlier this month that Paul Thomas has been elevated to head coach.

Thomas, the former Madonna University women's soccer coach, replaces former PDL Coach of the Year Demir Muftari, who for the past four seasons has been a part of the team's successful stretch of national titles since he joined in 2014.

The Bucks begin their 23rd PDL season with their record 15th appearance in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in a match beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, against host Detroit City FC

at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium.

Thomas, who posted a 45-20-7 record in four seasons at Madonna, brings a wealth of experience to the Bucks at the youth and collegiate coaching level, with vast experience in the U.S. and England. While assisting the Bucks since 2014, Thomas was also the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association director of coaching.

"I love working with the young players who are all aspiring to chase their dream to become professional soccer players here or abroad and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that this year's team continues to produce champions," Thomas said in a team press release. "It is an honor and a challenge to be handed the reins of this great program and I appreciate the trust that ownership and management has given me to expand my career."

Thomas is also currently on the USSF national coaching education staff, as well as a Michigan Wolves/Hawks academy coach and technical adviser. He has held a USSF 'A' license since 2007.

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Thomas

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Some tips 'fore' your golfing health



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The word "Fore!" has traditionally been used to tell surrounding golfers to seek safety from the path of a misdirected shot. You can think of this article in the same way as the word "fore" and use the following advice to seek safety so that you can avoid injuries that might otherwise keep you from your favorite pastime.

Now, I'm not going to lie to you — I can't guarantee my advice will shave 10 strokes off of your game.

But I will tell you this: If you're aware of the common injuries that sideline golfers and if you do some simple things to prevent them, you may get to spend a lot more time on the course this season.

Five of the most commonly affected areas in the body are the shoulder, elbow, wrist, low back and knee.

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles in the shoulder that is responsible for much of your shoulder's function. Unfortunately, tremendous stresses are placed on the rotator cuff during a typical golf swing.

The rotator cuff is prone to acute strains and tears, as well as overuse injuries that result in tendonitis or

bursitis. The best cure for rotator cuff problems is prevention. Some simple shoulder stretches and strengthening exercises, as well as a good warm up — don't hit the long ball your first swing — can keep your shoulders in commission.

Golfer's elbow refers to inflammation and overuse of the inner part of the elbow. The muscles that originate here are responsible for flexing the wrist and rotating the forearm — integral components of the golf swing.

One of the best ways to avoid elbow problems, besides cutting back on golf, is to strengthen the forearm muscles and slow the swing so that there will be less shock in the arm when the ball is hit. Some simple and beneficial exercises include using a "grippy ball," doing wrist curls and reverse wrist curls with a light weight and performing simple wrist stretches.

Wrist tendonitis is very common. It results from "stressing out" the tendons that control the hand and fingers.

We all know that a great swing relies on the coordinated activity of the legs and trunk, as well as the arms. Although the wrist is one of the final links in this kinetic chain, it's an important one that deserves attention.

Another common complaint among golfers — low back pain — can be caused by a poor swing.

The rotational stresses of the golf swing can place

considerable pressure on the spine and muscles. Poor flexibility and muscle strength can cause minor strains in the back that can easily become severe injuries.

Low back health requires a balance of strength and flexibility. Remember — it's not just the muscles of the low back, but also the abdominal and hip muscles that are important (together these are called your "core muscles").

Once again, you can avoid a lot of grief with some simple stretching and strengthening exercises.

In my practice, the most common knee injuries that I see in golfers are: 1) aggravation of the knee from the twisting motion and 2) tearing of the meniscus (bumper cartilage) because the twist was too much.

So before your next round of golf — especially at the beginning of the season — engage in some simple stretching exercises and then get a bucket of balls and hit them at the driving range. Warming up is very important.

For more information and links related to preventing and treating golf injuries, go to www.performance-orthopedics.com.

Dr. Joseph Guettler is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine. His practice, Performance Orthopedics, is located in Bingham Farms.

Thomas

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"I have been involved in high levels of soccer the past decade, but nothing has been as challenging and rewarding as being a part of the most successful team in American soccer history at this level," said Thomas, a Beverly Hills resident.

Thomas's first order of business was to appoint Will Thornton as his first assistant. Thornton, who hails from Pennsylvania, is also a staff coach with the Michigan Wolves/Hawks Academy and was an assistant coach for two seasons with the PDL powerhouse Reading (Pa.) United.

Thornton's resume also includes coaching at legendary youth club FC Delco in Philadelphia.

"Thanks to Paul for giving me this opportunity to be a part of the Bucks organization," Thornton said. "Having previous experience coaching at Reading, I am very aware of the standards for winning and developing players that the Bucks have established over the past two decades. I believe my passion for helping young players reach their ultimate potential will help me succeed in my role during this upcoming Bucks season."

Muftari, meanwhile, has been promoted to technical director of the Bucks and will continue to work

closely with Gary Parsons, the team's director of coaching, as well as Thomas and his new staff.

While the Bucks are most well known for their championships and professional players developed, the team takes as much pride in developing coaches as well.

"If you look at where some of our past coaches have been in their careers, we are as proud of them as we are of the player's advancement," Bucks CEO and Livonia native Dan Duggan said.

Steve Burns, the Bucks' first head coach, went on to lead Michigan to a NCAA Final Four berth, while Joe Malachino (Eastern Michigan) and Paul Snape (Butler) also became college head coaches. Dario Brose also played MLS for a short time and Don Gemmill is heading up one of the most successful youth programs in Houston, Texas.

Dan Fitzgerald, Parsons and Muftari were also part of Bucks championships since 2006.

"We are proud of what all these great coaches have done to advance the game of soccer at the academy, college and professional level here in America," Duggan said. "We have some of the brightest young coaches in the country on this staff ready to embrace the exciting opportunities that professional soccer will provide right here in the state of Michigan in the coming years."

The Bucks open their PDL season on the road Sat-

urday, May 12, against Lansing United. The Bucks' home opener is 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Royal Oak High School against the Derby City (Ky.) Rovers.

For information regarding individual season tickets and family passes for the upcoming PDL season, go to www.buckssoccer.com. You can also follow the Bucks on Twitter @MichiganBucks and on Facebook @MichiganBucksSoccer.

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Carbo

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Written by Dr. Peter Hantzis, the book chronicles Carbo's trials and tribulations while growing up, being molested by an uncle, suffering through a contentious relationship with his father and his drug-addicted Major League career.

Known as a free spirit, Carbo was a first-round draft pick of the Reds.

Carbo made his big league debut in 1969 with the Reds and, in 1970, he played in the World Series against Baltimore after being named Sporting News Rookie of the Year (with a .310 batting average).

But he left the game prematurely at age 33 with a .264 career batting average and 96 homers. Carbo went to cosmetology school and opened a hair salon in Allen Park. He also had a stint in the Senior Baseball League in St. Petersburg, Fla. where he hit rock bottom in 1993 after his mother committed suicide, his father died and his first marriage dissolved.

Thanks to "Buffalo Heads" Bill Lee and Ferguson Jenkins, Carbo went for help and found Baseball Assistance Team, an organization that helps needy former players. They were instrumental in his getting into a recovery program. While in rehab, Carbo found that God had a plan for his life and, "through the healing power of Jesus Christ," drastically changed his life around.

It was also during 1993 when he found his calling, starting Diamond Club Ministry. (He also met his wife Tammy during an abbreviated stint in the Senior Baseball League while he was in Lakeland, Fla.)

"I live 100 yards from the beach in a small condo," said Carbo, who resides on Dauphin Island off the Gulf Coast. "I'm married with 11 grandchildren. My son just turned 36. He's a major in the army. He's got a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. He's stationed in Washington with two little girls. My wife (Tammy) is counselor at an elementary-middle school with 500 children and she's terrific. I just married one of my granddaughters last weekend. Small wedding, she asked me to do the ceremony. It was fun. She's a beautiful girl. My other grandson (Tyler) is working with me teaching hitting. He's 19 and

wanting to go to a junior college and play baseball. Wants to be a fireman and is doing really well."

In Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, Carbo became an instant hero for Red Sox fans when he delivered the game-tying, three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning at Fenway Park.

That set the stage for Carlton Fisk's infamous 12th-inning lead-off shot that hit the left field foul pole, giving Boston a 7-6 victory over the Reds. (In Game 3 of that series, Carbo hit his first pinch-hit homer; the second tied Chuck Essegian's 16-year-old record.)

Carbo, a member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame, also started Game 7, hitting a double and drawing a walk, while also gunning down George Foster at second base, who was trying to stretch a single into a double. But Cincinnati eventually rallied and won the deciding game, 4-3.

Carbo admitted during a series of interviews in 2010 that he played high in that Game 7. Carbo said he could have had a much better baseball career if he had found God as a teenager and avoided the destructive path of drug and alcohol abuse.

"My place at Diamond Club Ministry is full of the message of Jesus Christ by just showing them God, being able to love them where they're at and teaching the parents to have fun with the children," said Carbo, who also managed in a Florida summer independent league in Pensacola, Fla., from 2003-05. "What I do is work with the parents to teach them hitting and teach them how to behave at the ballpark. I teach them to smile, love their kids with the understanding that major league baseball players are few and far between. It's very difficult. You set goals to bat 10,000 times, you're going to make 7,000 outs. And if you get 3,000 hits, you're a Hall of Famer. It's OK to strike out. Reggie Jackson struck out 2,000 times and, for five years, he didn't hit the ball. So I try and work with parents (to) realize just let the kids have fun and play baseball."

Tickets for the Carbo dinner and celebration are \$40 per person (\$20 for students). The event starts at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. No alcohol will be served. VFW Post 7546 is located at 6228 N. Waverly, in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Neve at 734-612-9354.

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GRACE NIETO

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It's a scary thought of what lies down the road for Farmington Hills Mercy's softball opponents with Grace Nieto standing on the field.

The freshman shortstop, who has already committed to Northwestern University, has wasted little time in making her presence known this season for the 6-2 Marlins.

In the Mercy Invitational held April 21 at Founders Park, Nieto hit for a sparkling .833 average in leading the Marlins to three victories in their four games.

Batting from the lead-off spot, the ninth-grader was 10-for-12 with nine runs scored and six RBIs. She was also 4-for-5 in the 11-1 opening-game win over Linden.

"Very, very happy and excited," said Nieto, who was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after garnering 15,727 votes (55.36 percent among the six nominees). Canton soccer player Carly Schwinke was runner-up with 11,645 votes (40.98 percent).

Mercy coach Jerry Ashe can't hide his excitement either and can only wonder what lies in store for his team with Nieto leading the way the next four years. He was an assistant coach under the late Jack Falvo when Grace's older sister Kayce was an All-Stater for the Marlins. Kayce, now attending law school at Wayne State, played at the University of Utah.

"Kayce was, of course, a pitcher and a power hitter for us," Ashe said, "and Grace is more of a quick-

er, left-handed batter, and gets the bat on the ball . . . that kind of thing. And she's also an outstanding infielder."

Grace is part of a larger Nieto family softball tree. Her uncle Paul is the varsity coach at South Lyon East where he coached two daughters including Morgan, who graduated in 2017, and Molly, who is a freshman player for the Cougars.

"Being around her sister Kayce, that kind of thing, and that family, they have a great work ethic and softball sense," Ashe said of Grace. "She grew up with that. And I remember seeing her as a youngster just running around and being around the team and stuff. . . and that's the way she is right now."

Grace Nieto arrived at Mercy as a well-seasoned summer travel player where she was a middle infielder for the Chicago-based Beverly Bandits.

"I think my best position is probably shortstop," Nieto said, "but I also can play second base. That's what I play in travel."

Coming out of Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School in Farmington, Nieto came with a ready-made bat and glove. But it didn't come without a little bit of trepidation.

"Our team has been doing pretty good," Nieto said. "Being a freshman is kind of like nerve-racking and everything, but we have great senior leaders, especially Anna Dixon. I feel like she helps with anything we need with the coaches.

I feel like everyone around me kind of helped me get rid of the nerves, helped me play better and helped my team play better. My teammates there have made me feel more comfortable, so I'm really excited to play the rest of the season with them."

Nieto, who also played hockey before stepping away to concentrate on softball, also excels in the classroom with a 3.91 grade-point average. Her favorite subject is the sciences. She also likes to bake, cook and travel during her free time.

She is one of three early commits to Northwestern, which also includes South Lyon East freshman Lauren Sciborski and Clarkston sophomore Hannah Cady.

"I committed because I want a good education and everything," Nieto said.

In Monday's first game of a double-header against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Nieto was injured in a collision with a runner stealing on a play at second base.

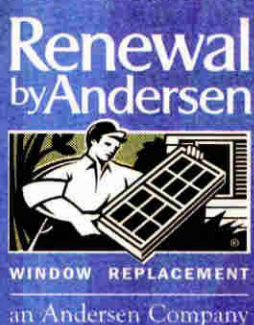
"She strained her throwing hand, two middle fingers," Ashe said. "So she's out for a couple of weeks. She can run, but can't do anything else yet."

But Ashe said the injury won't keep Nieto down for long.

"Even when she goes for the equipment, she runs," Ashe said. "She's a bundle of energy."

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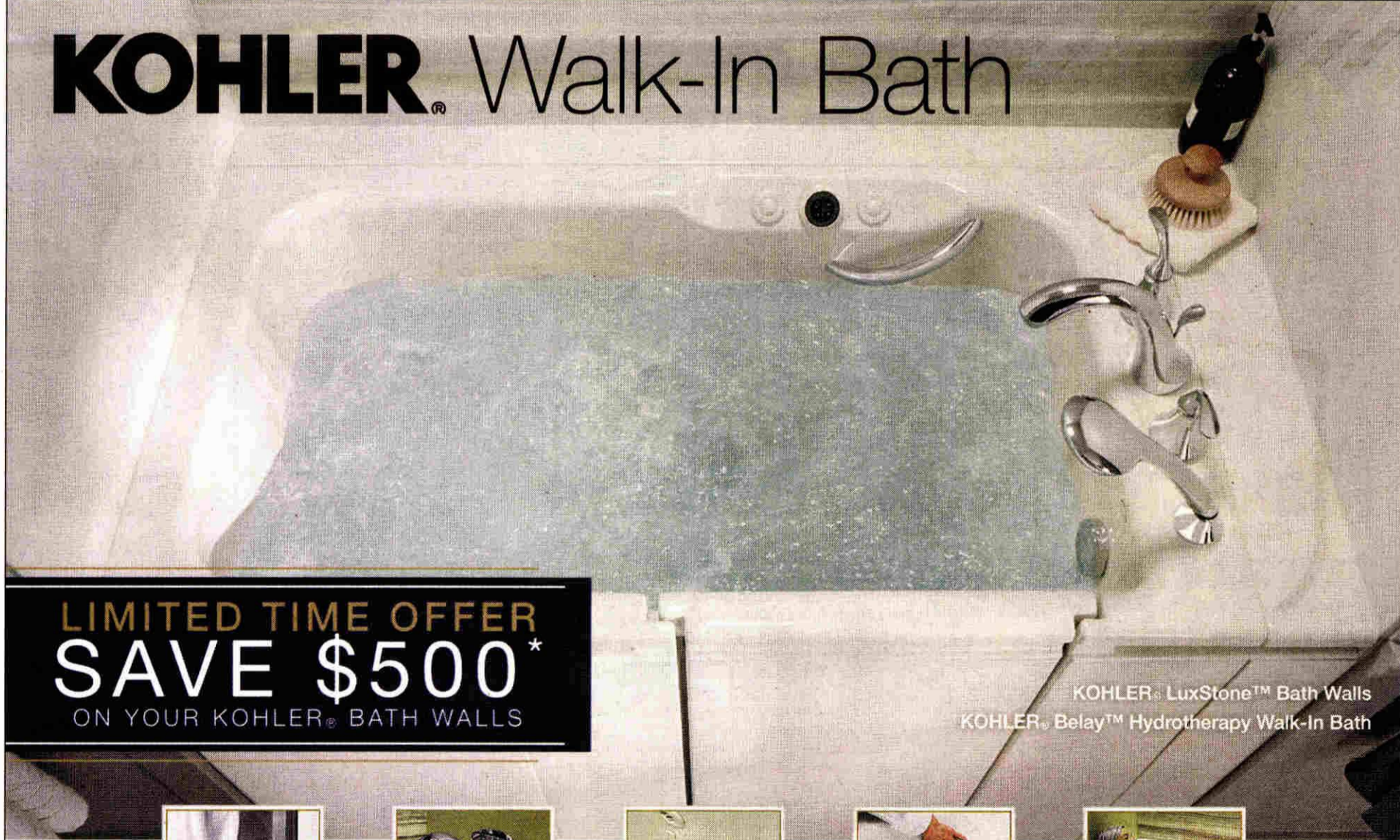


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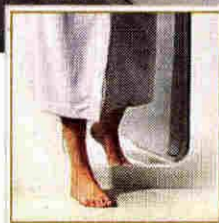
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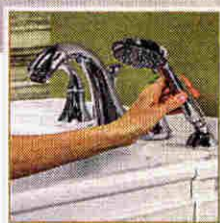


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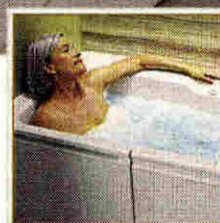
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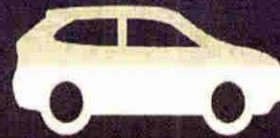
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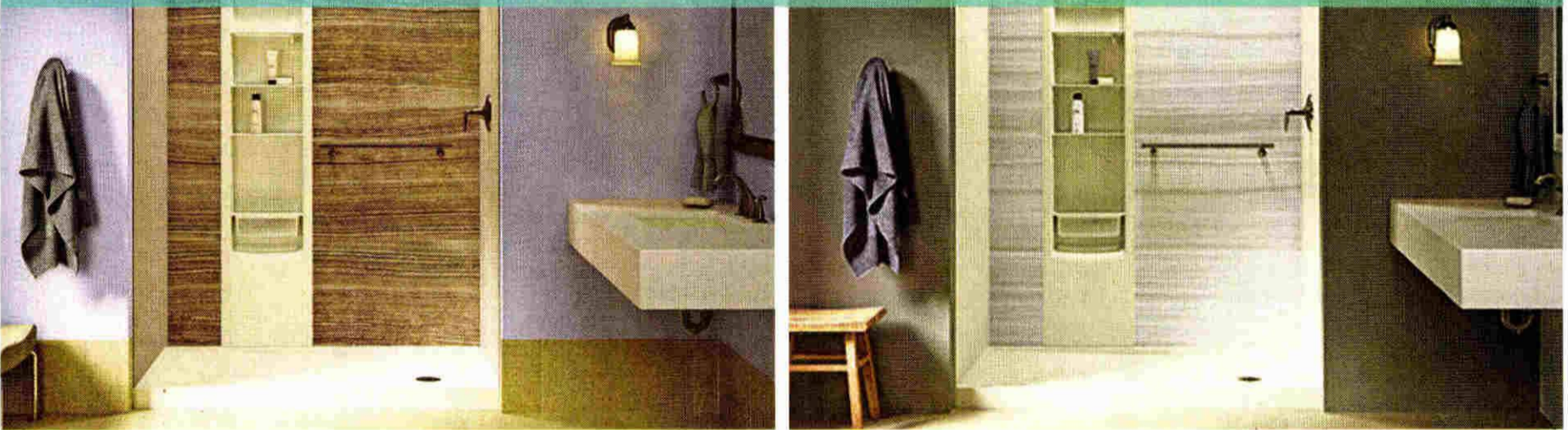


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Is it time to retire these cliché career tips?

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Does this sound familiar? You're in the midst of some serious career planning, when all of a sudden you're inundated with advice on what to do, what not to do and how to move forward.

When it comes to career planning, some people tend to think they have all the answers and dish out clichéd and uninformed advice to others. If you're the unwitting recipient of these tired tips, you may feel overwhelmed and unsure of where to turn.

Don't bother doing a blind search on the internet for career guidance — you'll only encounter the same tired advice. So, with all of this "career noise" at every turn, how do you know what to believe and follow?

You should always do what you love

It would be an interesting world if everyone got to do exactly what they want to do or love. But reality sometimes holds a different view of how our careers should play out. While it can be a good idea to pursue a dream, it can be foolhardy to pursue it forever. Besides, it's possible to find happiness and fulfillment while turning to a back-up plan. Use logic and reality as your guide



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when deciding between pursuing your dream and choosing an acceptable alternative.

Don't leave your current job until you have a new one lined up

This advice is as old as it gets — but does that necessarily mean it's sound? This tip gets murky if your job environment is especially toxic or unhealthy. Sure, it makes sense to have a steady paycheck and job history while job hunting and until something new comes along, but life is short, and if you're really in a difficult or miserable spot, then it may be worthwhile to leave.

Besides, it's easier to job hunt when you have more time to focus on it. Fully weigh your situation's pros and cons, and decide wisely.

Don't leave a job before you've been there for at least a year

Everyone has heard this one before, and according to online career source The Muse, "It's true: You don't want a reputation as a serial job-hopper. Employers like to work with people who stick around since it's so expensive to recruit and train them."

However, The Muse also suggests that reality might

not be so black and white: "While you want to avoid having lots of short stays in your job history, most people will understand if there was a particular situation that wasn't great.

If it's your boss or the day-to-day nature of your work that's not what you expected, keep in mind that there are sometimes options to change positions without leaving the organization. Start by looking for new responsibilities and discussing a transfer to another team. If, after that, you're still itching to get out, update your resume and restart your job hunt."

If you change your field you'll have to start at the bottom

Are you thinking of a complete career overhaul? If so, then you've undoubtedly encountered this advice, which comes from the notion that you always have to work your way up from the bottom. But whoever originally came up with this one obviously never thought about the value of transferable work experience and skills. According to The Muse, "if you've already put time into your current career, you probably have more skills that transfer from field to field than you recognize. Not just that, but your years of work have also taught you how to network, which can play a role in getting off the ground floor." Bottom line: Recognize your value and transferable skill set when considering other positions to pursue in what fields.

There you have it — a fresh look on some old career clichés. Hopefully this information will help declutter your brain when it gets too full of competing advice and you'll be on your way to making smart career decisions.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Reprimand sharply
 - 7 Linguine, e.g.
 - 12 Fed. accident investigator
 - 16 Obstinate beast
 - 19 Get creative
 - 20 "I do" locale
 - 21 In — (as first found)
 - 22 A few Z's
 - 23 Big name in economics
 - 26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.
 - 27 British pop singer Rita
 - 28 Hideous sort
 - 29 Suffix with prefer
 - 30 Smidgen
 - 31 — My Heart" (Toni Braxton hit)
 - 35 Date system of ancient Yucatán natives
 - 39 Igloo dweller
 - 41 French "sea"
 - 42 Candy wafer brand
 - 43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."
 - 49 Drifted about
 - 52 Film director Nora
 - 53 Cariou of the stage
 - 54 Mill fodder
 - 56 Public radio host Glass
 - 57 Of Laos, e.g.
 - 58 Podded plant
 - 59 Inner beings
 - 61 Land — (sleep state)
 - 63 Gloater's syllable
 - 64 Aioli
 - 67 With 46-Down, genuine article
 - 69 Prefix with refundable
 - 70 Big brand of faucets
 - 71 Hot dog in a classic jingle
 - 78 Part of LSAT
 - 82 Ruckus
 - 83 Sleuths' jobs
 - 84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays
 - 85 Disorder
 - 86 Tourist's aid
 - 87 Asks for
 - 89 — jongg
 - 90 Brandy's sitcom role
 - 91 Downhill trail
 - 93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009
 - 97 Continental coins
 - 99 French "here"
 - 100 "Look — did!"
 - 101 Best Actor of 2014
 - 106 Inaction
 - 110 12:00 p.m.
 - 111 Injure badly
 - 112 Sprint, e.g.
 - 114 B&B, e.g.
 - 115 Certain 4x4
 - 116 Mansion House resident
 - 122 Apply
 - 123 "That hurt!"
 - 124 Author Dahl
 - 125 Skin and hair care brand
 - 126 At all times, poetically
 - 127 Tennis star Arthur
 - 128 Full of foam
 - 129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers
 - 9 Enter like the sun's rays
 - 10 Tiny little bit
 - 11 Genesis boat
 - 12 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 - 13 Soup holder
 - 14 Winner of six Super Bowls
 - 15 Double-decker, e.g.
 - 16 What "A.D." stands for
 - 17 Gifted world traveler?
 - 18 Javelin
 - 24 Li'l Abner's surname
 - 25 Nighttime, poetically
 - 30 Old Peru native
 - 32 Three cheers?
 - 33 NBAer
 - 34 Long time period
 - 36 "Certainly"
 - 37 Elbow site
 - 38 Zone between biomes
 - 40 Actress Liv program
 - 43 Cruel
 - 44 "— daisy!"
 - 45 — Pet (novelty gift)
 - 46 See 67-Across
 - 47 Spanish "water"
 - 48 Once every 12 mos.
 - 50 Greek Cupid
 - 51 Miami — County
 - 55 Chemical relative
 - 58 King's home
 - 59 Garbage boats
 - 60 1980s Dodge
 - 62 Strike at something but not hit it
 - 64 Shapely leg, informally
 - 65 Regarding
 - 66 Neither here — there
 - 68 Effacement
 - 71 Resistor units
 - 72 Drench
 - 73 Saved with the same filename, say
 - 74 Tibetan oxen
 - 75 Canadian gas name
 - 76 Guesses at LAX
 - 77 Not at all, in dialect
 - 79 Effortless
 - 80 Artsy NYC area
 - 81 Old Russian bigwig
 - 85 Title for a French nobleman
 - 88 Immense artery
 - 89 Major
 - 90 Grumble
 - 92 Botch up
 - 94 Vardalos of Hollywood
 - 95 Frigid
 - 96 Larcenist
 - 98 Look (for)
 - 101 Happen next
 - 102 Immerse
 - 103 "Which way — go?"
 - 104 "Delicious!"
 - 105 Noble Brits
 - 107 Supported temporarily, with "over"
 - 108 Get — good thing
 - 109 Peeve
 - 113 Surname of Buffalo Bill
 - 116 Mauna —
 - 117 Ovid's "— Amatoria"
 - 118 "Says —!"
 - 119 Flee hastily
 - 120 In vitro cells
 - 121 Waterloo marshal
 - Michel

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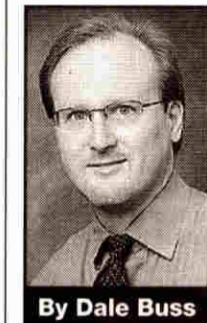
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TOPPED BY THE 840-HORSEPOWER DEMON, DODGE CHALLENGER IS A PERSUASIVE MUSCLE-CAR THROWBACK -- IN ALL THE GOOD WAYS



By Dale Buss

Dodge has been doing a great job of reviving the muscle-car era with its Challenger and Charger models. Not only have they become the sinewy DNA of the re-comprised Dodge brand, but they also manage to fool a few people into believing that they're the Hemi-fueled beasts of old.

At least my grandson, anyway. He's only three years old, but he's already seen a few Woodward Avenue Dream Cruises. So when we were bouncing a ball on my driveway recently within reach of the 2018 Dodge Challenger GT sitting there, with Army-green exterior, he said, "Watch out, Papa - you don't want the ball to hit your old car."

Out of the mouths of babes, for sure. And when I drove the Challenger to Flagstar, I barely got in the door before Melissa, one of the managers at the local branch, called me out on the "great car." If she'd had the time I probably could have talked her into taking a ride in it.

Moral of the story? Challenger is one of those few cars in modern-day lineups that you either get, or you don't. Others on that list include the Nissan Leaf and the Kia Soul. And if you get Challenger, you love it. If you don't, you might figure it's a waste of sheet metal and rubber.

Prices for Challenger start at about \$27,000, so this is not a plaything for the casual consumer. If you want a muscle car as your everyday vehicle, making a type of statement virtually everywhere you go, you can pay as much as the mid-\$60,000s and above for the highest-priced, most powerful versions.



The 2018 Dodge Challenger 392 Hemi Scat Pack Shaker.

It is actually possible to evaluate Challenger on some rather objective criteria that don't have to do with its retro design, strange colors or the new 840-horsepower engine that just joined the Challenger lineup this year in the form of a Demon version that's designed mainly to win at the drag strip.

And on criteria that it shares with most other vehicles, Challenger holds up pretty well. It gets 27 mpg on the highway in the version with the 3.6-liter, six-cylinder, 24-valve engine that I drove, which isn't awful. It's got the advantage of housing the latest generation of FCA's Uconnect infotainment system, which is holding up pretty well against industry rivals even though every automaker is upping its game in that arena.

Though a coupe, Challenger's interior room, particularly in the back seat and trunk, is pretty voluminous. It has more interior space than most other sports cars, though the interior has more hard plastics than you'll find in some rivals.

Challenger also boasts just over

16 cubic feet of trunk space, which is enormous for a nameplate in its segment. That's enough space for a dozen shopping bags or four sets of golf clubs, although the high liftover height of the trunk lip can make it difficult to load heavy objects into the bay.

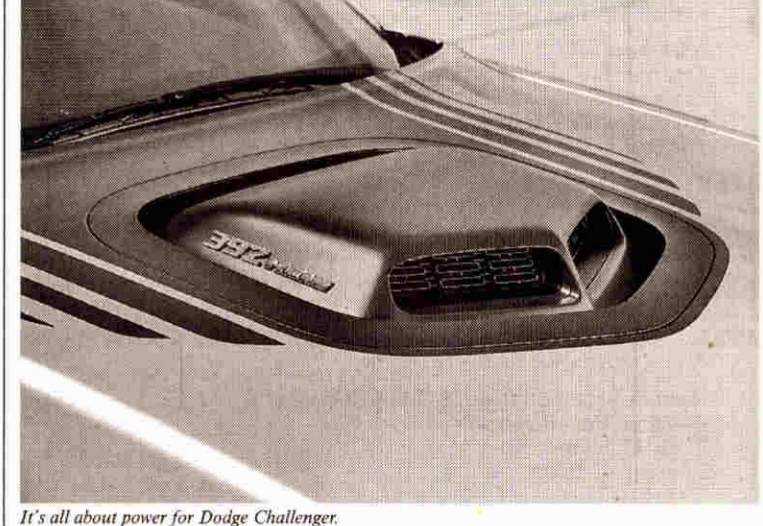
Other standard features are pretty well, standard: dual-zone automatic climate control, two USB ports. Available features include a power sunroof, satellite radio, a six- or nine-speaker Alpine audio system, an 18-speaker Harman Kardon audio system and an upgraded Uconnect system.

Challenger also drives and handles quite well even when you're not going as fast as you can in a straight line. And for 2018, Challenger has added a touch screen for the base model as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

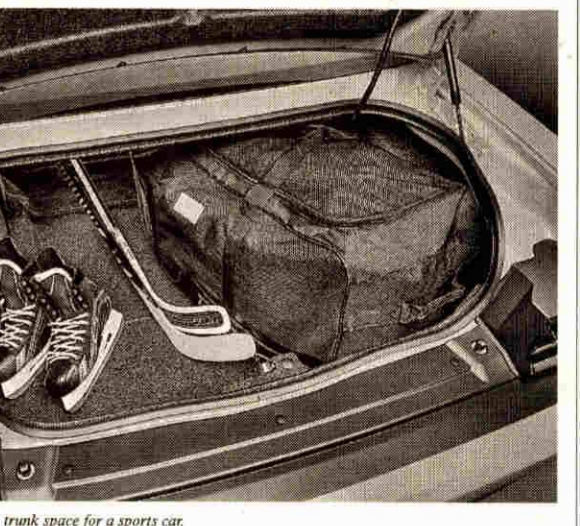
But also for 2018, Challenger has added the explosive SRT Demon trim and the new SRT Hellcat Widebody model. And for a car that's ultimately a performance vehicle above anything else, by a mile, Demon and Hellcat are where the action is for Challenger.

The base engine is a 305-horsepower V6 that's powerful enough and provides pretty quick acceleration. The least powerful of the four V8s available puts out 375 horsepower. But when you get into the upper range - well, the Demon's supercharged Hemi produces a whopping 840 horsepower, with 770 pound-feet of torque.

That kind of power is an anomaly in any era: today or in the era that Challenger is trying to recall.



It's all about power for Dodge Challenger.



Challenger boasts immense trunk space for a sports car.

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The Owner will receive sealed proposals for the work herein set forth until **10:00 a.m. EST, on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Redford Union Schools in the Administrative Building, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240.** Bids will be publicly opened shortly thereafter. Late bids will not be accepted or considered. The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the School Board, or the Superintendent of Schools. The Owner will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement

PROPOSAL GUARANTY

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashiers check, or a satisfactory Surety Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid price as guaranty. No bid shall be considered unless it is accompanied by the required guaranty. Checks shall be made payable to Redford Union Schools. Such cash, checks, or bid bonds will be returned to all except the three lowest bidders for each contract within five (5) days after the opening of bids, and the remaining cash, checks, or bid bonds will be returned promptly after the Owner and the accepted bidders have executed the Contract, or if no award has been made, within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening of bids, upon demand of the bidder at any time thereafter, so long as he has not been notified of the acceptance of his bid.

PRE-BID MEETING

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township, MI 48240 at 1:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.** Attendance at this pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, however, absolutely no extra cost will be allowed for any item or thing which could have been seen by visiting the site

The full bid proposal can be seen on our website at www.redfordu.k12.mi.us under Request for Proposals. Please direct questions to Angie Davis davisa@redfordu.k12.mi.us

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
STABILIZING NEIGHBORHOODS ACTION PLAN (SNAP II)
DEVELOPER ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION/RESALE
(2018-2019)**

The Charter Township of Redford is seeking Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified developers to provide professional services to acquire, rehabilitate and sell residential tax foreclosed parcels -and- may acquire, rehabilitate, sell or lease commercial tax foreclosed parcels throughout Redford Township neighborhoods. Services shall be performed for the Redford Township Stabilizing Neighborhoods Action Plan (SNAP II) Program.

Documents shall be available as of May 3, 2018 at the Redford Township Community Development Office located at 12121 Hemingway and Redford Township Clerk's Office at 15145 Beech Daly Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Redford Township website at www.redfordtwp.com and via the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info. **Sealed applications must be submitted to the Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239 on or before May 24, 2018 at 3:00 pm, after which submissions will be publicly opened.**

Written questions regarding the substance of the RFQ or scope of services must be submitted via e-mail to the Redford Township contact listed below no later than May 11, 2018. For additional information regarding the request for qualifications, please contact Michael Dennis, Community Development Director, at 313-387-2785 or at mdennis@redfordtwp.com.

This municipality is an equal opportunity employer; businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid. The Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of the Charter Township of Redford.

The Charter Township of Redford reserves the right to reject any and all applications, to waive defects in submitted applications, to enter negotiations with any applicant, to re-solicit and request new applications and to conduct an application evaluation review meeting with any and all applicants. The Township will not be responsible for any costs or fees associated with the preparation of a response to this request for qualifications. No application may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days following the due date. The DEVELOPOR must also ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their, but not limited to, race, color, religion, sex, national origin including limited English proficiency.

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2018 SINKING FUND PROJECTS**

PROJECT:

Clarenceville School District
2018 Sinking Fund Projects
Project Number 2018-006

OWNER:

Clarenceville School District
20210 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

PROPOSAL:

Proposal No. 2 -
2018 Sinking Fund Projects

CONSTRUCTION:

Braun Construction Group

MANAGER:

39395 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
PHONE: (248) 848-0567
FAX (248) 848-1039

ARCHITECT:

French Associates, Inc.
236 Mill Street
Rochester, MI 48307
PHONE: (248) 656-1377
FAX: (248) 656-7746

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of site improvement and work throughout both the Middle School & High School, including:
 • Renovation of existing Administrative Offices within the High School, including; doors, frames & hardware, ceramic tile and custom millwork.
 • Upgrades to the existing Toilet Rooms within the High School, including; ceramic tile, toilet compartments and custom millwork.
 • Renovation of existing Toilet Room Group within the Middle School (similar to High School scope of work).
 • Renovation of the Team Building, including; doors, frames & hardware, ceramic tile, lockers and custom stainless steel.
 • Sitework Improvements at the athletic field, including; Precast Storage Building(s).

DUE DATE:

Sealed proposals will be received until **May 07, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** local time (the "Due Date") by the Owner, at Clarenceville School District - Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. At this time, the Owner, or its designee, will open and read aloud each proposal received on or before the Due Date. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. The Owner will not accept or consider any proposals received after the Due Date.

Label the sealed bid envelope as follows:

Sealed bid for Clarenceville 2018 Sinking Fund Projects
 • **List Bid Category(s) on envelope.**
 Sealed Envelope must include 2 copies of the completed Form of Proposal, Familial Disclosure Statement, Non-Discrimination in Employment, Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, Contractor Notification Form for New or Renovation Work, Contractor Certification of Asbestos-Free Product and Installation, Non-Collusive Affidavit, Iran Sanctions Compliance Form and Bid Bond.
 Any questions should be directed to the Construction Manager's office.

BID DOCUMENTS:

Bid documents are currently available on the BCG website. Contractors can purchase drawings at their own cost or review at the locations listed below. Instructions to bidders, scopes of work / bid categories, bid forms and construction schedules are currently available on the BCG website.. All bid documents are available from the Braun Construction Group website: www.brauncg.com using the Username: **CLARENCEVILLE** and Password: **18006**

PURCHASE:

ARC Document Solutions
23684 Research Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
(248) 489-1999
FAX: (248) 489-7112
Michigan.farmington@e-arc.com

REVIEW:

Braun Construction Group
39395 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
(248) 848-0567
FAX: (248) 848-1039

PRE-BID MEETING:

There is **NOT** a pre-bid meeting. Project walk-throughs may be coordinated with BCG at Clarenceville School District - Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

QUESTIONS:

Questions are to be submitted in writing to the construction manager until the end of business **Tuesday, May 01, 2018.** They can be faxed or emailed to Evan Braun at ebraun@brauncg.com. Questions directed to the Owner or Architect will be grounds for dismissal.

**PROPOSAL
GUARANTEE:**

A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company in favor of the Owner or a cashier's check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the base bid payable to Clarenceville School District shall be submitted with each proposal.

**RIGHTS RESERVED
BY THE OWNER:**

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, waive any informalities, accept any bid when, in the opinion of the Owner such action will serve the best interests of the Clarenceville School District consistent with competitive bidding requirements, award the Contract to other than the low bidder.

NON- WITHDRAWAL:

All bids shall be held open and irrevocable for a period of sixty (60) days from the Due Date.

SIGNED:

Owner's Representative: Mr. Dave Bergeron
Assistant Superintendent
20210 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(248) 919-0253

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