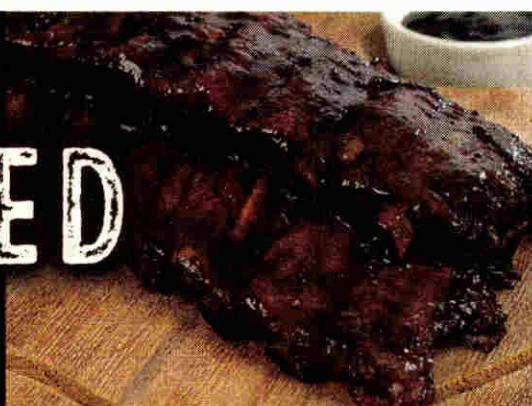


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Malarkey's regulars welcome delay in pub's move

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Malarkey's Irish Pub customers have reason to raise a toast after the popular Westland bar has received a delay until year's end to move out.

Malarkey's owner Domenico Policicchio confirmed Monday his June 30 deadline to find a new location has been pushed back at least six months. His latest reprieve came after he met with CEO Saju George of Garden City Hospital, which owns the property.

"It's a good feeling," Policicchio said.

Loyal patrons Greg Bonner and Mark Pagenkopf welcomed the news Monday as they chased their lunch with a 32-ounce cold brew.

Bonner met his wife at Malarkey's in 1984, before the bar moved from Wayne Road to its current location on Warren. In January, he had his mother's funeral reception at Malarkey's, saying Policicchio and his employees "did an awesome job."

It seemed a fitting place for the reception because Bonner's parents, both deceased, were regulars for years.

"This was their favorite place for many years before they passed," he said, adding later, "I like it here because their food has always been excellent and I like their 32-ounce beer."

He is hopeful Policicchio finds a suitable location for his bar rather than closing it down.

"That would be a shame," Bonner said.

Like Bonner, Pagenkopf said he intends "100 percent" to follow Malarkey's if a new location can be found.

"I love coming here," he said.

Malarkey's first opened in 1982 on

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'Honest Ron' Carley appears spot-on as Abraham Lincoln

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You've seen him at ballgames and parades and community festivals. You've probably done a double take and wondered out loud whether you'd gone back in time to the mid-1800s.

Not quite, but that's how spot-on Westland's Ron Carley is in his popular role as an Abraham Lincoln presenter and educator.

Carley, 65, insists he is not a Lincoln impersonator, but rather a living historian who with every public appearance brings the 16th president to life.

"There's a lot of people that do present Lincoln," the Redford Thurston

graduate said. "Not all of them look a lot like Lincoln, but they have the heart of Lincoln. What we try to do is get people, especially our younger generation, interested in history.

"Because to go forward, you need to know where you were."

Carley stands 6 feet, 4 inches, and is a striking figure in his suit and top hat, stroking scruffy chin whiskers and giving a splendid rendition of the to-the-point Gettysburg Address during a recent visit to the Livonia Public Library.

"He gave the speech so fast that there's no photograph of him (reading) it," Carley said. "There is one photo taken of him and it was (taken) before Ed-

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Ron Carley at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 2016. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Farmington Farmers Market draws thousands of people each Saturday. FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Looking for a farmers market? Here you go

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The flowers are blooming, the lawnmowers are booming and the opening days for local farm markets are looming.

All across southeast Michigan, farmers are in all-out planning mode to deliver fresh produce to health-conscious consumers from South Lyon to Westland.

Here is a list of local farm markets, most of which will open this coming weekend, if they haven't propped up their stands already.

Farmington Farmers Market

Beginning May 19, the Farmington Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 27 at Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in the George F. Riley Park, located at Grand River Avenue at Grove Street.

The market will be observing its 25th year of operation this season. Opening-day guests include the Farmington Beautification Committee, Larry Arbour and Swing Farmington, chef Zachariah Peterlin and the Little Sprouts, spon-

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Malarkey's

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Wayne Road, but moved to its Warren Road location, west of Westland Shopping Center, in 1998. Policicchio bought the business six years ago.

Malarkey's has long had a reputation for good burgers and fish and chips, among other dishes. And it's a place where friends gather to share good times and cold beer.

"It's like family here. They make you feel welcome," patron Jay Johnson said. "It has a definite vibe. People here care about how you feel and how you're doing."

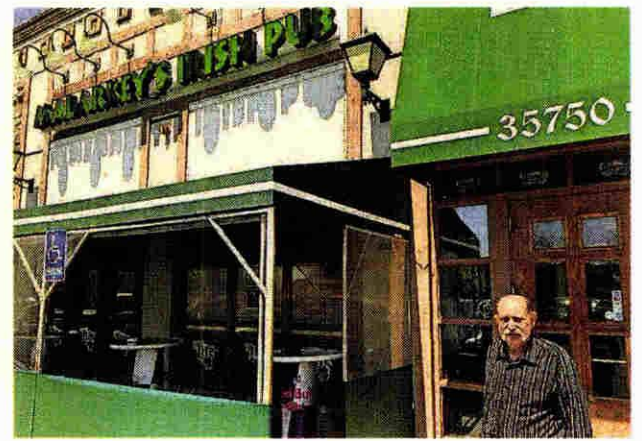
Johnson said he plans to remain a Malarkey's customer after the move, if it's still in the area.

Policicchio has said he hopes to relocate nearby. He is exploring the potential for a couple of unnamed locations and the financing to make the move.

Policicchio said he is appreciative that the Garden City Hospital CEO has agreed for a second time to allow more time for the move, which originally was supposed to happen late last year.

George hasn't returned repeated phone calls to discuss the hospital's plans after it bought the commercial strip center where Malarkey's is located. Westland Mayor William Wild helped negotiate Malarkey's first extension.

Policicchio has said he is optimistic he will find a



Malarkey's Irish Pub owner Domenico Policicchio has been given until the first of the year to find a new location. DARRELL CLEM

new location for the bar and restaurant, calling the pub's chances of closing "very minimal."

Malarkey's has about 6,000 square feet of space. Policicchio owns the interior contents of the building he has been leasing.

Garden City Hospital, meanwhile, has remained hushed about its plans for the site.

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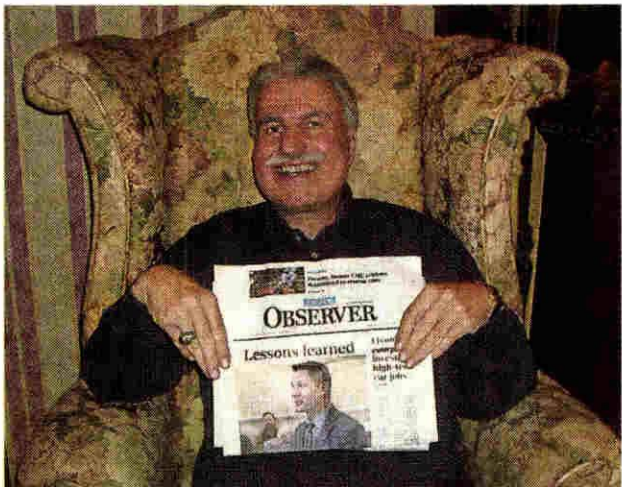
Dr. Monica Miller is the founder and Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, an associate professor of Theology at Madonna University, and a well-known national pro-life leader and a pioneer of the pro-life rescue movement. She is a veteran sidewalk counselor and has organized hundreds of pro-life rallies, demonstrations, and conferences across the country. She is also the author of *Abandoned - The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars*, a new historical narrative of pro-life activism, called by many "the best book ever written on abortion".

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Town Hall announces speakers for 2018-19 season

The Livonia Town Hall speaker series, which will mark its 55th season, has announced its schedule for 2018-19. Tickets are \$150 for the season, which includes lunch (\$180 for priority seating). Each program begins at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, in Livonia. For tickets, call 734-751-1898 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The upcoming schedule includes:

■ Oct. 17: Jim Laurie is a journalist, writer and broadcaster in Asia will relate how he shares Chinese news to America through television and Internet. He is very well-known in Asia as director of the Focus Asia Productions Ltd., a Hong Kong-based consulting and production company. He graduated from the American University in Washington, D.C., with a degree in history and a certificate in Asian studies. He has been the recipient of many awards, such as the Peabody, Emmy and Overseas Press Club.

■ Nov. 28: Traveling with his pen, paper and camera, Andrew Och wrote the book "Unusual For Their Time." He traveled to every, city, village, home, school and wherever for information about the lives of our first ladies. He wondered why our presidents chose the women they did to be their first ladies. A vast amount of information will be shared on these unique women.

■ Jan. 16, 2019: In Spanish, the name Salvador means "savior" and many believe that Salvador Salort-Pons, from Madrid, will create change at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He was hired as assistant curator of European paintings for the DIA in 2008, promoted to associate curator in 2011 and then, in 2015, to director. He has a master's degree in geography and history and a doctorate in the history of art.

■ March 20, 2019: Frank Farmer Loomis is a talented and experienced person in the field of antiques. He was an owner of an antique shop, a consultant to Phillip Neale & Son in New York, an appraiser to The Frank Herschel Co. and taught for 20 years at the University of Cincinnati about antiques. He is a gifted writer and wrote books such as "Is it Antique Yet?" and "You Can Afford Antiques."



Catholic Vantage Financial 2018 scholarship winners were recognized at the credit union's annual membership meeting in March. Receiving a total of \$8,000 and holding the check are scholarship recipients (front) Gianna Korsak and Francisco Fortune, joined by (back, from left) Aaron Wiseman, Brianna Regan, Carissa Gidley, Brandon Griffith, Juliana Santillan, Mary Grace O'Dea, board chairman Michael Hammond, Michael Argenta and Nicholas Rood. Riley Johnson also received a scholarship. CATHOLIC VANTAGE FINANCIAL

Local students earn scholarships from CVF

Catholic Vantage Financial credit union has announced the recipients of its scholarships for 2018 graduating seniors, as well as those for students attending Catholic schools.

CVF asked students to write a brief essay, along with provide a short video, about the role their faith played in their journey and how they would continue to grow their faith as an adult.

This year, CVF increased the number of college scholarships awarded to five. Receiving \$1,000 each are Carissa Gidley and Brianna Regan, Livonia Stevenson High School; Brandon Griffith, Novi High School; Nicholas Rood, Detroit Catholic Central High School; and Aaron Wiseman, Divine Child High School.

Six scholarships of \$500 each were also awarded to help cover tuition for students who attend Catholic schools. Receiving the two scholarships awarded to students in kindergarten through eighth grade are Francisco Fortune, who attends St. Fabian in Farmington Hills, and Gianna Korsak, who will be in first grade at St. Edith in Livonia.

Four scholarships were awarded to students who attend a Catholic high school. They include two students who will attend Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, incoming freshmen Mary Grace O'Dea and Juliana Santillan. Also receiving awards were Mi-

chael Argenta, who will be a junior at U-D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and Riley Johnson, an incoming sophomore at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills.

"We received many outstanding entries and were pleased to recognize students who demonstrate their faith every day," said Emma Teller, CVF vice president of marketing and business development.

Scholarship recipients and families were honored at CVF's annual membership meeting in March.

For more information and to learn how to join CVF, call 734-432-0212 or go to www.mycvf.org.

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Canton Farmers Market

The Canton Farmers Market will kick off the season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

This open-air-market features a variety of Michigan grown and made food, as well as hand-crafted items.

The market will be held each Sunday through Oct. 14, rain or shine. New this year: Market-goers can enjoy special themed-markets, including May 13 (Mother's Day), when moms will receive a free flower, while supplies last; May 20, Street Art/Artist Day; May 27, honoring veterans; and June 3, National Egg Day.

In addition, the master gardener booth will hold its perennial plant exchange May 13, 20 and 27. Visitors can

bring a plant, take a plant or take a plant and leave a small donation. Plants must be in good shape and labeled, if possible.

Milford Farmers Market

The Milford Farmers Market will be open each Thursday beginning this week (May 10) until Oct. 11 at East Liberty Street, between South Main and Union.

The market will be open 3-7 p.m. in May, September and October and 3-8 p.m. in June, July and August.

The market is committed to showcasing local farmers, producers and artisans. Only produce grown or made by vendors in Michigan will be considered for market. It is also committed to providing a variety of vendors in order to create an interesting and consumer-friendly market.

The market will sell reusable shopping bags, advertise in local media and create many banners, signs and fliers to be posted throughout the community.

Additionally, the market will hold children's activities, cooking demos and special events. Invitations are extended to nonprofit organizations to promote the commitment to building community through the organization's work.

Northville Farmers Market

Beginning May 3, the Northville Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 25 at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. Overflow parking is located at the Northville Downs race track, directly across the street from the market.

If interested in becoming a vendor, go to the market's website, where an application, rules and regulations are listed.

Solicitation is not allowed at the market. To participate in the market, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Westland Farmers and Artisans Market

Opening day for the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market is set for 3-7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road (south of the H2O Zone).

Vendors for 2018 are still being accepted. To apply, go to the market's website and send the application to westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Livonia Farmers Market

The Livonia Farmers Market at the Wilson Barn will open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, and be open each Saturday through the second week of October.

The market is located at 29350 West Chicago and receives produce from farmers throughout southeast Michigan.

South Lyon Farmers Market

The South Lyon Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday from May 5 through Oct. 27, at 110 W. Liberty St.

For more information, go to the market's website.

Plymouth Farmers Community Market

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again bring the annual Farmers Community Market to downtown Plymouth.

The 2018 market opens from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday from May 12 through Oct. 27, at The Gathering across

from Kellogg Park.

The market will be closed on Art in the Park and Plymouth Fall Festival weekends.

Birmingham Farmers Market

The Birmingham Farmers Market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 28. The market can be found at 660 N. Old Woodward,

Go to www.birminghamfarmersmarket.org to learn more.

MSU Tollgate Farm Farmers Market

Tollgate Farm holds its weekly farm market 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, May 30 to Oct. 10.

Go to tollgate.msu.edu for more information.

Walled Lake Farmers Market

The Walled Lake Farmers Market runs 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday, May through October, at 1499 E. West Maple.

Redford Farmers Market

The Redford Farmers Market, located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday, June 18 to Oct. 22.

Oakland County Farmers Market

The Oakland County Farmers Market runs year-round at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in

Waterford. The market is open from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Go to www.destinationoakland.com/countymarket for more information.

Eastern Market

Eastern Market, located at 2934 Russell Street in Detroit, is open year-round. Hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Sunday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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Meet the Hometown Life Top 6 students

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It's incredible what young people can do.

We're talking students that have worked on research projects at places like the University of Michigan, helped teach athletics to special education children in Detroit, captained their varsity ski teams and more.

The following section celebrates those students who have made excellent academic strides, highlighting the Top 6 from many of the schools in the Hometown Life coverage area.

From Canton to Bloomfield Hills, these students have shown their skills and are some of the most talented.

A member of the cheer team at Ladywood High School in Livonia, Elizabeth Randall said the school, which is closing later this spring, has been supportive of her endeavors since she arrived. Her experience, she said, has crafted her into the person she is today.



Randall

"It's not just the academics that happen at Ladywood, it creates a whole social life," she said. "It's really created a strong academic background, but also created a strong social network. A true social network, people I can rely on when I need something."

Randall said she plans on attending the University of Michigan in the fall, majoring in business administration with a focus in accounting.

The students' work is something that's been recognized not only in their classrooms, but by their school leaders. Kevin Etue, principal at Churchill High School in Livonia, said the students at his school continue to find ways to push themselves in the academic arena.



"What impresses me the most with our Top 6 is, even with a rigorous academic workload, each student participates in Churchill athletics or activities while positively contributing to their community through charitable work," he said. "Their desire to succeed in academics is mirrored by their passion to be with people, to be part of something bigger than themselves."

Sahil Tolia, a student at Northville High School, said his time at the school has been "transformative." A member of Science Olympiad and USA Biology Olympiad, as well as an officer in Student Council, Student Congress and National Honor Society, Tolia said the experiences have been key to the high school experience.

"I've learned how a leader can make an impact through community service

and communication. In addition, I've had the pleasure of getting to know many of my wonderful teachers and administrators who dedicate their careers toward allowing kids like me achieve their goals," Tolia said. "Finally, I've learned so much from the greater Northville community and my diverse peers, as they helped me mature into a confident, passionate individual with aspirations to help the world in any way possible."

When it comes to the students from Bloomfield Hills High School, counselor Shayna Klein said students have had amazing accomplishments during their time in high school and are situated to make great strides in their futures.



Sahil

"These students demonstrate great diversity in their skills and talents, both academically and in their extracurricular endeavors. Among them, we have National Merit Scholarship winners, athletes, student leaders, young researchers and many other tremendous accomplishments," Klein said. "Our students are architects of their own futures and will become productive and valuable members of their communities in the future."

Congratulations to those Top 6 students!

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

Observer-area Academic Top 6 students



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Garden City



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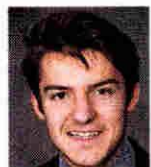
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Hometown Life congratulates the following students chosen as their school's shining stars. Public and private high schools within the coverage area of HometownLife.com/Observer & Eccentric Newspapers were invited to submit their Top 6 students to be honored for academic achievement. Each school was encouraged to submit the criteria for choosing its students and are presented in the order submitted, with many listed in alphabetical order and so noted.

In total, 30 schools responded, 17 from Oakland County and 13 from Wayne County. Of those that submitted test scores, the average SAT score is 1,494.926 and the average ACT score is 33.72. There were 17 students with an ACT score of 36 and one had a SAT score of 1,600.

Garden City High School

April Rudolph

GPA, test scores: 4.1333, SAT 1,350
Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Student council parliamentarian, Link crew leader, varsity softball

College choice: Michigan State University

Joshua Tapper

GPA, test scores: 4.1333, SAT 1,400
Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Varsity tennis, robotics team

College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn

Natalie Billings

GPA, test scores: 4.1111, SAT 1,280
Current year extracurricular and

work: Scholar Athlete, varsity softball, National Honor Society, Japanese National Honor Society, Student Council executive board, secretary, travel softball — Michigan Generals 18U

College choice: Schoolcraft College

Anna Kreiner

GPA, test scores: 4.0964, SAT 1,310
Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Senior class president; Japanese National Honor Society president; National Honor Society vice president; volunteer at Ypsilanti District Library, pianist, dancer



Mackenzie Pierson
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Sabrina Yuchadz
Westland John Glenn

College choice: Undecided between Wayne State University and University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Nicholas Frazer

GPA, test scores: 4.0816, SAT 1,350
College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Grace Sherlitz

GPA, test scores: 4.0813, SAT 1,350
Current year extracurricular and volunteer work: Morgan Valley Farm competitive horseback, piano and guitar, painting and drawing, learning sign language, Soul and Sole volunteer
College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn

Ladywood High School

Criteria: Students must be in top six class ranking, with at least 260.0 Quality Points (sum of Honor Points); students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 4.04; students must have an ACT composite of at least 30 and/or an SAT score of at least 1,370.

Caroline Austin

GPA, test scores: 4.16, ACT 34, SAT 1,510

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Tri-M Music Honor Society vice president, National Honor Society, student ambassador, Environmental Club, Italian Club, orchestra, robotics, diving, gymnastics, Youth Group leadership team, Teen Advisory Board at the local library, math tutor

College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or University of Alabama

Claire Haase

GPA, test scores: 4.04, ACT 30, SAT 1,270

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity field hockey captain, varsity lacrosse, Environmental Club, student ambassador, Spanish Club, PB&J Ministry volunteer,

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Livia Philip

GPA, test scores: 4.09, SAT 1,370

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society secretary, Tri-M Music Honor Society president, robotics, Ladywood Liturgical Team sacristan leader, Student Ambassador, orchestra, pianist for local church, VA Medical Center - Detroit volunteer

College choice: Wayne State University

Sydney Pilut

GPA, test scores: 4.10, ACT 30, SAT 1,280

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, varsity ice hockey, varsity lacrosse, travel lacrosse, Spirit Club president, SNAP (Special Needs Awareness) Club, Yellow Ribbon (suicide prevention) Club, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club, Environmental Club, Spanish Club, Ping Pong Club, St. Michael's youth group, Sunrise Senior Living volunteer, Brighton Gardens volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Elizabeth Randall

GPA, test scores: 4.14, ACT 32, SAT 1,380

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, varsity ski team captain, varsity cheer team captain, Italian Club, Environmental Club, student ambassador, Kairos Retreat leader, auction volunteer, Math Enrichment tutor, Cheer Camp volunteer, Boston College summer program, Eucharistic minister, "Passion Through Mary's Eyes" at Our Lady of Sorrows crew member, cheer coach-Our Lady of Sorrows, Ronald McDonald House volunteer, Faviana Student Ambassador, Owns and operates Lizzy Lou's Little Sweets

College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Boston College or University of Pennsylvania

Abbey Reppen

GPA, test scores: 4.16, ACT 36, SAT 1,490

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Dual Enrollment Courses-Madonna University, varsity basketball, varsity soccer, varsity cross country, Student Council, prayer team, Environmental Club, SADD, SNAP Club, St. Michael's youth group, mission trips, tutor

College choice: Johns Hopkins University

Livonia Churchill

Criteria: GPA (60 percent) and SAT scores (40 percent) (listed in alphabetical order).

Rachel Christopherson

GPA, test scores: 4.62, SAT 1,560
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Key Club, Success Strategies, Quiz Bowl, Churchill Charger Herald staff writer, Gleaners volunteer

College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or Cornell University

Kayla Chuong

GPA, test scores: 4.59, SAT 1,540
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Key Club, Quiz Bowl, Success Strategies, National Honor Society, Nation Art Honor Society, German Club, American Legion volunteer

College choice: Undecided between Michigan State, Michigan Tech, Purdue and University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

William Gardner

GPA, test scores: 4.59, SAT 1,570
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Marching band, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble, Eagle Scout

College choice: Purdue University

Scott Goutman

GPA, test scores: 4.59, SAT 1,500
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Quiz Bowl team, Student Council, Debate Team, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Churchill Charger Herald staff writer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Paul Sabatini

GPA, test scores: 4.61, SAT 1,590
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Success Strategies, Key Club, Quiz Bowl, Debate Team

College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or Michigan State University

Logan Welch

GPA, test scores: 4.59, SAT 1,550
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Success Strategies, National Honor Society, Key Club, tennis team, golf team captain

College choice: Stanford University

Livonia Franklin

Criteria: GPA (60 percent) and SAT scores (40 percent).

Zunaira Imran
GPA, test scores: 4.6016, SAT 1,510

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Roosevelt Elementary School Literacy & Kindergarten Registration volunteer, Quiz Bowl, tutoring

College choice: Wayne State University

Katie Albus

GPA, test scores: 4.5, SAT 1,480
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society co-president, Joanne's Dance Extension volunteer dance instructor, tutoring

College choice: Michigan State University

Ryan Celmer

GPA, test scores: 4.4365, SAT 1,350
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity basketball captain, varsity baseball captain, National Honor Society, tutoring

College choice: Madonna University

Michayla Saraino

GPA, test scores: 4.3913, SAT 1,370
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Color Guard section leader, National Honor Society committee leader, National Art Honor Society, Solo & Ensemble volunteer, Cleveland Elementary volunteer, Summer Secondary Program at Harvard University

College choice: University of Michigan

Olivia Loftis

GPA, test scores: 4.3016, SAT 1,430
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, Jazz Band & Stonecrest percussionist, Barnes & Noble Book Fair volunteer, Cleveland Elementary School Family Art Night volunteer

College choice: Emerson College

David Shoemaker

GPA, test scores: 4.3414, SAT 1,350
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity soccer captain, varsity golf, National Honor Society, Student Congress, Patriots Relate leader, Five for More fund president - charity helped to create for the betterment of society

College choice: Central Michigan University

Livonia Stevenson

Criteria: GPA (60 percent) and SAT scores (40 percent).

Brianna Regan

GPA, test scores: 4.61, SAT 1,530
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity cheer, Student Council, Leadership Club, Livonia Falcons junior coach, National Honor Society secretary

College choice: University of Michigan

Mary Silvio

GPA, test scores: 4.60, SAT 1,540
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, French Honor Society, French Club, Stevenson Senate-elected senator, Class Council class president, Community Service Club, Greenhouse Club, Pantomime director, peer mentor, Stevenson ELV's, tutoring

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Jennifer D'antonio

GPA, test scores: 4.52, SAT 1,500
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Community Service Club

College choice: University of Michigan

Mary Rae

GPA, test scores: 4.46, SAT 1,500
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: French Club officer & co-founder, French Honor Society, National Honor Society, Greenhouse Club, Color Guard (Marching Band), St. Colette Church youth group leadership team

College choice: Oakland University

Joseph Choma

GPA, test scores: 4.49, SAT 1,540
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Greenhouse Club, Games Club, Aquarium Club

College choice: Schoolcraft College

Samantha Marulli

GPA, test scores: 4.18, SAT 1,460 SAT
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: French Club, Youth Group

College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn

Lutheran Westland

Criteria: Cumulative weighted GPA.

Tejas Athavale
GPA, test scores: 4.0889, ACT 30, SAT 1,430

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Detroit Youth Orchestra, drama, National Honor Society, Student Council president, Providence Park Hospital volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Dearborn

Renee Farmer

GPA, test scores: 4.0889, ACT 34
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Volleyball, soccer, track, National Honor Society, Student Council representative, devotion group leader, Michigan Humane Society volunteer

College choice: Liberty (Va.) University

Noah Kohtz

GPA, test scores: 4.0667, ACT 29
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Student Council treasurer, National Honor Society, devotion group leader, track timer, Salvation Army volunteer, Vacation Bible School volunteer

College choice: Oakland University

Meghan Earles

GPA, test scores: 4.0444, ACT 26, SAT 1,260
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Track, cheer, LHWL Chamber Choir, St. Michael Lutheran Church choir, drama, National Honor Society, Student Council representative, devotion group leader

College choice: Oakland University

Selena Fack

GPA, test scores: 4.0444, ACT 27
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Cross country, track, National Honor Society, LHWL Honors Choir, Student Council representative, Vacation Bible School and Swaddling Clothes Initiative volunteer

College choice: Eastern Michigan University

Lydia Hinck

GPA, test scores: 4.0444, ACT 31
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Cheer, drama, National Honor Society, LHWL Chamber and Honors Choir, gymnastics, a capella group, Student Council secretary, devotion group leader, South Lyon Fire Department Halloween event volunteer,

College choice: Eastern Michigan University

Reynolds Riding Academy

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Wayne Memorial

Alphabetical order.

Sarah Craig
GPA, test scores: 4.15, SAT 1,380
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Marching band, Student Senate, National Honor Society, Champions, Ethics, Joyce Ivy Fellows

College choice: Undecided

Ken Dada
GPA, test scores: 4.12, SAT 1,160
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Soccer, National Honor Society, Student Senate, Champions, FAFSA, football, Upward Bound, Jefferson Barnes learning lab

College: Undecided

Karim Gharib
GPA, test scores: 4.1, SAT 1,400
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Student Senate, National Honor Society

College choice: Wayne State University

Alyza Hogston
GPA, test scores: 4.119, SAT 1,320
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Mural Club, school musical crew member, Pop-Up Prom Boutique volunteer, Spooktacular volunteer, Freewill Baptist Church volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan

Anahi Lopez
GPA, test scores: 4.1667, SAT 1,330
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Swimming, Student Senate, tennis, National Honor Society, Bright Futures, Upward Bound, Pride

College choice: Undecided between Brown University or Amherst College

Shivam Patel
GPA, test scores: 4.2683, SAT 1,410
Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, Student Senate, Ethics, Champions mentor

College choice: Duke

Westland John Glenn
Alphabetical order.

Danielle Deel
GPA, test scores: GPA: NA, ACT 28, SAT 1,280

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, club soccer, JG TLC (Team Leaders & Captains), varsity soccer, yearbook editor, Salvation Army bell ringer

College choice: Tiffin (Ohio) University

Ariana Fisher
GPA, test scores: 4.02, SAT 1,270

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Anti-bullying Club co-president, French Club, symphony band

College choice: Eastern Michigan University

Mackenzie Pierson
GPA, test scores: 4.07, ACT 31, SAT 1,240

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Swim team captain; choir secretary; S.A.D co-president; comic book club; NHS vice president, Habitat for Humanity bowling fundraiser volunteer

College choice: Northern Michigan University

Noah Riopelle
GPA, test scores: 4.0476, SAT 1,570

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Marching band brass section leader, music program volunteer, symphony band, concert band, school newspaper staff writer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

De'ja Rogers
GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,260

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Grocery shop, plan and host holiday parties for semi-independent living facility

College choice: Spelman (Ga.) College

Sabrina Yuchadz
GPA, test scores: 4.0732, SAT 1,310

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society; school volunteer, Open Door Ministry volunteer, marching band color guard captain, symphonic band

College choice: U.S. Navy boot camp and 'A' school, then attend Madonna University while serving in the U.S. Navy Reserves

Carley

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ward Everett gave the two-hour long speech. Lincoln was to follow him.

"It's an amazing 272 words of a speech. Probably the most-memorized speech, at least in the United States, but probably in the world. Because it is so quick and short."

Everett was a Whig from Massachusetts who was the day's keynote speaker. He worked on his speech for a couple of months. Lincoln?

"Lincoln was told two weeks before (the speech) that he would be asked to say a few words," Carley said. "And that's what he did."

Suitable for framing

Nobody can accuse Carley of not knowing his subject nor of not putting heart and soul into his smooth-and-easy transformation.

Heck, he even motors around the good old USA in a black Lincoln with a telling vanity plate.

"I do a lot of driving now," said Carley, who doesn't just look the part, he knows the part. "My car is three years old, a Lincoln Town Car. My license is I LINC. I couldn't put all the letters on it."

And Carley-as-Lincoln isn't shy about striking a pose for amateur photographers looking to put something up on social media to document a fun, perhaps unexpected moment.

"I have been shot more by pixels than bullets," he said, perhaps making an off-hand reference to Lincoln being assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in April 1865.

When he dons his Lincoln-esque attire, it's for fun, too. Just ask him.

"It's just a blast," Carley said, top hat in hand, reclining in an auditorium chair at the library. "I'm retired now. When I started, I was still working. So I go to a lot of the local parks, where they have entertainment. I go to the people."

"I'm with guys who (impersonate) Toby Keith, Tom Cruise, the guy who thinks he's Fonzie. And then we went to the ballgame with Ringo Starr, Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise."

One 90-degree afternoon at a Detroit Tigers game, people lined up to meet Carley's Lincoln and shake his hand.



Local Abraham Lincoln tribute artist Ron Carley at the Garden City Christmas parade, 2016. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

And, of course, have a photo taken.

"Everybody comes up to me and they said, 'Aren't you hot?' And I go, 'Thank you!'" Carley said with a laugh. "But you get used to it. I did buy a lighter suit, I just didn't like the way it photographs. It comes out blue instead of black, because it's cotton."

Authenticity need not be questioned, either, as Carley toggles from Ron to Abe. He is engaged to Tina Hadley Woolum, who earlier this year began impersonating Mary Todd Lincoln — the former president's wife.

"(Woolum) was my photographer; she'd go around taking pictures of me," Carley said. "And she's about the same height (as Mary Todd), she's five-foot-nothing."

"So I bought her a dress, because we were doing parades. And she has a purple one. We do about 10 parades a year. (I) just love doing the parades and I like walking them, because you can go kiss the babies and shake hands. I look for people who are disabled and I try to bring an extra smile to them."

How it all started

Today's Carley is almost a Lincoln clone, but not so much back in the day. He wore big-framed glasses and an ever-present mustache. No trace of a beard.

Things began to change, however, in October 2012. Carley was invited to a Halloween party and — with some prodding by his brother Dave — he decided to go as Lincoln.

"(Dave) said something like there's a

movie coming out on Lincoln by Steven Spielberg," Carley said. "So he had a smart phone and showed me the trailer; I said, 'I think I could do it.' I had no idea I looked anything like Lincoln other than I was 6-foot-4."

"The hardest part about it was getting the hat. I went to Party City and bought a cheap \$10 hat that didn't even fit my head, but I did it."

Carley had to change his look, too. "At the time I had all gray hair, gray beard and I had a mustache," he said. "I never shaved the mustache since I could grow one, when I was 18 or so. But I always wanted to dye it, I hate the gray hair."

"I took a \$5 bill into my barber and I said, 'Nick, I want you to cut my hair just like that, and dye everything dark brown.' ... I came home, I shaved off the mustache and trimmed up the beard and I looked and I was just flabbergasted. I had no idea. Without the glasses, there's a very close resemblance."

Ya think? Believe it or not, Carley did not win a prize at that Halloween party.

"I put him away, brought him out the next year at our church Trunk or Treat and one guy says, 'You got a pretty good look, how often do you do this?'" Carley said. "This guy says, 'If I was you, I'd think about doing it more than once a year.'"

"And he also had some connection with the Lincoln dealership in Plymouth. They hired me to do a few events for them. It's been a fun ride ever since."

Wild ride continues

The ride has increased over the past several years, with a "few hundred" appearances under his belt and about 2,000 Facebook friends..

But there have been a few bumps along the way.

Imagine Carley — in full Lincoln costume — almost getting arrested at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"The first time I went there, I went during the day and walked right up to the base of the statue and spread my arms out and people were just taking pictures," Carley said. "I was part of a tour, so we only had a half-hour there. Later that evening, a few guys said, one of us has got a car, let's do down there and get it at night."

"So I went up there, did the same thing I did in the afternoon, walked right

up to the base and stuck my arms out. Got a couple pictures taken. And then I see this U.S. Park Police coming up to me. I said, 'This guy wants a picture.' I was sadly mistaken. He wanted to arrest me."

The officer intended to book Carley for trespassing on government property.

"In the meantime, we were just to the side of the monument and people were coming up for pictures with me," Carley said. "This was 10:30 at night. His partner's waving everybody off like it's a crime scene."

"So I give him the license and maybe five or 10 minutes later, the guy comes back and says, 'Oh yeah, he doesn't have a record.' He says, 'We believe you to be honest.'"

Carley recounted that he snuck an ironic glance at where Honest Abe was sitting on his marble perch.

Ultimately, he was able to get out of the unexpected snag.

'It has changed me'

No worries. He still makes regular visits to Washington, D.C., including the Lincoln Monument and Ford's Theatre — where Booth shot the president in the back of the head while watching "Our American Cousin."

"Ironically, I'm trying to figure out how the end of the play was," Carley said, cutting loose with a belly laugh. "I've been there about five or six times, but I haven't been able to see the thing."

"Because every time I go in there, everybody wants a picture."

And he is the picture of contentment when connecting with people young and old, especially to help them learn about one of the greatest American heroes.

Moreover, he emphasized that performing as Lincoln has rubbed off on Carley, beyond turning a relative introvert into an extrovert with plenty of time to spare for anybody.

"It has changed me. ... Now I have to watch my Ps and Q's," he said. "Got to watch the language. It's helped me to be a better person by being Lincoln."

Thousands of people are enlightened and entertained by spending time with Ron Carley, too.

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Buddy Poppy drive

Each area post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be conducting its annual Buddy Poppy drive Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12. Donations collected will go into the Veteran Relief Fund.

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.

Chocolate Walk in Wayne

Wayne Main Street's third annual Chocolate Walk will take place in downtown Wayne from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, with more than 150 people expected to attend. The following businesses will be participating: Dairy Queen - Wayne Road, EVC Labs & Vapor Lounge, Goody's Pet Supply, Helium Studio, Karma Coffee and Kitchen, the Knights of Columbus, Leo's Jewelry, Mean Ink Tattoo, Powers Woodcrafts, Puffer Reds, STEP and Village Dental.

The event kicks off at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square. Check-in goes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each participant will be provided an empty chocolate box and a map of participating businesses. Participants will then be invited to explore the historic downtown and pick up their individual chocolates at the participating businesses. Many of the participating businesses will also be offering discounts and give-

aways to participants.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at registration (if available) and can be purchased at downtownwayne.org or on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-annual-chocolate-walk-tickets-44373939648>). Proceeds benefit Wayne Main Street's programs and services. The event's title sponsor is the Wayne's Downtown Development Authority. Additional sponsors are Imperial Press and the Wayne Dispatch.

Livonia GOP Club

The Livonia Republican Club will hold its next meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road, in the former Kmart Plaza. Guest speaker will be Kristine Bonds, candidate for the U.S. House 11th District seat. The event is free and open to the public.

St. John's spring bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, in Westland will host its annual spring bazaar from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 12. It will feature arts, crafts, baked goods and a flower sale. Lunch will be available. For more information, call 734-721-5023.

Mother's Day brunch

Elks Lodge 2246, 3117 Plymouth Road, in Livonia is hosting a Mother's Day brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13. This event is open to the public. The menu includes fresh fruits, eggs, bacon, potatoes, omelet station, pancakes, french toast, waffles, varies hot meats, vegetables and assorted salads.

Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased calling 734-425-2246 or stopping by the Lodge after 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

U.S. House candidate debate

A candidate debate among those filed to run to succeed U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, to represent the U.S. House 11th District will be held at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Monday, May 14, at the Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, in Novi. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/>

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For more information, call 248-225-1846 or email info@michiganconservativecoalition.com. Event details are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/222510174539264/>.

Livonia library book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library are sponsoring a used book sale Friday through Sunday, May 18-20, at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, at 32777 Five Mile Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There is a designated room for collectibles, as well as good prices on all the books. A bag of books can be purchased Sunday for \$5.

All proceeds support the Livonia libraries. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Tribute artist show and dinner

The American Legion Post 32 Auxiliary will host a tribute show and dinner Friday, May 18, at the Post, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served 6-7:30 p.m.

Tribute artists include Elvis by Fred Wolfe, Toby Keith by Dan Spencer, Dolly Parton by Dawn Marie Mio and Willie Nelson by Jeff Carr. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, dancing and cash barment.

Tickets should be purchased in advance at the American Legion or contact Virginia VanSchoick at 231-670-1651.

Benefit comedy show

Swami Beyondanada, the Cosmic Comic, will bring his unique and uplifting show to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19. The show is a fundraiser for Citizens for Peace. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For tickets, call 734-425-0079.

For information about Citizens for Peace, go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Legion golf outing

The American Legion Post 32 in Livonia

will host its annual golf outing, named for Gene Miller, Jim Trantham and John Idvardy, at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Club, 625 Napier Road, in Superior Township.

Cost is \$80 per person or \$320 per team for the four-player scramble featuring a shotgun start. Entry forms and sign-up board are at the Post, 9318 Newburgh Road. For more information, call Tony Brinza at 734-721-2615.

History concert at First Congregational

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, will host a program about World War II called The Victory Vertical Piano Project at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20. This free event will feature Garik Pedersen, who will perform during this multimedia lecture/concert.

Wine-tasting fundraiser

The Zonta Club of northwest Wayne County will be hosting wine-tasting event to raise money for scholarships 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Andiamo's, 38703 W. Seven Mile Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$45. For more information, call 734-464-3728.

Livonia Historical Society program


The Livonia Historical Society will present a program titled "The Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes," given by Joel Stone of the Detroit, at 2 p.m. Monday, May 21. It is at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Road. For more information, call 734-416-3848.

Archer at joint chamber event

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer will speak at a multiple-chamber gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center. The event will involve members of the Livonia, Canton and Novi chambers of commerce. Archer will be available to sign copies of his autobiography "Let The Future Begin" and take pictures after the presentation.

The cost is \$35 per chamber member.

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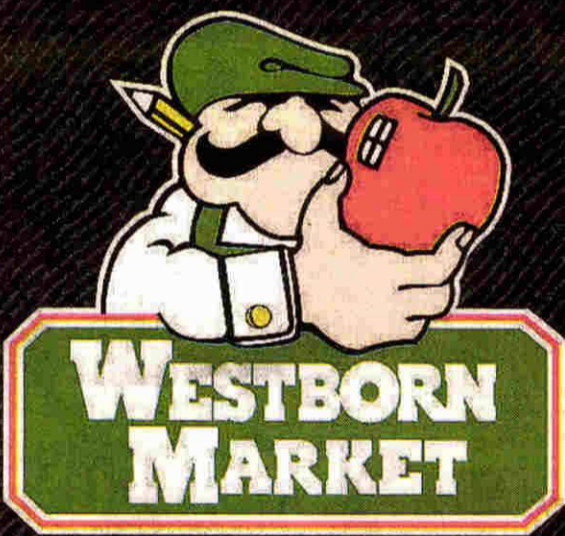
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Confusion reigns on new tax law and charitable contributions



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
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Thanks to all of you who came out to the Observer & Eccentric 2018 Senior Expo and heard me speak on taxes. It was a wonderful event and I'm already looking forward to next year. As I was taking questions after my talk, one thing became clear — there is some confusion about one of the changes in the tax law. In particular, people were confused about the deductibility of charitable contributions. I thought I would, once again, explain the rules.

Fundamentally, there has been no change in the rules regarding charitable contributions. You can continue to deduct your charitable contributions as normal. However, there has been a change in another part of the law that does impact charitable contributions. Although charitable contributions are

deductible, the majority of people are going to find that since the standard deduction has doubled (\$24,000 for a married couple, \$12,000 for single), they will not be itemizing their deductions, they will just take the standard deduction. Because the standard deduction is generally going to be greater than most peoples' itemized deductions, the result is that more likely than not, whether you make a charitable contribution or not, it will have no impact on your taxes.

Last year, nearly 50 million households filed returns that itemized their deductions. It's anticipated that when people file their 2018 return, less than half that number will itemize. There is, however, a workout for those that are charitable in nature and who are over age 70%, and are thus mandated by law to take a distribution from their IRA and retirement accounts.

Those over age 70% are eligible to donate all or a portion of their required minimum distribution to a charity. By donating all or a portion of your required minimum distribution to a charity, you

don't have to include that amount in taxable income. The result is that you're taking advantage of the higher standard deduction and, at the same time, you are in effect still getting a substantial tax benefit by your contribution. The key is that the money has to go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity. If the IRA custodian writes a check in your name and then you sign that check over to the charity, you do not get the tax break. The check cannot be written to you nor can the money be deposited into your account. For seniors who are charitable in nature, using your required minimum distribution for charitable contributions is a win-win. You get the higher standard deduction and you can exclude from income the amount of your required minimum distribution that goes to a charity.

Those who are not age 70% and who

will not be itemizing their deduction because of the new standard deduction will not get a tax benefit by making a charitable contribution. However, you will get that good feeling knowing that you helped a needy cause. For those who will no longer itemize their deductions and are going to make a charitable contribution, it still makes sense to consider using investments you have a gain in. By donating appreciated securities, even if you can't take a charitable deduction, you still can avoid some taxes, those on the gain.

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.

Events

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For more details, contact the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to www.livonia.org.

St. Mary Mercy weight management class

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management class, titled Weigh Your Options, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class

and registration is required. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

St. Colette car show

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host a car show from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2. The grounds will open at 8 a.m. for car participants, with all vehicles in place by 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$15 per show vehicle, which covers entrance and eligibility for door prizes (drawn every half-hour). Admission is free to spectators and the event will include food and beverages, music and raffles.

For more information, go to www.dooleyknights5492.com or contact bobdebrais@hotmail.com.

Food pantry

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, in Livonia sponsors a food pantry 10-11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. For more information, call 734-421-8451.

Obituaries

Jimmy Ahearn

COLORADO SPRINGS, FORMERLY OF PLYMOUTH - age 24. Beloved son of Dominic and Alice. Loving brother of Lauren, Daniel & Joseph. Dear grandson of James (Karen) Ahearn, and Herman (the late Helen) Deal. Nephew of Francis (Sharon) Ahearn, Michael (Jennifer) Ahearn, the late Mary (Mark) Murphy, Anne (Mark) Shermetaro, Claire Ahearn, Jenny (Dave) Burtraw, Howard (Sue) Deal, Mitzi Espinosa, Jeff (Diana) Deal, Jim Deal, Alan (Suzi) Deal, Doug (Alona) Deal and Rob Deal. Proud owner of Frankie. Jimmy was born in Ann Arbor, MI and moved to Canton when he was 3 and then to Plymouth Township in the first grade where he attended Isbister Elementary School. The rest of his educational path continued at Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth High School (2011 grad) and then graduating from EMU with a double major in Finance and Entrepreneurship in 2015. He then accepted a job with Ford Credit in Colorado Springs, CO and moved out there in 2016. Jimmy was very active growing up, playing baseball for the GCYBSA Athletics team, coached by his father, from t-ball through high school. As a high school freshman, he took up wrestling and started out as a skinny 103 pounder and as a senior finished up as a lean 135 pounder. He cultivated a love for the challenging sport as well as a tremendous work ethic. He continued to help the team after graduation. Moving to Colorado allowed Jimmy to continue to serve his love for adventure; enjoying snowboarding, hiking, camping, riding his motorcycle and even jumping out of an airplane. Funeral Service Saturday, May 12, 2018 11:00 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road W., Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). Visitation Friday, May 11, 2018 from 2:00 PM -9:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Wrestling, c/o Pat Durocher, 130 Anna Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington DC 20090-6929 or Rails to Trails Conservancy, The Duke Ellington Building, 2121 Ward Court, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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William "Bill" Glasgow Kinnaird III

NORTHVILLE - Bill passed away on May 2nd at the age of 90. Preceding him in death was his parents, two sisters, Jean Kinnaird and Anne Johnston, and first wife, Claudene. Surviving are his wife, Ginny Newman-Kinnaird, daughter Susan (Gary) Miller and son William G. Kinnaird IV (Tracie), one step-grandchild, Corey Lake and grandchildren Samantha, Jacob and Emmaline Miller, sister, Patricia Watson. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held to honor Bill on June 10th at 2-4 pm at the Northville Senior Center. View his obituary and share a memory at griffinfuneralhome.com.

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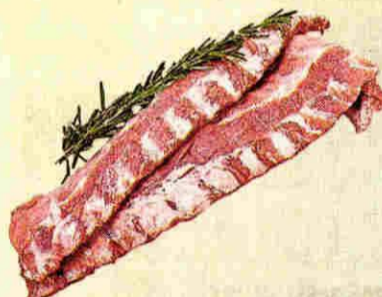
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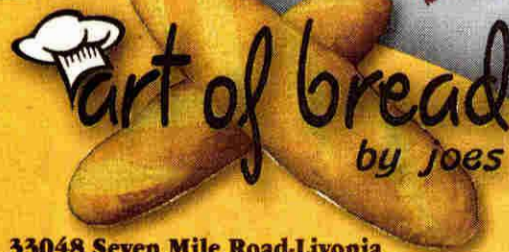


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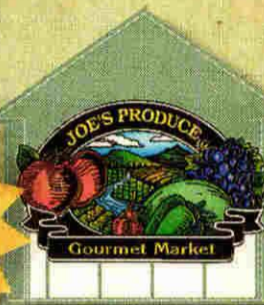
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BOYS GOLF

Churchill's Welch makes the grade for Stanford

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

For Livonia Churchill senior golfer Logan Welch, it's have books, will travel. On his way to a dual match May 3 at Northville Hills Golf Club, the student with a 4.59 grade-point average in the Livonia Public Schools district's challenging math/science/computer pro-

gram was already seated in the front passenger seat of coach Paul Worley's van.

Welch was scouring a thick Barron's AP physics book, while tucked underneath on his lap was an equally thick Barron's AP chemistry book.

"My most challenging class is AP physics, just because physics is not as intuitive to me like biology or chem-



Welch

istry is, so it takes a lot more effort to understand what's going on," said Welch, who was recently accepted into Stanford University.

For Welch, it's "California Here I Come," where he wants to study biomedical engineering. And after his visit recently to Palo Alto, he was sold on many fronts.

"The weather was absolutely amaz-

ing," Welch said. "Going from 40 degrees here and 70 there. The campus is breathtaking, absolutely brilliant. I love it. The people there are my kind of people. I was blown away. It didn't hit me, it didn't register with that school until I got there. It was fantastic."

In his 35 years as a high school counselor, Greg Hovermale has never had a

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PREP TRACK



Salem's Andrew Davis wins the 100-meter dash in the New Balance Invitational held at Farmington. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

'A REALLY GREAT DAY'

Salem teams run strong at New Balance meet

Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A long day of track proved very beneficial Saturday for Salem High School.

The undefeated Salem boys team (5-0) ran to its second straight New Balance Invitational championship at Farmington High School. The Rocks girls placed second in the high-quality 41-team meet, which began with prelims at 11 a.m. and ended with the girls 1,600-meter relay finals at 9 p.m.

Salem's boys won three relays and a pair of individual events to finish with 97 points, outdistancing runner-up Southfield Arts & Technology, which had 53 points. Livonia Churchill (51.5), Canton (48) and Lake Orion (44.5) rounded out the top five.

"We had a really great day. We just wanted to come and compete and I think, at this point, this was our best meet of the year," said head coach Jim-



Plymouth's Rehgan Draper (left) wins the 100-meter run, followed by Clinton Valley's Reynei Wallace, at the second annual New Balance Invitational track and field meet hosted by Farmington. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

my Crabill, a longtime assistant who took over the program this season. "I think this year we were trying to go after

it more. I think last year was more of a surprise.

"This year, we knew we had a good team," he added. "We were trying to get some good times today and that was the main focus — and it happened that we won it. I didn't think we would win by that much, because there are some good teams here."

Relay teams hot

Salem's relays were on fire. The foursome of freshman Hezekiah Williams, senior Andrew Davis, senior Sharriff Dyer and junior Berry Matthews combined to win the 1,600-meter relay in 3:23.82. Williams, Matthews, Josh Pohl and Nolan Teodori won the 400 relay in 42.82.

The Rocks took the 800 relay (Davis, Dyer, Pohl and Ryan Young) in 1:29.61 and placed second in the 3,200 with a season-best time of 8:05.03.

Individually, Davis was named the track star of the meet after winning the 100-meter dash in 10.99 to go along

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COLLEGE LACROSSE

Lakeland grad makes most of his time at Albion

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Academics have always been Dave Brown's priority.

Brown enjoyed playing football and lacrosse while earning academic honors at Lakeland High School. As his prep career wound down, Brown figured his days in organized sports would end, as his intentions were to be more of a student than athlete in college.

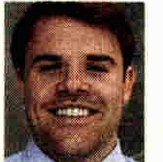
However, the 2014 Lakeland grad's athletic plans ultimately changed.

Persuaded by his parents Dave and Carolyn and Albion College head coach Jake DeCola, Brown chose to continue playing lacrosse. It turned out to be an excellent decision, as he's excelled both academically and athletically.

Brown graduated Friday with a major in economics and management and soon begins his working career at the expansive General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford as a construction projects engineer.

Brown, an all-star defender, helped lead the Britons to their fourth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship Saturday with an 11-8 victory over Hope College. Albion is now qualified to play in the NCAA Division III tournament May 26-28 at Gillette Stadium in Boston.

"My senior year (at Lakeland), I was contacted by coach DeCola and he of-



Brown

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Milford resident Dave Brown helped lead the Albion men's lacrosse team to another winning record and a fourth straight trip to the MIAA championship game. LOWELL MCGINNIS

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PREP SOFTBALL

Host Salem Rock-solid at own invitational

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Bolstered by the strong battery of Maddy Rosiewicz and Hailey Dechalk, host Salem swept all four games Saturday to capture the championship in its 21st annual softball tournament.

The Rocks, who went undefeated in pool play, capped off the day by defeating Ann Arbor Pioneer for the title, 3-2.

Rosiewicz, the winning pitcher, allowed just five hits and two walks while striking out 11 over seven innings as Salem improved to 19-4 overall.

Michigan signee Morgan Overatis doubled twice and had an RBI, while Grace Hokett also contributed two hits.

Back-to-back doubles by Overatis and Dechalk gave Salem a 1-0 lead. The Rocks also got a run in a third on a double by Rosiewicz and an RBI single by Rae Campbell. They added a run in the fifth on an Overaitis double, followed by a Hokett single.

"The Maddy-Hailey combo was truly something to watch," Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. "Hailey was solid all day behind the plate. Hailey has exceptional stamina and strength. She not only caught three different

pitchers, she also kept the base runners tight. Even in this Game 4 of the day, she was able to still make those strong throws."

Salem started off pool play with a 16-1 win over Ann Arbor Huron as Overaitis homered twice to break the school career record.

Rosiewicz, the winning pitcher, went 2-for-2 with a grand slam and double, while Dechalk also went 2-for-2.

In the second round, Salem edged Dexter, 2-1, as Rosiewicz allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out five to pick up the win.

Salem tallied both runs in the third

on a Meganne Skoug walk, an Amy Hines bunt, a Dechalk RBI ground out followed by an Overaitis RBI single.

The Rocks advanced to the final with a 7-3 triumph over Rochester as Overaitis went 2-for-3 with a homer and double. Campbell also homered and triple, while Jordan Hazel and winning winning pitcher Ally Aikens also collected two hits apiece.

"Salem did some great things today," Southerland said.

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PREP BASEBALL

Stevenson edges Pats for Livonia city title

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Stevenson fended off a late Franklin rally Saturday to four-peat as Livonia city baseball champion with an 8-7 win over the host Patriots.

After the Spartans (17-4-1) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to go up 8-7, the Patriots (11-8-1) struck for four runs in the top of the seventh, but came up short as reliever Shane Rakowski closed out the game and got the final out.

Nate Waligora, the winning pitcher in relief, went four innings, allowing three

runs on six hits and two walks. He struck out three.

Offensively, Danny Morris went 3-for-3 with five RBIs to pace Stevenson, while other contributions came from Parker Graham (3-for-3, three runs), George Ferguson (3-for-4, RBI, two runs), Devin Dunn (RBI) and Jacob Way (RBI).

Joe Cronyn went 3-for-5 with three RBIs to lead the Patriots, while other top hitters included Johnny DiPonio (3-for-5), Carl Fournier (2-for-3), Alex Forry (2-for-4), Colin Metzler (RBI) and Ben Raisch (RBI).

Stevenson, collecting a total of 18 hits, advanced to the championship

game with a 17-0 semifinal win in five innings as coach Rick Berryman collected his 500th career victory against Clarenceville.

Offensively, Josh Marquedant went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Zak Ziemba was 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Morris also went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Other RBIs went to Ferguson, Connor Beck, Cole Bushart and Nick Olson.

Winning pitcher Steve Champagne, who worked the first two innings, and Olson, who finished up the final three, combined on a no-hitter with four and eight strikeouts, respectively. Champagne walked three.

In the other semifinal, host Franklin

defeated Churchill, 6-4, as Metzler worked six innings, striking out eight, to earn the victory. Derek Salyers got the save in the seventh.

Offensively, Ryan Celmer led Franklin with three hits, while Cal Fournier had two hits and two RBIs. Cronyn also knocked in two runs.

That offset a big day at the plate by Churchill's Chris Sergison, who had four hits and four RBIs.

Losing pitcher Luke Jarosiewicz, the Churchill starter, struck out five in five innings.

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Brown

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ferred me a chance to play here," Brown said. "Originally I wasn't really thinking I wanted to play college sports, because I really have an academic mindset and really wanted to focus on that. I was focused on school and then, after four years, getting a great job and moving into that."

"But I decided to play lacrosse, because I think it's a great sport and it keeps me in shape. I just really enjoy playing it," he added. "And I'm glad I did, because I've made a lot of great life-long relationships with people at the school, teammates and also the faculty. And just getting to know people around the league, it's really provided me with a lot of opportunity."

A defensive staple

Brown has been a defensive staple ever since arriving at the private liberal arts college founded in 1835.

The Milford resident started all 19 games and caused eight turnovers in an eye-opening freshman campaign. He improved vastly over the next two seasons, to the point where he earned first team all-MIAA honors with outstanding defensive work. In addition, Brown made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll as a sophomore and junior.

This past season as a senior, Brown was named the MIAA's Defensive Most Valuable Player and was one of five Albion players who earned first team all-conference honors.

Brown, considered a physical defender, was the anchor of Albion's defense that allowed 37 goals — second to Hope — in seven MIAA games. He is the fourth straight Albion player to have captured the MIAA's Defensive MVP award.

"I'm really excited about winning that award," Brown said. "I'm really humbled by the fact that the league thought I was the MVP for defense."

"Honestly, I did really well this year. Last year, I made the all-region team and I just kind of built on the success and had a good year," he added. "I think everybody who plays here at Albion is just as good, especially on defense. I think we're pretty equally matched."

Brown, who has played defense ever since the eighth grade, played four years of lacrosse at Lakeland, but did not consider himself a star.

Valuable life lessons

However, he worked hard to improve his game and relished the coaching provided by DeCola and Albion assistant coach Nick DiRado. His perseverance on the field and dedication to nurturing his game are attributes that helped him earn league defensive MVP honors and

"Honestly, I just kind of expected to come here and maybe ride the bench for a couple of years and not play that much. When I came out of high school, I wasn't that talented ... (the coaches) really brought my skills around to where they are today."

Dave Brown
Albion lacrosse player

certainly will be valuable assets for any future employer.

"Honestly, I just kind of expected to come here and maybe ride the bench for a couple of years and not play that much," Brown said. "When I came out of high school, I wasn't that talented. Coach DeCola helped me get my skills together and, eventually, coach DiRado came in and he really brought my skills around to where they are today."

"I think it's really about grit and determination. I think you really have to want something in order to achieve and do well. Every day is a different mindset and you have to constantly want to be determined and achieve more than the last game."

"Overall, I think if you just keep pushing yourself, you'll get better every game," he added. "Just learn from your mistakes and that will just make you into a better player. But I never could have imagined I would achieve all the accolades that I've gotten."

Brown is grateful for his time at Albion, a place that has helped shape his character and kick-start his employment future.

"It's really been rewarding, honestly," Brown said. "It's provided a lot of great opportunities for me to better myself as a person and kind of move on and take the lessons I've learned from the lacrosse field and apply it to my future position."

"It's pretty surreal that it's almost all over, at this point. You just blink your eyes and, all of a sudden, four years have already passed and you're 22 years old instead of 18 and fresh into college."

"What I wanted to achieve out of college was just have a successful career here in terms of academics and also athletics," he added. "And at the end of it, come out with a pretty good job and be happy every day that I go to work. I think it's worked out pretty well."

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Farmington's Jacody Sikora is stride-for-stride with Wayne's Reggie Micheaux before overtaking him during the second heat of the 800-meter relay. Farmington's time of 1:32.80 was good for third place. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Meet

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with his relay performances. Dyer won the 300 hurdles in 39.98.

"I was about a second-and-a-half off of my PR (in the 300 hurdles)," Dyer said. "I ran into a head wind. It felt good, but it's more of a slow time."

"As a team, we always have a positive outlook," he added. "It was a full team effort, everyone doing their best. We did good last year, so we wanted to keep it going."

Salem senior Alex Howie was second in both the shot put and discus, while junior Luke Haran ran a PR in the 3,200 (9:38.60) to place second. The Rocks' 3,200 relay took runners-up honors to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

Seniors John Paul DeLa Cruz (third in the 300 hurdles), Jonathan Bilko (fourth in pole vault) and Young (fifth in the 200) were Salem's other top five finishers.

Livonia Churchill senior Martell Dooley won the long jump (21 feet even) and Canton junior Evan Carter topped the pole vault field (13-0).

The male field athlete of the meet was Southfield A&T senior Jalen Edwards, who took the discus (147-4) and placed third in the shot put (49-10.5).

Rocks girls are solid

Lake Orion from the Oakland Activities Association dominated the girls field and won with 78.5 points. Salem placed second with 52.5 points to slip past district rival Plymouth, which had 49 points.

"I thought, from top to bottom, we had a lot of athletes who had exceptionally good days," said fourth-year Salem head coach Patrick Ignagni, whose team is 5-0 in dual meets. "I think the strength of our team is depth and it was great to see all of our girls in all of our events compete in such an exceptionally high-level field."

"What I really loved is that our athletes came out and competed," he added. "However they finished, there was a lot of fight in them and I love that going into the championship portion of our season."

Salem had just one individual winner, freshman Macayla Harris, who took the high jump in 5-2. Rocks junior Lyniah Wilson was second in the shot put (a PR of 40-4) while senior Haven Essien was runner-up in the 100 hurdles (14.89). Essien also was third in the 300 hurdles.

Plymouth junior Reghan Draper won the 100-meter dash in 12.29 and Farmington freshman Valadian Pallett won the shot put in 42-7. Plymouth placed first in the 400-meter relay in 49.73.

The female field athlete of the meet was Kettering senior pole vaulter Jessica Mercier, who won with a monster leap of 13-3.

The female track athlete of the meet was senior Enyaeva Michelin from Evanston (Ill.) High School, who wowed the crowd with a sizzling 3,200-meter run of 10:16.58. She won by a remarkable 51 seconds over West Bloomfield junior Kyla Christopher-Moody (11:07.08).

The second annual meet was co-hosted by Farmington and Salem high schools.

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PREP TRACK

McNamara leads Northville girls at Golden Triangle

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It was another big weekend for the Northville girls track and field squad and Clare McNamara once again figured prominently during the prestigious Golden Triangle Meet at Saline.

The sophomore earned in individual victories in the long jump (18 feet, 1 inch) and 400-meter run (56.47), while also running a leg on the victorious sprint medley, 800 and 1,600 relays.

"Clare had another phenomenal weekend," Northville head coach Tim Dalton said. "I will say it again, she's selfless and is always willing to do what is best for the team. It's refreshing being around a kid like her."

Northville captured four relay races over the two-day meet, held Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs 800 relay team consisted of Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Yasmine Affes and McNamara (1:45.74).

In the sprint medley, the foursome of Lauren Marshall, McCallum, Affes and McNamara also took first in 1:49.02.



McNamara

Meanwhile, the first-place 1,600 relay team was made up of Abby Dunn, Manley, Affes and the anchor leg McNamara (3:58.34).

"On the start line, Clare told me she didn't feel well," Northville assistant coach Jack Dalton said. "She had a nervous look on her face that is very uncharacteristic of her. Our team was in third place when she told me that, but she stepped up and anchored the team to a first-place finish to end the meet for us. She's tough and she's a competitor. That's what separates Clare from her opponents."

Northville's 400 relay team of Claire Wan, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall and McCallum also took first in 50.20, while the 3,200 relay team of Ana Barrott, Emily Gordon, Olivia Harp and Yasmine Mansi was third (9:43.80).

Other top individual performers (top eight) for Northville included McCallum, second, long jump (17-9), and fourth, 100 dash (13.04); Barrott, fourth, 3,200 (10:48.33); Sarafian, fifth, 100 (13.06); Affes, fifth, 200 (26.59), eighth, 400 (1:01.72); Dunn, fourth, 300 hurdles (48.03); Mansi, fifth, 3,200 (10:49.98); seventh, 100 hurdles (16.94); Lexi Davenport, eighth, 100 hurdles (17.35); Elise Daniel, seventh, pole vault (9-6);



Northville's Ana Barrott (left) and Olivia Harp (middle) took ninth and 10th, respectively, in the Golden Triangle Mile.

Barbara Davis, eighth, discus (104-4) and shot put (33-7¼).

Other top finishers from KLAAs schools included Canton's Jada Sabir, first, 200 (25.01); Canton's Victoria Faber, second, pole vault (11-6); Westland John Glenn's Alona Olshevskaya, third, 100 (12.58) and 400 (58.49); and Livonia Churchill's Gabrielle Swider, fifth, 800 (2:16.06); and Canton's Morgan Dodds, discus (104-8).

Boys 800 record

Northville junior Nick Couyoumjian finished second in the 800-meter run and broke the school record in the event, clocking a time of 1:53.99. He broke the record of 1:54.05, set by Jasen Turnbull in 2007.

Other top eight finishers for Northville included Brandon Kearney, third, 200 (22.35); Ben Shuart, fourth, 110 hurdles (15.25); Nolan Knight, seventh, 400 (51.14); Ja'Quan Crawford, sixth, shot put (43-8); and Jacob Pichler, seventh, 300 hurdles (43.64).

Northville also placed third in the

sprint medley relay (1:35.56); fourth, 1,600 relay (3:31.4); and fifth, 400 relay (44.72).

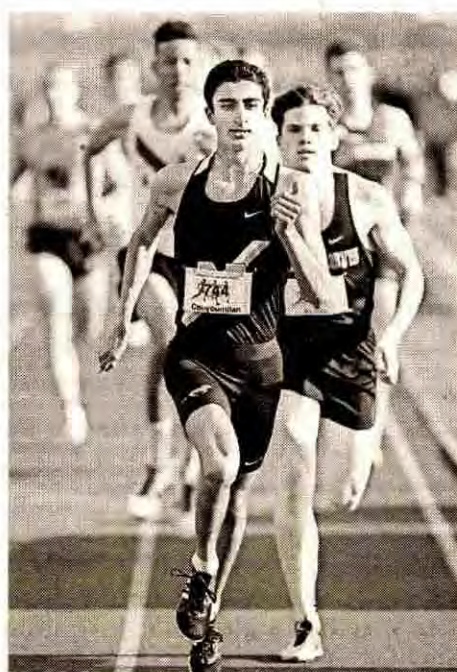
Glenn made a strong showing led by Rothus Stewart, who won the 110 hurdles (15.25) and placed second in the high jump (6-5). Other top performers for Glenn included freshman David Graham, second, 100 (11.13); sixth, 200 (22.67); Jared Tarrance, third, 400 (49.93); and Donald Farris, third, shot put (44-6½).

Plymouth's 3,200 relay team of Ethan Byrnes, Brandon Boyd, Patrick Byrnes and Carter Solomon won in 8:07.69.

Other top individual finishers for Plymouth included Malcolm Caldwell, third, 110 hurdles (15.64); Patrick Byrnes, fifth, 800 (1:56.62); Boyd, fifth, 3,200 (9:38.95); Kaleb Smith, fifth, high jump (5-11).

Salem's distance medley relay team of Andrew Beyer, Hezekiah Williams, Berry Matthews and Ryan Exell took third (10:52.45).

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Northville's Nick Couyoumjian (front) set a school record in the 800-meter run with a second-place finish at the Golden Triangle Meet in Saline. PETER DRAUGALIS

Welch

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student accepted into Stanford, one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S.

"He's a kid who doesn't need the spotlight," Hovermale said. "In MSC, there is a ridiculous amount of homework. He's a great example of the scholar-athlete and he's done it all four years."

In addition to ranking No. 1 in his senior class, Welch also scored a perfect 800 in math and 750 on the English portion of his SAT test for a total of 1,500, according to Hovermale.

"If you met him, you would not know he's the No. 1-ranked kid in his class," he said. "Remember, this is within the MSC, so this is theoretically the best and the brightest in this whole school district."

And Hovermale will tell you, despite all of Welch's brilliance in the classroom, he's a well-rounded individual who gives back to his fellow students. In addition to playing golf for four years, Welch also played basketball his freshman and sophomore seasons at Churchill.

Welch's favorite player is Steph Curry of the Golden State Warriors. "I love Steph, he's a cool dude and a great player," Welch said. "He might not be the biggest or quickest, but he's still pretty great."

And as a sophomore, Welch was one of three Churchill nominees for the prestigious Michigan Youth Leadership (MyLead) Conference.

"It's not like that's he's just done robotics club. He's got himself involved with the greater student body," Hovermale said. "The way he acts to people ... he is the best tutor we've ever had. And we've put him with the hardest to deal with kids that don't respond to anybody. It's like the great athlete, they don't necessarily make the great coach, because

they can't relate. He's that brilliant, yet he's helping a kid with basic algebra. He's taking calculus B-C and A-B. We had so many requests to have him as their tutor, we couldn't fill it. And that's just so unique. I've never run into that, because most MSC kids struggle. They say, 'I don't know why they don't get it.' It's easy to do, but not necessarily for that kid."

Where academics might be Welch's sanctuary, the golf course is his refuge. He began playing at age 8 with his father Andre.

Logan joined the Churchill squad as a freshman, when he earned his first varsity letter.

"One, it's a really great way to relax," Welch said of golf. "You get to walk around, enjoy the peace of the trees, the grass and everything around you. You also get to talk with whoever you're golfing with. Even in competition, the people you're playing with aren't really your opponent. We converse and have fun. It's a good event. It's a great way to unwind. It's a good break from schoolwork and it's great to be with the guys for a bit."

Welch's low round for nine holes this season is a respectable 39.

"He's a very good golfer," said Worley, the longtime Churchill coach and head pro at Whispering Willows G.C. "He's our No. 1 guy this year. He lettered when he was a freshman, so he's been in my top five or six."

Welch will never be mistaken for another famous Stanford golf alum, Tiger Woods, but he's got some game nevertheless.

"Actually, he's a pretty good putter," Worley said. "In fact, I remember when he was a freshman. He sank a 20-footer to break 100 on the last hole. He's got a pretty good up-and-down game. And this year, he's been hitting the ball farther off the tee, which has helped him out."

Worley said he has never encountered a student-athlete quite like Welch. "Fantastic, he's a joy to coach," Wor-

ley said. "I know his No. 1 priority is academics, it's not golf. I knew that going in, so the fact considering where he is and the grades he has is phenomenal. He's down to earth. You wouldn't know that, as smart as he is, he doesn't flaunt it. He doesn't act like a nerd, he's just a regular kid."

During his days at Webster Elementary, Welch admitted he got decent grades, but described himself as a "goof-off." He preferred playing basketball and soccer and socializing with friends more than doing homework. Leisure time was more important than academics.

"I would get so many disciplinary, think-about-it forms, etc., etc. I almost got suspended," he said. "I was off the walls when I was in elementary."

Although his father Andre, an engineer at Ford Motor Co., and his mother Laurie made him do his homework when he was at Webster, Welch had no interest in the the district's MACAT program, which is designed specifically for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas.

But after moving on to Emerson, things began to change in the classroom.

"It was, like, God made me focus on my academics more, so in middle school I turned it around," he said.

Prior to his ninth-grade year, Welch then tested out and became an MSC qualifier, headed to Churchill instead of his home school Franklin.

"Freshman year, it didn't seem all that much," Welch said. "It was basically a continuation of what classes I took in eighth grade. But then, when I got into sophomore year, started taking more science classes, then I realized it was harder than I thought it would be. It kept me up a little later than I imagined. And then junior year, it hit me like a brick wall. There would be nights where you would stay up to, like, 3 o'clock, 4:30 doing homework and then you get like a half-an-hour sleep or something like, just to go to school and do it again the next day. It was pretty rough junior year.

It definitely determined what my limits were because, I guess without procrastination, you can do a lot."

Because of his interest in becoming a biomedical engineer, Welch began looking into schools that would fit that criteria.

"And I said, 'Oh, Stanford is a good school,'" Welch said. "It's in California, it's warm, so why not try for it? I knew it was a reach. I was banking on Michigan, but when I got the acceptance letter, it was pretty amazing, unbelievably amazing. I couldn't believe it was, like, for real. It was really a spur-of-the-moment decision for me. It's not like I dreamt of this since I was 7. I delayed my acceptance much longer than I should have, but I knew as soon as I got the letter that I was going."

Hovermale believes Welch will take full advantage of his opportunity at Stanford.

"In college, he said he wants to get more than good grades," he said. "He said, 'I want to gain knowledge so I that can do something with it.' And he said, 'That's the goal and I want to cure disease. I want to do things. I'm interested in learning, not because I've got to get a certain grade-point, or a higher GPA, it's really about that for me.' That's what you want kids to do, is to learn for learning's sake, not because I've got a checkmark box."

Welch said he is ready to explore a new chapter in his life.

"I'm 18, but I'm not fully aware what biomedical engineering entails, but I do I love biology," he said. "It's a passion of mine. I know I'm good at engineering and I'm good at subjects that encompass engineering. And so once I saw how to put the two together, that's what I want to at least try out, because in college I'm sure I'm going to be exposed to many things that will challenge my mind. Right now, I just want to have a general direction of study."

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Churchill athletes headed to the next level

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A total of 19 Livonia Churchill High School student-athletes announced May 3 during an after-school ceremony that they will continue their careers at the college level.

Among those recognized going to NCAA Division I schools are Gabby Swider (Michigan), cross country and track; Kaitlyn Rogosch (Western Michigan), tennis; Annabelle Dunn (Michigan), crew; Tina Nguyen (Michigan), pom; and Emily Phillips (Central Michigan), cheer.

Among the Chargers headed to the NCAA Division II level are Hailey Harris and Kim Clark, both of whom will compete in pom at Grand Valley State.

NCAA Division III-bound student-athletes include Quantrez Pittman and Jacob Hastings, football (Defiance College of Ohio); Hunter Templin, football (Hope College); Michael Parrish, football (Adrian College); Allie McComber, tennis (Adrian College); Patrick Holton, swimming and diving (Westminster College of Pennsylvania).



A total of 19 Livonia Churchill student-athletes will play sports at the college level. BRAD EMONS

Headed to NAIA-affiliated programs are Conor Burnette, hockey (Lawrence Tech), and Liz Profit, volleyball (Madonna University).

Paige and Brooke Hanson will play softball at Schoolcraft College, while Mertion Jusufi will also play

soccer at Schoolcraft. Mitchell White will play baseball at Lansing Community College.

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PREP TRACK

Heroic amputee runs U-D track one last time

Tresa Baldas
Detroit Free Press
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One year ago, Sean English's world went dark. The Northville teen got hit by a car and lost his foot while trying to help others. Laying on the highway

screaming in pain, with his crying mother laying on top of him to settle him down, Sean thought he was dying.

Exactly 13 months later, to the day, on a glorious warm afternoon at the University of Detroit-Jesuit High School, the resilient teenager's world lit back up.

He ran again, for his high school track team, one last time.

"I always knew I'd run again. I just didn't know when," said Sean, who May 2 ran his first competitive race since the 2016 accident with the help of a prosthetic leg.

Donning his father's red and white 1979-81 U-D jersey, Sean ran the 400 meters — one lap around the track — before a roaring crowd that took to its feet as he rounded the corner to make the final stretch.

After Sean crossed the finish line, his proud mother embraced him in her arms, telling him through tears: "Oh my God, you're so strong!"

For Sean, who spent the last year going from a wheelchair to learning how to walk to running with a prosthetic, the race was about two things: Finishing, and staying strong for Dr. Cynthia Ray, the other Good



Sean English prepares his prosthetic leg before his last high school race on Wednesday. "It must have been in God's hands," Sean said. RYAN GARZA/DFP

Samaritan who lost her life in the same tragic car crash that cost Sean his leg.

"I did this for Dr. Ray," Sean said after his race. "I know that she would have wanted me to run again."

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**ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2018-12
May 1, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: agenda; minutes of study session of April 12; regular meeting of Apr. 17; TPOAM letter of understanding; PSA with Stantec for grant writer; match funds for bridge deck replacement on Second St.; storm water agreement for Taco Bell; budget amendment #2018-06; consent calendar Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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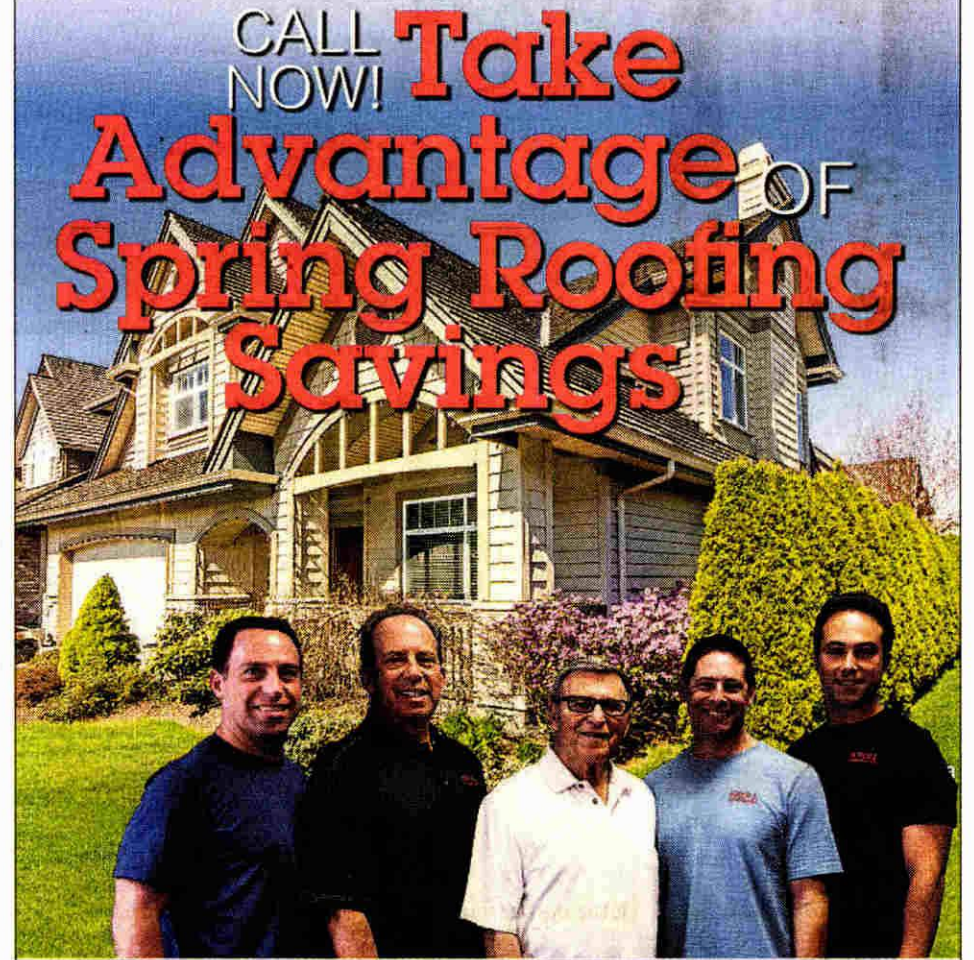


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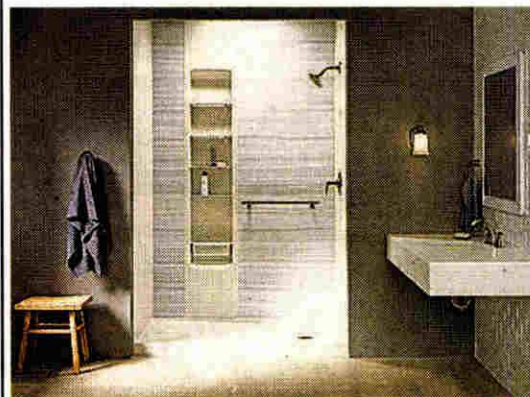
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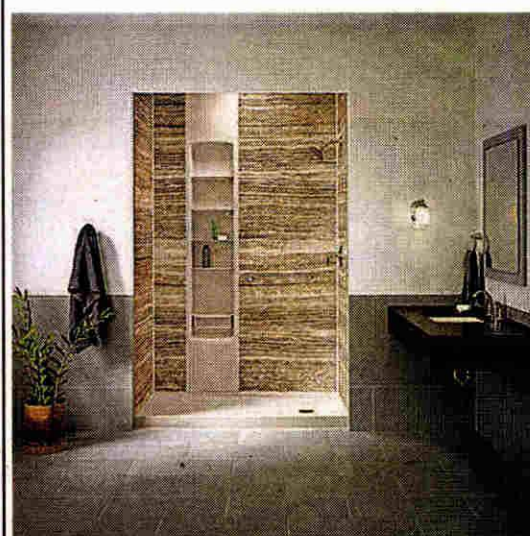
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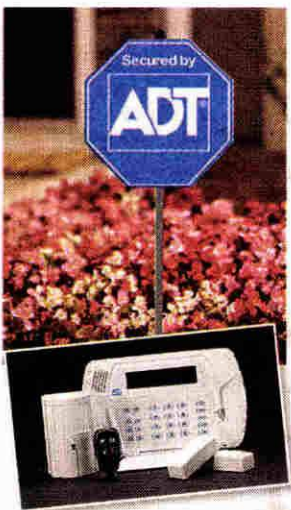
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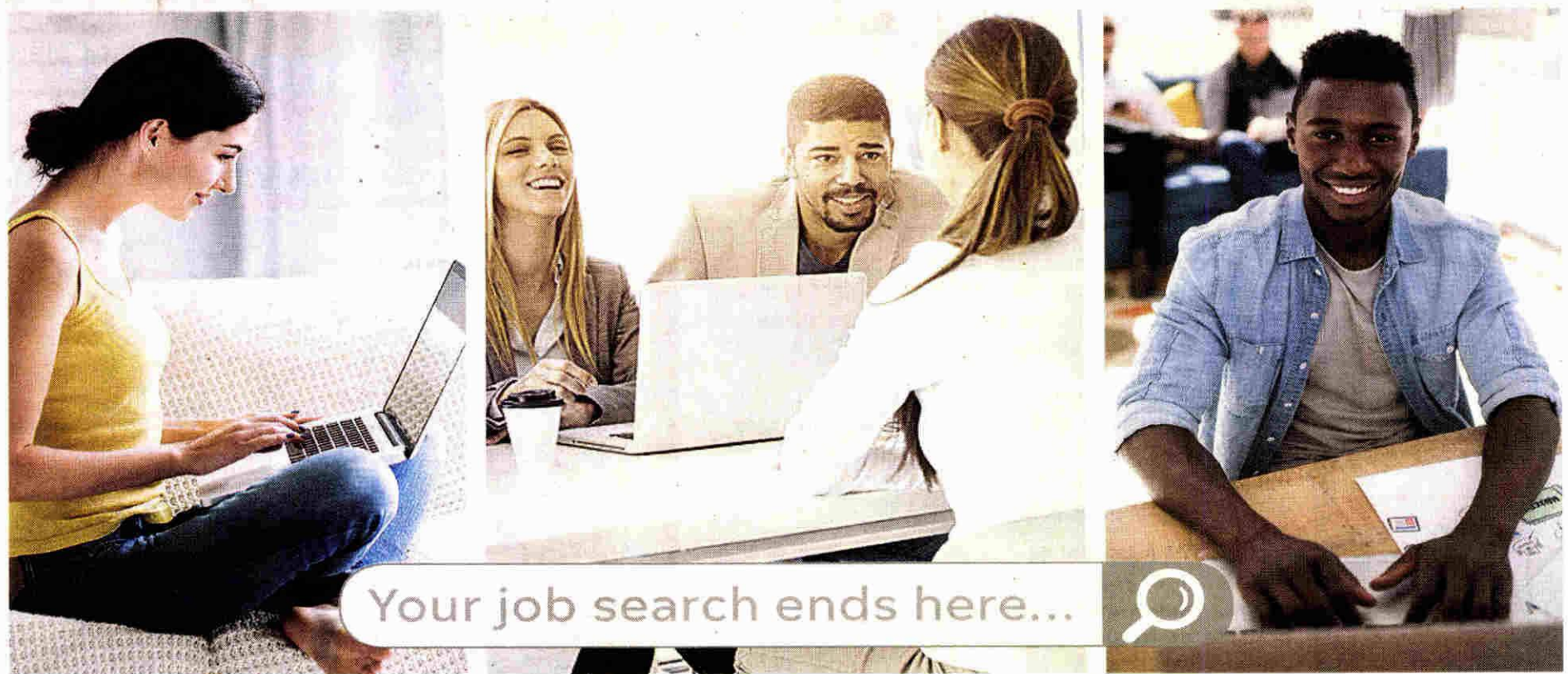
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