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## Aubree's Pizzeria opens for business

**Darrell Clem**  
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Customers began lining up outside Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill a half-hour before Westland's newest eatery opened Tuesday afternoon for business.

And they came hungry. With a coupon in hand and her husband by her side, Anna Hyman of Farmington Hills said she has eaten at oth-

er Aubree's locations and loved it. "This is my favorite pizza place," she said.

Inside the restaurant, co-owner Jeff Halas talked about what sets Aubree's apart from most pizzerias.

Sure, customers love the pizza and the choices they have, including gluten-free crust. But they also can order coconut-crusted deep-fried chicken with mango chutney; Maryland crab cakes topped with roasted corn salsa and

mustard aioli; or the bacon, avocado and tomato sandwich with boursin cheese on grilled brioche bread.

"I believe the food is very unique for a pizzeria," Halas said.

Some menu items, such as the London broil, started as limited time offers and spurred strong customer demand.

"It sold so well, it made our menu," Halas said.

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**"We are definitely excited about Aubree's opening. They are a great addition to the Westland Shop & Dine District ..."**

**William Wild**  
Westland mayor

## A CATHOLIC CONUNDRUM

How can archdiocese make schools vibrant again?

**David Veselenak**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Catholic education runs through Westland resident Scott Brigmon's veins.

A graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford, he wanted all his children to attend Catholic schools, including his daughter Macy, who was set to attend Ladywood High School in the fall.

She shadowed for a day at the school and visited during an open house last fall, Brigmon said, and she was all set to head to Ladywood for the next four years.

"When she was at Ladywood, it was like she was home," he said. "Like there was a community there she could belong to."

Then several weeks later, the news dropped: Ladywood, which operated on Newburgh in Livonia for more than 50 years, would close at the end of the school year.

The closure, coupled with two others at the end of the school year in the Archdiocese of Detroit, continues to challenge how Catholic education in the area can continue its rich legacy. It's a challenge the Archdiocese of Detroit, which encompasses six counties in southeast Michigan, knows exists and hopes to tackle in the coming years.

"We have work to do to make the case for Catholic education. And we're very much aware of that," said the Rev. Stephen Pullis, director of the archdiocesan Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools. "As my peers start

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### Inside

Final days draw near at Livonia's Ladywood High School, 10A



Second grade is taught by Judy Rausch at St. Mary School in Wayne. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Relay For Life no longer 24-hour marathon

**Ed Wright**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

In an era when even iconic charitable organizations like the American Cancer Society are facing stiffer competition for fundraising dollars, the ACS has pumped new energy into its annual Relay For Life by offering flexibility to the event's community organizers.

Local groups can still execute the original 24-hour model that was initiated by founder Gordy Klatt, who lit the fire for the fundraiser in 1985 when he ran and walked around an athletics track for 24 hours in Tacoma, Wash., raising \$27,000 for the ACS.

Shorter, but still successful, models have recently been added to the RFL menu — and local organizers are taking advantage of the rule change.

Neighboring communities are also being encouraged to combine forces to increase efficiency, which is also a popular new feature on the docket.

A prime example of the evolving fundraiser is the RFL event which took place Saturday at Heritage Park in Canton. It ran from noon to 10 p.m. and included participants from Plymouth.

"I like how the American Cancer Society has adapted to the needs of its local organizers," said longtime participant and Canton resident Denise Stafeld, who is the event leader for Saturday's RFL in her hometown. "We did the 24-hour event for several years and it worked out well for everybody."

"Now, we still have a lot of people who want to participate (more than 600 are expected for Saturday), but the majority would prefer something shorter than the all-day/all-night

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# Former congressman sues campaign rival for \$10M

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Detroit Free Press  
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A former congressman who is running for a chance at getting his old job back is suing a rival for \$10 million, claiming the other candidate has defamed him by suggesting his military record is fake.

Through his lawyer, former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, filed the civil suit in Oakland County Circuit Court this week, saying A. Rocky Raczkowski has for years "engaged in a malicious defamation campaign ... telling multiple third parties that Bentivolio's military record is fraudulent and fake."

Both men are candidates for the Republican nomination in the 11th District in Oakland and western Wayne counties. U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, is stepping down from the seat af-

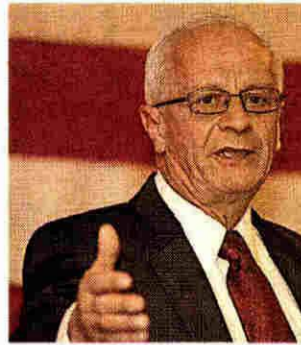
ter two terms.

Bentivolio's lawyer, commentator and author Debbie Schluskel, said she has statements from people documenting that Raczkowski, a former state representative and retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, has made false claims about Bentivolio's record and several medals his military record shows he received. Bentivolio served in the U.S. Army and later in the National Guard.

Raczkowski denied the accusation. But he said he has publicly questioned



Raczkowski



Bentivolio

what he said were comments Bentivolio made to him in 2012 that the former congressman had received a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts for his service.

"Yeah, I questioned that," Raczkowski told the Free Press.

Schluskel said Bentivolio - who did receive a Vietnam Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars for his service in the army in the 1970s - never made those claims.

"Rocky is a liar," Schluskel said.

"I have brought it up lately because he demeaned my military service," Raczkowski said of Bentivolio. He added that the lawsuit was served on him at a debate May 14 at the Emagine Novi theater by a retired military man in uniform. Military rules prohibit the wearing of uniforms to political events, even by retired personnel.

The initial filing in Oakland County asked for \$100 million, but Schluskel said that was in error.

Even so, winning a defamation case for actions alleged amid a political campaign could be difficult. Generally speaking, claims made about politicians and candidates - especially by other candidates - are often considered protected political speech, though in the lawsuit, Bentivolio and Schluskel say statements made were "not privileged, not opinion, not truthful and wholly unjustified."

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## Relay

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model. Even though we're cutting it to 10 hours this year, we're still expecting to raise as much money than when we walked for 24 hours."

ACS spokesperson Megan Schaper said the customized events have been a huge hit with organizers since options were made available in 2015.

"Volunteers and participants still like to participate and walk a long way for a great cause, but a lot of them want to sleep in their own bed the night of the event," Schaper said. "One of the highlights for participants is the overnight experience, so some groups are doing 6 p.m. to 6 a.m."

"And then we have groups like Wayne-Westland, which is going 20 hours (from 11 a.m. to 7 a.m.) We're doing whatever we can to meet the communities' needs, because they're what make this event successful."

Wayne-Westland event leader Carol Nelius understands why some organizers decided to shorten the duration of their events, but the contingent of participants set to walk for 20 hours



Cancer survivors took the first lap around Claude Allison Park during a 2016 Relay for Life event. FILE PHOTO

June 9-10 at Central City Park in Westland prefers the longer haul, she said.

"Our thoughts on it are that cancer patients don't sleep and their journey is an ongoing thing, so we want to push ourselves as long as we can to show our support," Nelius said. "Even though we're still doing an overnight event, I love the fact that the American Cancer Society is offering communities some flexibility."

Each year, more than 5,000 Relay For Life events take place in more than 20 countries. There are generally three main segments to each RFL event.

According to the RFL website, there's

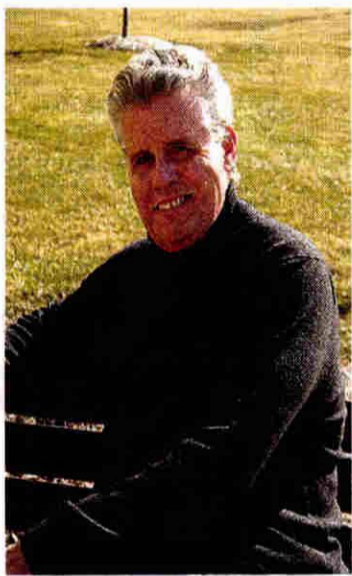
a Survivors' Lap, a Luminaria Ceremony and a Fight Back Ceremony - the symbolic traditions that serve to promote the core elements of the event's message: celebrate, remember and fight back.

Although she is about to embark on her 17th RFL, Staffeld said she still gets an adrenaline rush on the day of the event.

"It's hard to explain how incredible the experience is," she said.

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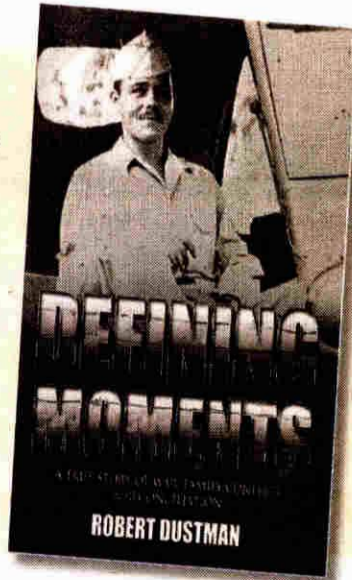


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## Aubree's

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The new Aubree's has opened at 37300 Warren Road, east of Newburgh, inside the former Ruby Tuesday restaurant. The 180-seat eatery fills a vacancy on the western edge of Westland's Shop & Dine District.

Halas said the site was chosen for the area's demographics, with an abundance of families and customers in the 35-55 age bracket. He also said the location can draw from a wider customer base from nearby Livonia and Canton.

"We are definitely excited about Aubree's opening," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "They are a great addition to the Westland Shop & Dine District and a tremendous reuse of the former Ruby Tuesday site."

The Westland location becomes the 10th Aubree's restaurant. It replaces a former location on Haggerty Road in Northville Township, which the company left after its lease expired.

Aubree's got its start in 1972 at a still-thriving location in Ypsilanti's Depot Town neighborhood. It was founded by the parents of Halas's business partner, company president Andy French.

Westland resident Mary Robinson, waiting in line Tuesday with 32-year-old daughter Amanda Sturm, has been to the Depot Town location and said she likes the pizzeria because she needs gluten-free options.

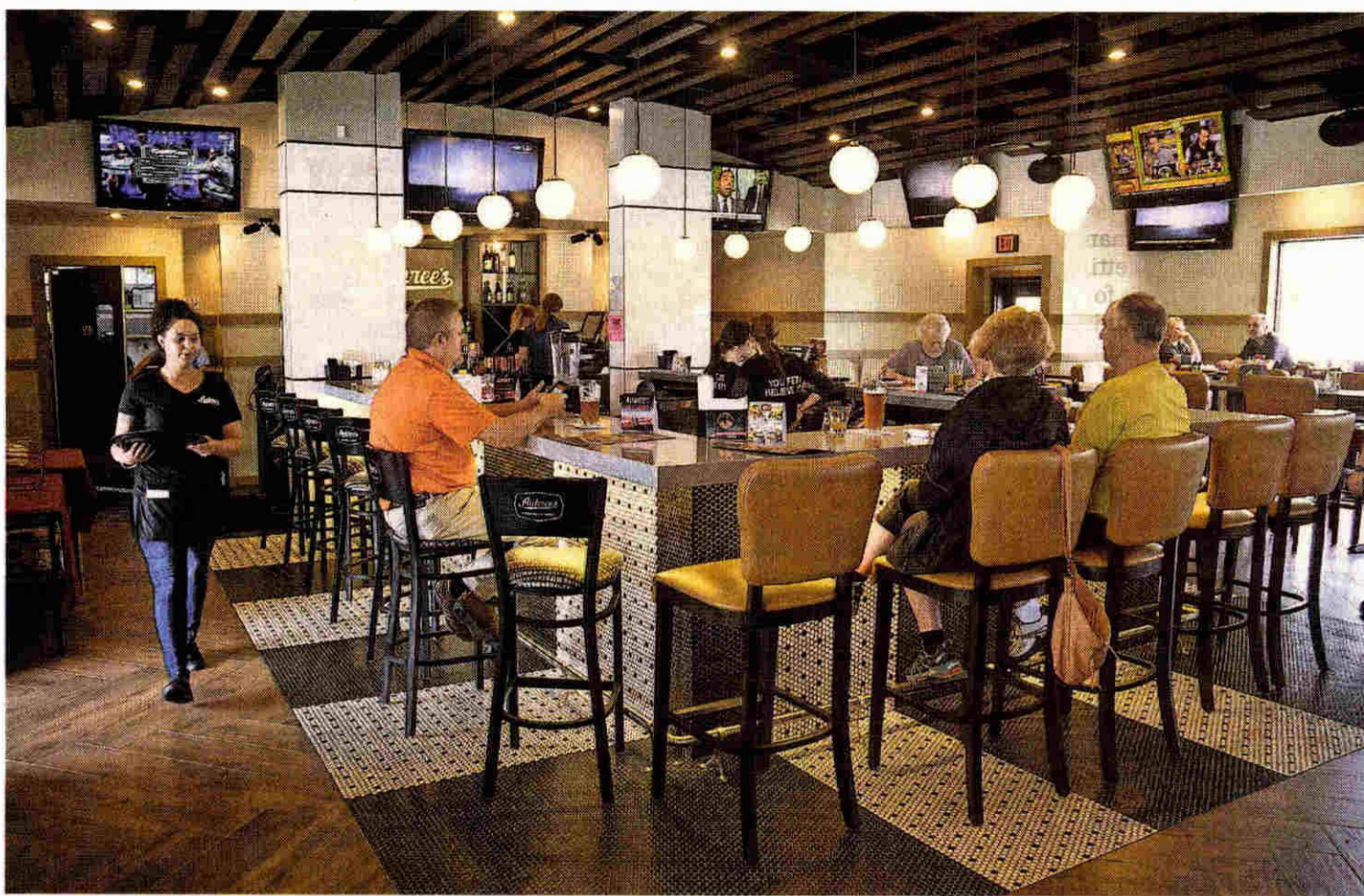
"I told my daughter we were coming here on a date," she said with a smile.

Adriane DeCeuninck, marketing manager for the Ann Arbor-based company, touted the restaurant's extensive menu of hand-crafted cocktails, with names like Killer Colada, Coastal Cocktail, Feeling Peachy and Aubree's Breeze.

"Aubree's Breeze is our No. 1 seller for three years at all of our locations," Halas said. It's a blend of coconut Malibu rum, grenadine and pineapple juice served over ice.

DeCeuninck said Aubree's also serves 14 beers on tap, including some made by Michigan companies such as Mountain Town Brewing Co. of Mt. Pleasant and Dark Horse Brewing Co. of Marshall. The beer selection is rotated often.

Said Halas: "I think the times have dictated what direction we went in with draft beer."



The first customers are seated at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill, on Warren Road in Westland, was busy with customers on its opening day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The restaurant also has a non-alcohol local favorite, Detroit-made Faygo pop.

As an employer, Aubree's has about 450 workers company-wide, with the Westland pizzeria starting off with

about 70 employees. Halas said delivery is offered within a three- to four-mile radius.

Halas said one of the restaurant's most popular offerings is a lunch buffet with several different kinds of pizza,

three different breads, soup and salad. It costs \$8.99 and runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

As a perk, customers can get loyalty cards, earn 1 point for every \$1 they spend and use it toward purchases.

Starting out, Aubree's is open 4-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Starting May 21, the restaurant opens at 11 a.m. daily and has the same closing hours. It has a full bar with televisions and space for special events such as wedding showers and graduation parties. The restaurant also sponsors local events, school teams and groups with its Dine to Donate program.

Other than Westland, other Aubree's locations are in Adrian, South Lyon, Grand Blanc, Dexter, Howell, Plainwell, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Marquette.

For more information, go to [www.aubrees.com](http://www.aubrees.com).

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**City, company supported after fire**

This past week I lost my home and my cat in a fire at Westwood Village Apartments. I have read and heard many comments about this fire and the one at our sister complex, Woodland Villa Apartments, also in Westland, just about two weeks ago.

For the record, our homes are inspected twice a year for smoke detectors, A/C and heat. Preventative maintenance inspections are done each time we renew a lease. Additionally, Westland does frequent inspections to ensure buildings are up to code and safe.

Paragon Properties and Westwood Village staff have been absolutely wonderful and caring over the past several days. Within 24 hours, we received funds from our May lease to help begin replacing what we lost. We were greeted with hugs and tears. Their concern was genuine and sincere, as it has been for the 7 years I have lived in this community. Staff came in as soon as word broke about the fire and they have worked long hours.

Paragon Properties requires each tenant to have renter's insurance. Immediately after the fire they secured hotel rooms and a shuttle to the hotel for those needing assistance. This allowed many of us to start getting back on our feet quickly. They have updated us frequently and are working to get all of us in new homes.

This has been devastating to many families, but I assure you, Paragon Properties, Westwood Village and the City of Westland have been outstanding in their professional management and personal care for us. I am so very grateful for all their efforts on our behalf.

**Laurie Aren**  
Westland

**A look at the attorney**

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's personal fixer lawyer, has now been revealed as a "Pay for Play" czar. From what we already know, millions were paid to Cohen by AT&T, who wants to merge with Time Warner, Novartis, a giant drug company with drug approval pending before the Federal Food and Drug Administration, Korean Aerospace Industries, who currently is in competition with Lockheed for a defense contract with the our Air Force, and Viktor

Vekselberg, a Russian oligarch with close ties to Russian President Valarie Putin. Combined, well over \$2 million has been paid to Cohen by these companies.

These are nationals and international companies of which we know. Likely there are more companies adding to Cohen's slush fund. Since Cohen is not a registered lobbyist, influence peddling of pay to play is the only explanation.

Cohen has claimed in the past his law practice consists of only had three clients, Shawn Hannity Eliot Broady and Trump. We wondered how Cohen could support his law practice with but three clients. It now becomes clear as Cohen is just a bag man who foolishly used the same fake company to pay porn star Stormy Daniels, and receive millions through this same shell company.

How does Cohen's slush fund millions relate to influence buying of Trump? We can only speculate but certain Special Prosecutor John Mueller knows.

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

**Time to speak up for country**

Vitriolic, is one way to describe the writings of Lee Weber and I, for one, am exhausted by his racist, homophobic, hate-filled attacks. Yes, the First Amendment gives both of us to right to express ourselves in a public forum and he's been doing that for quite some time. Edmund Burke (among others) said "The only thing necessary for triumph of evil is that good men do nothing".

It's time for those of us who are law abiding, hardworking, taxpaying citizens, who deeply love our country, to speak up.

My family left England in the 1600s because of religious persecution, I was raised to believe that the separation of Church and State is of the utmost importance. I grew up in a Republican home and attended the First Baptist Church in my town but my integrity, my honesty, my ethics, my principles were learned from my parents.

The right to privacy is paramount in my beliefs and is a basic principle in the founding of our country. When Ronald Reagan added abortion and gay rights to the Republican party platform in 1980, I left the Republican party. These are social issues, not political issues and go

against everything this country stands for, it's a basic right to privacy.

My district is so gerrymandered that I no longer have a voice at any level and I know this has to be unconstitutional. My state is being torn apart by special interests, public education, the cornerstone of our democracy, is being destroyed. If a person can't read then they cannot succeed, never mind math and science, the three R's are reading, reading, reading. The illiteracy rate in this state is staggering, if you can read teach someone who can't.

I was so moved by Barbara Bush's funeral, she was a person who made a difference, in life and in death. I saw Republicans and Democrats sitting next to each other being nice, why is this so strange? Life is so short for me to feel all this stress, I want my country back.

**Florence Pangborn**  
Northville

**Where's the humanity?**

Reflecting upon what people have said and written, I realize that America is losing its humanity! Peterson and Seligman in Character Strengths and Virtues identified humanity ("tending and befriending others") as a core virtue characterized by love and kindness. While love means "being close to people," kindness refers to "generosity, nurturance, care, compassion, [and] altruistic love."

Two basic principles in the Bible are to love one another and to treat others as you want to be treated. In Micah Chapter 6 (NIV) footnote 6.8, we are expected to "love kindness (i.e., not only perform acts of kindness but delight in mercy and rejoice in every opportunity to do mercy." According to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "a great nation is a compassionate nation."

The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution emphasize humanity. While the former considers "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" to be "unalienable Rights, the latter seeks to "insure domestic tranquility ... and [to] promote the general welfare."

Americans know what humanity means. The only question is do we have the will to exemplify this core virtue on both a personal and governmental level.

**Denise "Chip" Black**  
Milford

**Madonna University will offer dance degrees**

Madonna University recently received approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer two new undergraduate programs in dance, beginning this fall: the bachelor of fine arts in dance performance and the bachelor of arts in dance.

"We are thrilled to be able to enhance our already strong liberal arts curriculum with these dance majors," Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo said. "Along with art exhibitions in our Art Gallery, Lyric Theatre shows and music concerts, these new programs will further enrich the arts and cultural opportunities for members of the community."

The BFA degree is aimed at students who aspire to be professional dancers, while the BA degree is suited to students who would like to choreograph, work in a studio or any number of dance-related careers. The programs include ballet, modern dance, jazz, tap, dance composition, repertory courses and production technology.

"Many prospective students, as well as current students, particularly members of Madonna's dance team, have expressed interest in pursuing a degree in dance," said Cam Cruickshank, executive vice president for enrollment and university advancement. "Madonna students engaged in our Lyric Theatre program will now be able to add a dance minor to their music degrees."

"We were most fortunate to recruit many of the acclaimed dance faculty members from Marygrove College, when they discontinued their undergraduate program," Cruickshank said. "The faculty have hit the ground running and already have presented two master dance classes for intermediate- to advanced-level high school dancers, as well as a dance concert. Their energy and enthusiasm for dance will certainly attract students interested in dance who had not previously considered Madonna University."

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# Honey Hole brings the 'finer diner' to Plymouth

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It's impossible to drive or walk past the Honey Hole Diner in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood without being awestruck by the graffiti-style murals on the exterior walls.

On the south wall, a wide-eyed boy swats at honeybees as honey drips from a nearby honeycomb. Bees fly near their own tree house as a young girl seems to peer through a hole into the diner.

On the north wall, a young boy stands under blue skies and casts his fishing pole into his favorite fishing spot, or honey hole, a place where good things are found and good times are had.

That's the appeal Honey Hole Diner owner Anthony Ventura hopes the eatery at 584 Starkweather, north of Main Street, has for his customers.

"We wanted to do a finer diner," Ventura said.

Repeat customer Nicole Wassel can attest to that.

"It's so, so good," she said, pausing outside the eatery one sunny afternoon after polishing off her eggs Benedict with salmon. "It's my second time here this week."

Her son Alex, 10, seemed content after he chased his breakfast with a strawberry, mango and banana smoothie.

Honey Hole didn't come easy. It took a year to gut the building and transform it into a stylish place, where executive chef Lamar Farhat serves up crème brûlée French toast, gourmet mini-sandwiches, pot roast with horseradish mashed potatoes, honey-glazed carrots and beef au jus; crispy chicken and waffles; lemon ricotta pancakes; and numerous other tasty treats.

Farhat said popular menu items include chilaquiles, fish and chips made with a salt and vinegar batter and the mini-sandwiches such as a salmon BLT, honey chicken and portabella burger with a "zip" sauce.

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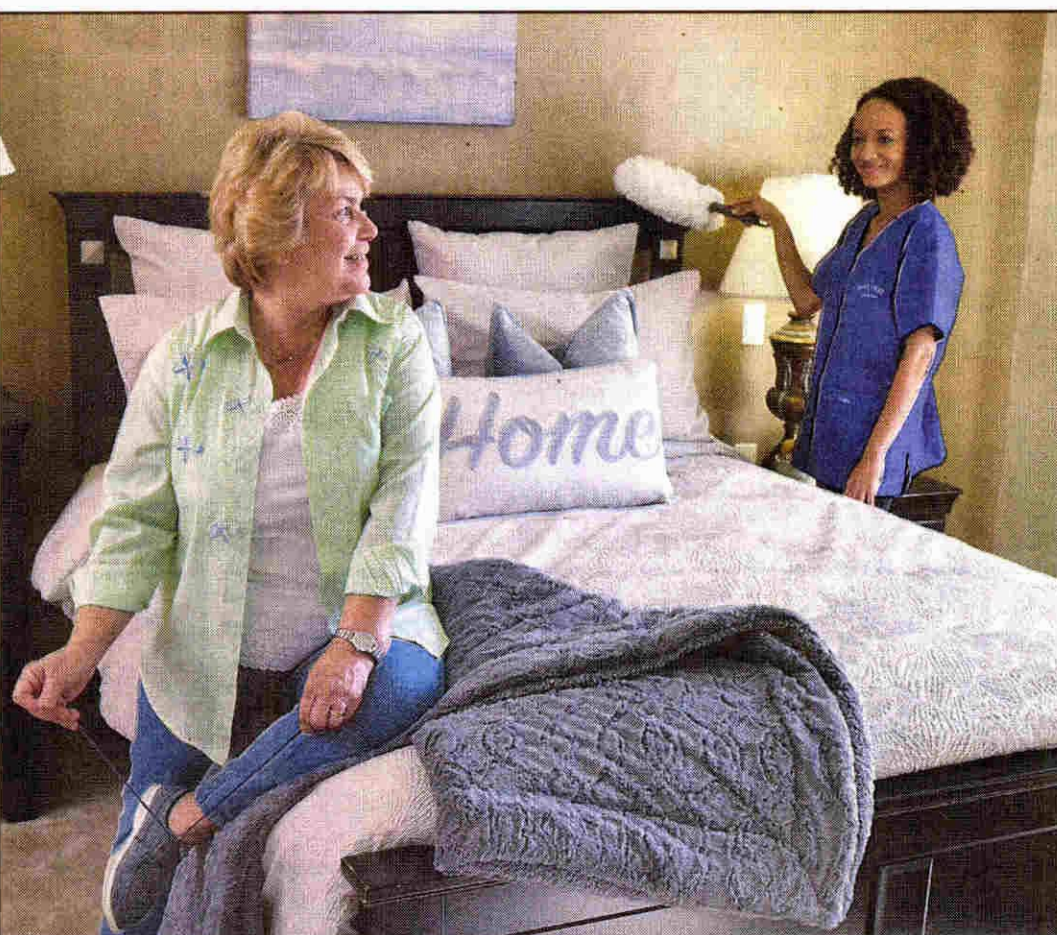
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Chef Lamar Farhat and Anthony Ventura welcome you to The Honey Hole. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Diner

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"A lot of people like to share the mini-sandwiches," Farhat said.

The menu also reflects an attempt to include different cultures, whether it's the Thai noodle dish called Smash Siam, the chilaquiles or the thin-pita falafel.

Honey Hole uses locally sourced foods, makes baked goods daily and gets its coffee from Coffee Express Roasting Co. of Plymouth Township. The diner sells honey made by beekeeper Dave Zurek of Honey Bear Farms in Northville. Got a sweet tooth? Honey Hole also serves fresh cheesecake, honey nut roll and other cakes.

Ventura expects to have a liquor license within 30-60 days, with plans including hand-crafted cocktails.

Old Village seemed a good fit for Honey Hole. Ventura said the neighborhood often doesn't seem to get as much attention as downtown Plymouth and the restaurants there.

Ventura said the goal was to bring something "new school" to Old Village.

The murals were made by Detroit artist Brian Glass, also known as Sintex. Interior hand-painted artwork,

including images of flowers that attract honeybees, was done by Northville-based artist Denise Cassidy Wood. Tables and walls are made of cherry wood, walnut wood and old barnwood.

And there are practical amenities. Honey Hole has a big machine that processes 45 oranges in one minute to make fresh-squeezed orange juice.

Honey Hole, site of a former fish market and liquor store, seats 61 people inside and a similar number outside. It also has an outdoor set-up for bocce ball and new sod was being brought in to improve it.

The bocce ball area can be rented for special occasions. Honey Hole also caters special events such as graduation parties.

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff said Honey Hole brings a unique addition to Old Village.

"It's a good alternative," he said "The food is good and it's a great addition to Old Village."

And it's proof you don't have to go fishing to find a good honey hole.

For more on Honey Hole Diner, go to <http://www.honeyholediner.com/>.

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# Schools

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to have kids, we have to re-propose the case for Catholic education.”

One such way is the Unleash the Gospel initiative, launched after a 2016 synod by Archbishop Allen Vigneron. Touching on all aspects of Catholic life, the plan calls for specific ways to keep Catholic education a strong aspect of evangelization for the church.

The plan calls for the archdiocese's Catholic Schools Council to move forward on working on making Catholic education accessible to any Catholic family in the archdiocese, keeping evangelization and discipleship as its highest priority and work to eliminate sporting activities on Sundays, among others.

The archdiocese sent out surveys to schools and parishes earlier this year and results are beginning to come in. The data collected in this plan, according to archdiocese schools superintendent Kevin Kijewski, will be used to better focus their efforts.

“It's going to really help to focus them,” Kijewski said. “Everyone wants to see schools improve, but it's important to get the voices of a broad constituency that support a school.”

In a letter sent to school principals across Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Monroe and St. Clair counties, Kijewski said there is plenty of room to grow.

“The results of the studies indicated

that all of our schools and the Archdiocese of Detroit are blessed with an unprecedented opportunity to foster growth and innovation,” he wrote. “In sum, we see that parents, pastors, teachers, students and supporters see the value of our Catholic Schools; however, we also hear loud and clear that a comprehensive and cohesive plan should be created and implemented so our school system may become one of the best in the country.”

### Declining enrollment

Unleash the Gospel comes at a time where Catholic schools, especially in Wayne County, are closing. In addition to Ladywood High School, St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne and St. Mary Catholic School in Rockwood will close at the end of the school year.

The archdiocese's website lists more than 160 former schools that have closed over the years, including several in western Wayne County: St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford in 2015, St. Genevieve in Livonia in 2016, St. Damian in Westland in 2016 and St. Raphael in Garden City in 2016.

With those four closures, there were calls to try to keep a regional school in the area, though those plans fell through. The new regional school, named Divine Mercy, was to open on the St. Raphael campus if 250 students enrolled. Just 75 did, leading the archdiocese to scrap the idea.

Pullis, who was not working in the schools at that time, said the instance is one the archdiocese has

looked at.

“That was a really sad situation,” he said. “How do we learn from what didn't work there and what worked in other places?”

### Efforts

Challenges in Catholic education face many of the same challenges public schools have faced: Declining populations in the inner-ring suburbs have resulted in school closures all over.

“Part of it is that our schools aren't immune to what all schools experience,” said Holly Fournier, a spokeswoman for the archdiocese. “And that is changing demographics, lower birth rates — all schools are experiencing lower enrollment. And schools are closing everywhere.”

On the public school level, two elementary schools closed last year in Livonia and Harrison High School in Farmington is scheduled to close in 2019. And the Wayne-Westland Community School District recently voted to reconfigure the school district in order to eventually close buildings due to declining enrollment.

To keep Catholic schools vibrant, Kijewski said there are several measures being looked at, including adding dual language immersion programs at schools and integrating more STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) into the classrooms.

Doing so strengthens many programs that already see benefits when a child attends Catholic school, Kijewski said. Minorities who attend Catholic schools are 2.4 times more likely to earn a bachelor's degree. Students who already graduate can typically expect to

make 13-14 percent more as well.

“We believe that, when it comes to the Catholic church, nothing is isolated,” he said. “We believe we can have kids who are prepared for careers of tomorrow, while also having that in a Catholic environment.”

He points to Holy Redeemer Grade School in southwest Detroit as an example. That school is the alma mater of Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the first native-born Detroit to don the red robes in the Catholic Church. It's doing wonderful mission work in that neighborhood, Kijewski said, complete with community support and a successful STEM program.

Examining costs is something else the archdiocese will look at. With costs of everything increasing, Kijewski said reviewing costs for students is something to study.

“If we could bring more kids into our system because it's affordable, the better off not only those families will be, but the better off the church will be as well,” he said.

Keeping students enrolled in schools and proclaiming the church's message is all part of the plan, especially as the schools work to factor in the Unleash the Gospel plan. But at the end of the day, Kijewski said, it's all about keeping the faith.

“We want to help the archbishop achieve his mission. Yes, it's great if a kid gets into Harvard, but it's even better if they're able to get into heaven,” he said. “I don't know how you can compete against that.”

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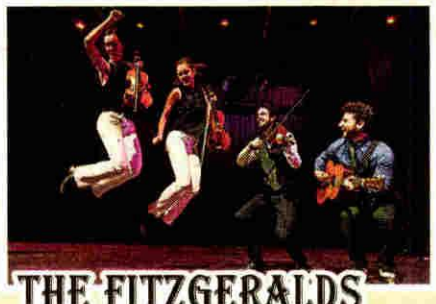
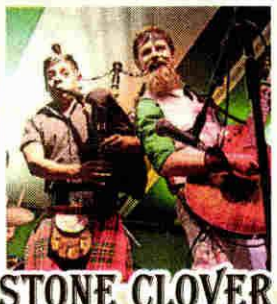
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# A look back as Ladywood prepares to close

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It didn't take long for Ashley Chichila to feel like she had found the right place to spend high school.

The 14-year-old Livonia girl visited Ladywood High School last year and instantly fell in love with it.

"I shadowed here and, immediately, I just felt so welcomed," she said. "It was a unique environment with the block scheduling and how close everyone was here and how friendly they all were. I just felt like I was meant to be here. It was a great fit for me personally."

That feeling continues on in Chichila as the school year wraps up and, with it, so does Ladywood. The high school, which has been operated by the Felician Sisters for more than 60 years along Newburgh Road in Livonia, will close in June, a result of dwindling enrollment at the all-girls school.

With its closure goes a school with a rich academic history, several state titles in volleyball, basketball, competitive cheer, cross country and softball and the last all-girls Catholic school in Wayne County.

The school opened in 1950 with 45 students and graduated its first class in 1953. At the time of its announced closure in December, the school had about 169 students, though it had seen a 60-percent drop in enrollment since 2005.

Principal and Ladywood alumna Tracey Mocon said the days after word was out the school would close were tough. But with those challenges came a renewed sense of faith: that God's plan for the students and teachers of Ladywood would be revealed.

"Initially, when you hear an announcement and you're sad, it may seem mysterious at that time. But each day, God's plan is revealed more and more," she said. "As a Catholic school, we find comfort in our faith and in the fact that we believe that God has a plan for all of us."

For the underclassmen, many have decided to remain in Catholic schools next year, attending such schools as



Abigail Randall, Ladywood class of 2016, mom Michelle Randall and Elizabeth Randall, class of 2018. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Marian High School in Bloomfield Township, Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, St. Catherine of Siena High School in Wixom, Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and Powers Catholic High School in Flint.

Chichila plans on attending Mercy High School next year. Her mother, Nicole Chichila, said the process of finding another school was tough, but she took comfort in the care other schools took in working with families displaced by the closure.

"Every school was amazing. Every school was open arms," she said. "Everyone was just so helpful. Nothing is Ladywood. But like I said, Ashley is resilient and she'll find her place."

#### Celebration of the school

There's been no decision yet by the Felician Sisters as to what will happen to the school building and its property at 14680 Newburgh. A decision is expected to come later this year after the Felician Services have solicited for proposals. At least one group has proposed keeping a Catholic school on the site after classes end later this year.

For the teachers, Mocon said representatives from the Archdiocese of De-

troit have been in touch and the school is working to help those teachers affected through resume-writing and connecting them with potential employers across the archdiocese.

While activities will wrap up soon, there are still several events on the Ladywood calendar. Graduation will take place May 24 and a celebration of the school's legacy June 2. A Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in the presentation chapel, followed by tours of the building.

Sister Felicity Marie Madigan, the school's dean of ministry and mission, has been at the school about five years. While the school is closing, she said she has treasured getting close to the students and seeing them succeed.

"It has been a great experience getting to know individually the girls in the school and their tenacity, their vibrancy," she said. "It's wonderful to come in each and every day and to see the excitement in the air."

For those who currently attend or have attended the school, many will agree on one thing: it's a place girls have made great academic and social strides to help prepare them for life after high

school.

That's the feeling of current senior Elizabeth Randall, who has participated in groups such as the ski team and the sideline cheer team for the school. Attending the school, she said, has prepared her for the challenges she's expecting as she joins her sister Abigail in attending the University of Michigan this fall.

"It's really created a strong academic background and a strong social network," the Farmington Hills resident said. "A true social network."

Attending Catholic school, said Randall's mother, Michelle Randall, was always something she wanted her children to do. With three children and higher tuition bills, attending Catholic school could have been a challenge.

But it was one Michelle Randall said was absolutely worth it.

"I want them to connect their God-given talents to their future in the services of others," she said. "The holistic approach to the education they've received here was worth every penny I paid, without a doubt."

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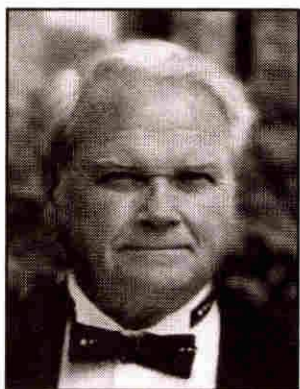
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## Ronald Hale

FARMINGTON - Age 83, passed away May 10, 2018. Ronald was born April 25, 1935, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; the son of Norman and Leila (Cooper) Hale. Surviving Ron is his beloved wife of 60 years, Alice; children, Kevin (Margaret) Hale, Craig (Theresa) Hale, Kenneth (Jennifer) Hale, Catherine (Michael) King, Kurtis (Margaret) Hale and Carrie (Michael) Carbone; grandchildren, Brian Hale, Kristen Hale, Adam Hale, Alex Hale, Ava Hale, Sarah King, Elizabeth Hale, Ann-Marie Hale and Matthew Carbone. Sadly, Ron is preceded in death by his brother, Roger Hale. A funeral Mass for Ron was held May 16, 2018 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, and he was laid to rest at St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery in Brighton, Michigan. Memorial contributions in Ron's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter. [www.heeney-sundquist.com](http://www.heeney-sundquist.com)



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## James A. Shaw

MILFORD - age 73, died May 13, 2018. Beloved husband of 19 years to Jennine (née Boswell, Palizzi); loving father of Kimberly (Matthew) Tice, Kristin (Brent Novak) Shaw, and Kathryn (Adam) Madigan; devoted grandfather of Kyle, Krista, Kevin and Konor Tice, Taylor, Tanner and Tucker Shaw Novak, and Jackson, Alexander and Brooke Madigan; and "Grandpa Jim/Jimbo" to the children of Julie (Gary) Abeska and Steven (Lisa) Palizzi: Joe, Kellie and Alex Abeska, and Nick, Noah and Sophie Palizzi. Sadly, Jim was preceded in death by siblings, Charlotte Leesburg, Lawrence, Shirley Belin, Glenn, and Jean Dupart. The Shaw family will receive guests at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, (between 9-10 Mile Roads, just north of Grand River), downtown Farmington (48-474-5200), on Saturday, June 2, from 10 am-1 pm, concluded by a 1 pm ceremony. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to either the Salvation Army, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the National Parks Conservation Association. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)



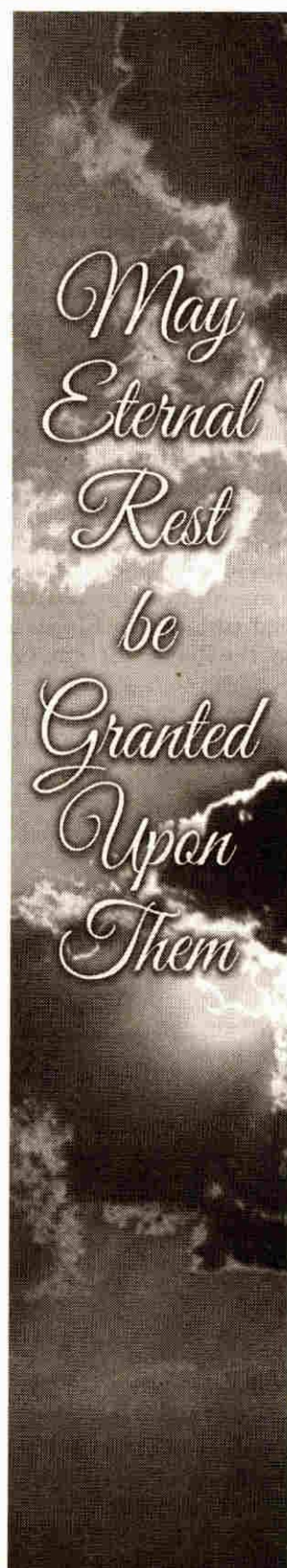
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## Duane Jennings

-- Duane Joseph Jennings passed away May 11, 2018 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of the late Charlene for 55 years. Loving father of Tracey (Mark) Hartsough, Jennine (Todd) Senkbeil, David Jennings, and Darin (Laura) Jennings. Cherished grandfather of Jenny (Zachary), Josef, Rachel, Lauren, Tyler, Kaila, Alyssa, Zac, and Christa. Proud great-grandfather of Anika and Audrey. Dear brother of Darald. Duane was a dedicated teacher for over 30 years in Livonia Public Schools. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Samaritan's Purse. Calling hours will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Sunday, May 20th at 5-8 PM. Viewing will be May 21st at St. Colletes 9:30-10 AM. Mass to follow.

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**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
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**Q:** I am 61 years old, single, with no dependents. The company I have worked at for more than 20 years announced that it's going out of business. My original game plan was to work until I received my full Social Security, which is another five or so years. At that point, Social Security would cover all my needs. I probably can find another job, but it won't pay what I currently make. Therefore, I'm just thinking of retiring. I figure by the time my severance and unemployment benefits end, I'll be 62 and can collect Social Security. I am divorced and I don't need much to live on. If I collect Social Security at 62, I figure I would need about an additional \$500 a month from my portfolio. My financial situation is I have about \$10,000 in the bank for emergencies and I

to grow to supplement your lifestyle. One of the things that I constantly stress to investors who are getting ready to retire is they need to make sure they have a rising income throughout their lifetime.

**A:** I would love to tell you that you can retire, because I know how difficult it must be to lose a job that you've been at for more than 20 years — but, I can't. I believe that the prudent and smart thing to do would be to work for another five or so years, when you are eligible to receive your full Social Security benefit. I think your original game plan before you lost your job made sense and one you should follow, because it puts you in a position where your Social Security would virtually cover your entire living expenses. That leaves you with your IRA, which would have five more years

to grow to supplement your lifestyle. One of the things that I constantly stress to investors who are getting ready to retire is they need to make sure they have a rising income throughout their lifetime. When someone retires in their early 60s, it is important that they have money that they can let reinvest and grow for the future. Someone in their 60s can easily live another 30 years; go back 30 years and you will see that the cost of living was substantially less than it is today. After all, 30 years ago, no one had to worry about cellphones or the Internet. Those items are not considered luxuries today, but rather essentials.

You don't necessarily have to earn the same wages you did before. The key is to make sure that you make enough to cover your living expenses. Even if you don't have extra money to save, that's fine as long as you're covering your living expenses. The fact you would delay needing money from your portfolio and collecting your Social Security benefits would give you the cushion that you need.

As I've said many times, we live in the greatest country in the history of the world — but life is not necessarily good in America if you're old and poor. Retirement is not your grandparents' retirement; it is totally different. Your expenses don't go down in retirement; they continue to rise. Before you make the decision to retire, it is important to make sure that you can have a rising income throughout your lifetime.

In addition, think about how long you can live in retirement. Someone who retires in their early 60s should plan on being around for 30 years. I can't guarantee you many things when it comes to investing, but one thing I can guarantee is that, 30 years down the road, it will cost you substantially more to live than it does today.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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## ST. MICHAEL STUDENTS COMPETE IN QUIZ BOWL



Ten students in grades 7-8 from St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia spent Mother's Day weekend in Rosemont, Ill., competing in the 2018 Middle School National Championship Tournament with more than 200 teams of their peers from across the country. Commonly known as Quiz Bowl, this competition is the National Academic Quiz Tournament's premier middle school event and features the country's top quiz bowl teams, determined by a year's worth of regional tournaments and competitions. Two teams of five students each from St. Michael qualified for the event at a middle school tournament in Holt last November. Lucy Trapp captained the 'A' team, with teammates Adam Katers, Josh Zych, Brayden Kielb, and Abby Koch. Caitlyn Begosa captained the 'B' team, with teammates Andrew Hall, Andrew Carl, Nine Oralde and Gianna Schbert. The teams are coached by teachers Louise Hopping and Edward Faunt.

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# Horseback riding can be therapeutic



**Our Mental Health**  
L.J. McCullough  
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Therapeutic horseback riding can be traced back to ancient Greek history.

Even then it was acknowledged that riding, although being a means of transportation, was also a way of improving the health and well-being for the handicapped. The Greeks learned that sending wounded soldiers out on horseback excursions expedited their recovery. British hospitals did the same during World War II.

In 1969, the North American Riding for the Handicap Association was founded as an advisory body for disabled groups across the U.S. and Canada. There are now hundreds of accredited therapeutic riding programs in the United States, involving more than 35,000 riders with disabilities. Integrating horse riding into therapy programs began in the U.S. some 30 years ago on a farm outside of Grand Rapids.

Many years ago, I participated in an English saddle riding class for two years. There is nothing like the feeling of power when one is sitting on a horse's back, gripping its reins and mane, as horse and human are united in movement, in mid-air while hurtling over a fence. Imagine the empowerment of a youngster or adult who is wheelchair-bound who, through horses, masters the powerful animal and is able to sit upright and proudly ride. Physically challenged children involved in therapeutic horse riding have been heard to say, "Well maybe I can't walk so good, but I can ride a horse!"

It has been shown that a walking horse with a seated rider exercises the injured body parts of the human being by providing similar muscle movement to that which one would acquire by walking on the ground. Balance and strength are enhanced. An individual with gait problems or paralysis of the lower half of the body can gain much physical and mental rejuvenation from sitting on a walking horse.

"Side walkers" typically accompany the new rider until they are no longer needed and the rider can manage the horse by him/herself. There is a tremendous psychological benefit to mastering things much bigger than ourselves — and horses certainly fit the bill. The gentle rhythm of the walking horse has a calming effect on children and adults with impairments and is a unique and valuable characteristic of this process.

C.H.U.M. — Children and Adults United Through Movement — is a therapeutic riding program in Mason. Bonnie DePue, physical therapist, owns and operates a wonderful program that has benefited several traumatic brain injury patients that I have been working with over the years.

The Serendipity Riding Program is owned and operated Debbie Praay and is located just south of Mount Pleasant. In my consulting with Praay's program, we experienced a rare moment. An 8-year-old autistic boy, who had reportedly never spoken a word, visited SRP. On his first visit to the therapy horse ranch and his first encounter with a horse, he was told that he could touch the horse while he, parent and Praay were in the stall. The boy stroked the horse gently and said the first word in his life: "soft." With trained helpers, he has had several classes in therapeutic riding and has begun speaking more. The phone number for SRP is 989-370-3030.

Finally, a fairly new program called Detroit Horse Power is creating a marvelous program to make horse riding available in the city of Detroit. The program combines a series of classwork study and application of principles from horseback riding to learn qualities of motivation, trust, gentleness and decision making. For more information, go to <http://www.detroithorsepower.org/>.

*Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.*

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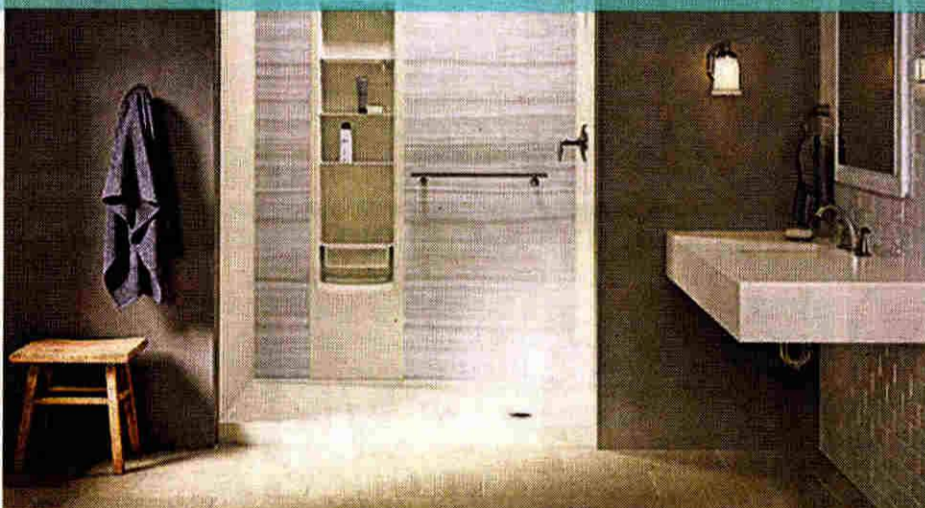
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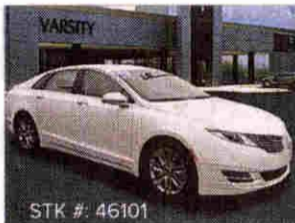
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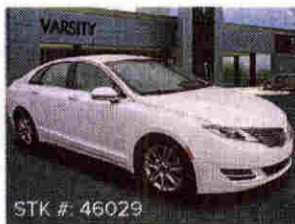


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# Sports

BOYS GOLF

## Clarkston captures county title

Seaholm finishes in second place in loaded field

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's safe to say the Oakland Activities Association Red Division is one of the state's top leagues for boys golf. That was proven again Wednesday at the annual Oakland County tournament.

The Red Division trio of Birmingham Seaholm (No. 2 state ranking in Division 1), Lake Orion (No. 3) and Clarkston (No. 4) swept the top three places at the county tourney, held at the Pontiac Country Club.

Clarkston captured top honors with a score of 297, the only squad in the 24-team field to break 300. Seaholm was

six strokes behind in with 303 and Lake Orion eight strokes back at 305.

Defending Oakland County champ Detroit Catholic Central (311) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (314), ranked No. 3 in Division 2, rounded out the top five.

"The OAA Red is a tough place to be, especially this year," said Pete Gallagher, in his 10th year as Clarkston's head coach. "I thought between 295 and 300 would win it and we were just about right there, halfway between that."

"In Oakland County golf, there are so many good teams. We've come in second a whole bunch and I'm not sure

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The foursome of Henry Scavone, Jack Muir, Alex Acho and Hagen Cunningham led Seaholm to a second-place finish at the annual Oakland County tournament at the Pontiac Country Club. MARTY BUDNER

PREP TRACK

## THE FINAL PASS

Former Blazers reunite in school's last home meet

**Brad Emons**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Although a bit faded, it was only appropriate that Katy Harley-Frederick broke out her original powder blue running singlet from her days as a member of Livonia Ladywood's track and field team.

It was not only nostalgic, but bitter-sweet for Harley-Frederick and several other Ladywood grads who took part Monday afternoon in an alumni meet with the 13 remaining members of the Blazers track program.

Ladywood, which will be closing its doors next month because of declining enrollment, is winding down a proud athletic past.

"I was super sad. I almost wanted to cry because I have so many good memories of Ladywood," said Harley-Frederick, a 1983 alum. "It was the best four years. I mean, I have a great life now, but it was a great place to be in high school."

When Harley-Frederick was on the Ladywood campus, the Blazers were a formidable group of runners, capturing the 1980 MHSAA Class B cross country state championship under coach Ray Prosser with names like Jennifer Rioux (Michigan/Wake Forest) Kelly Champagne (New Mexico) and Lisa Bagdady (University of Detroit Mercy).

In 1981, the Blazers also took runner-up honors in track and field in Class B. Back in those days, Ladywood didn't even have its own track. Practices were held out in the school parking lot.

But with enrollment dropping 60 percent since 2005 and with only 169 students in grades 9-12, the Felician Sisters of North America decided to pull the plug on Ladywood last December. The announcement, which caught many off-guard, came from Sister M. Alfonsa Van Overbergh, chair of the school's board of trustees.

During the mid-'90s, Ladywood's track and field program thrived. Lindsay Parsell-Soter, a 1996 grad, and Nicole Clauson-Grant, a 1995 grad, were two of

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Nikki Horn-Bagdady ('89) chases her daughter Samantha Horn at the start of the 3,200-meter run. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Current and former Ladywood High School runners pose for a group photo. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

COLLEGE SIGNING

## Seaholm's Mixon headed to DePauw

**Marty Budner**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

DePauw University took a special interest in Seaholm's Cooper Mixon and it's something he appreciated as much as a game-winning basket.

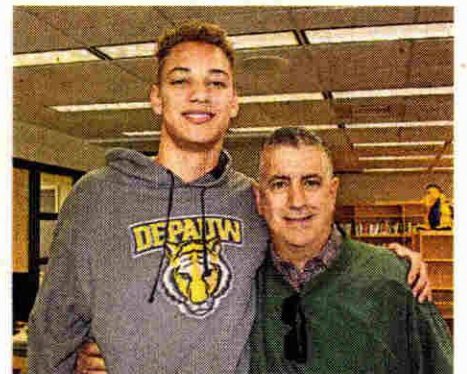
Tuesday afternoon inside the school's media center, Mixon signed his national letter of intent to play basketball at the Indiana school.

The 17-year-old Troy resident had considered Grand Valley State, Wayne State, Rochester (N.Y.) College and Denison (Ohio) University. Mixon made his decision to attend DePauw shortly after this season and said it was the school's persistence that ultimately won him over.

"DePauw really liked me. They were at at least five of my games," said Mixon, who had visited DePauw twice. "And it's 5½ hours away, so that just showed me they cared about me as a player and I appreciated that. The other schools were at some of my games, but they didn't show me as much love as DePauw did."

"They said I had a lot of potential and are really happy to add me to the team," he added. "They think I can make an impact right away."

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Cooper Mixon (left) was a two-year varsity player for Seaholm basketball coach Mike DeGeeter. MARTY BUDNER

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## COLLEGE SIGNINGS

## Seaholm nine sign letters of intent

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The media center at Birmingham Seaholm was the scene of a college commitment celebration Tuesday afternoon.

Nine student-athletes signed national letters of intent and announced where they plan to attend college in front of a nice crowd of family, friends, a collection of school coaches and fellow students.

The 15-minute event was coordinated and presided over by longtime Seaholm athletic director Aaron Frank.

Following is a list of those who announced their college intentions:

**Brennan Bull****Sport:** Tennis**College:** Rochester Institute of Technology**Athletic accomplishments:**

Two-year captain; four-time regional team champion; two-year No. 1 singles player; two-year coach's award recipient; athletic director Sportsmanship Award recipient.

**Quote:** "I am proud and honored to have been a part of this team and of my accomplishments over the past four years, but even more excited for the opportunities and challenges that await me at Rochester Institute of Technology."

**Carson Claar****Sport:** Squash**College:** Bowdoin College**Athletic accomplishments:**

Four-year varsity tennis player; No. 2 singles player as a senior; two-year varsity lacrosse player; highest squash ranking, No. 14 in country; played in more than 50 national tournaments; current skill ranking, 5.03 out of 5.5.

**Quote:** "What's squash? Give me five minutes and I'll explain it to you."

**Fotini Demetriou****Sport:** Soccer**College:** Oakland University**Athletic accomplishments:**

Four-year varsity starter; all-district, all-league and scholar athlete (2015, 2016, ODP); 2017 ECNL national champion; Michigan Hawks captain.

**Quote:** "I am excited to be a part of an amazing program next year with exceptional staff and players. It's a place where I can grow and become better



A signing ceremony Tuesday inside the media center at Birmingham Seaholm involved nine student-athletes. MARTY BUDNER

person and student-athlete."

**Nicholas Lang****Sport:** Football**College:** Kalamazoo College**Athletic accomplishments:**

All-league (2017); team offensive player of the year, skill player of the year and receptions leader; three receiving touchdowns, one interception (2017); senior captain; three-year varsity player; team rookie of the year (2015); two-year varsity lacrosse letter winner.

**Quote:** "I had a one-on-one with (Kalamazoo) coach (Jamie) Zorbo and he just kind of laid out everything we would go through as a team and how they would help me academically, because it's a very good academically rigorous school and I was a little worried how I would balance that. But he gave me a very good explanation of how to balance that and that made me feel very comfortable. And I had an overnight with the team and I felt very comfortable. The team was very welcoming and they are very close. Those are the reasons why I chose Kalamazoo College. I feel like I am ready to play at the next level after playing the last three years at Seaholm. I have been playing against very good teams — Farmington Hills Harrison, Oak Park, teams that have a lot of D-I guys on it — and (Seaholm) coach (Jim) DeWald is a very good coach. He gets you ready for the next level and he just helped me a lot through this process. I feel very comfortable moving on."

**Molly Ligon****Sport:** Volleyball**College:** Hope College

**Athletic accomplishments:** Three-year varsity player; two-year varsity

captain, JV captain; all-state honorable mention (2017); two-time all-regional, all-conference and all-league; four-time scholar-athlete; three-time academic all-state; member of 2015 OAA Red Division championship team.

**Quote:** "I can't wait to take on the challenges ahead of me at Hope College, both academically and athletically. Go, Dutch!"

**Heather Meadows****Sport:** Track and field**College:** Grand Valley State University**Athletic accomplishments:**

Awarded more than 40 track and field medals; varsity captain (2018); team MVP (2016, 2017); coaches award (2017); broke school 100-meter hurdle record (2017); AAU Junior Olympics (2017); indoor track and field state meet (2015, 2016, 2017); heptathlon competitor (2017); scholar-athlete.

**Quote:** "I am extremely excited to attend Grand Valley State University. I feel it's the right place for me to take my academics and athletics to the next level."

**Cooper Mixon****Sport:** Basketball**College:** DePauw (Ind.) University**Athletic accomplishments:**

Oakland County scholar-athlete (2017, 2018); all-state honorable mention; all-conference nominee (2018); senior captain; Black Student Union; Moneyball AAU team member.

**Quote:** "I am looking forward to playing college basketball and being part of



the team at DePauw."

**Henry Scavone****Sport:** Golf**College:** Carnegie Mellon (Pa.) University**Athletic accomplishments:**

Four-year varsity player; two-year captain; all-state first team (2017); varsity MVP (2017); Detroit Free Press Boys Golf Player of the Year finalist (2018); top 10 state meet finish (2017); sportsmanship award (2016).

**Quote:** "I visited the campus and immediately fell in love with it. Loved it. I contacted the coach (Dan Rodgers) right away and we started to build a good relationship over the course of five or six months. And with how good their engineering program is and with my passion for math and science, it was just a perfect fit for me as far as education and golf combined. I committed in November (2017), just after Thanksgiving."

**Vaishnav Siddapureddy****Sport:** Football**College:** Pomona (Calif.) College**Athletic accomplishments:**

Two-time Glen Goode Award winner for performance, leadership and academic excellence; first team academic all-state; OAA scholar-athlete; Maple of the Year award (2016); team captain (2017).

**Quote:** "I am so excited to get to Pomona and be able to continue my education and athletics at a top-notch college in beautiful southern California."



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## HARRISON ATHLETES SIGN COLLEGE LETTERS



A trio of Farmington Harrison student-athletes took advantage of the recent spring signing period to announce their college intentions. They included (from left) Chris Rexroth (Hope College, football), Hailey Stewart (Saginaw Valley State University, swimming) and Drew Hinckley (Saginaw Valley State University, swimming).

## Mixon

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**Merit scholarship winner**

DePauw has a national reputation as a liberal arts college with a top-notch business school and that played a factor, since Mixon plans to major either in business or psychology.

Mixon owns a 3.80 grade-point average and has been an Oakland County scholar-athlete the past two years. He has earned a full merit scholarship to DePauw as a Rector Scholar Recipient.

Veteran Seaholm head coach Mike DeGeeter was in attendance at Tuesday's signing and is happy to see his oft-injured guard get the opportunity to play next-level basketball.

"Cooper's good academically too," DeGeeter said. "He's not just a one-trick pony. DePauw has a program he wants to get into."

Mixon's main attribute, according to DeGeeter, is his dedication to the game.

"He is the consummate gym rat and a basketball player," DeGeeter said. "He plays over 70 games a summer with AAU (Moneyball) and he's in the gym all the time. He's a great defender and great 3-point shooter."

"Cooper was primarily a scorer when he got to varsity, but his defense and rebounding have improved immeasurably," he added. "He's been injured a lot and that's what kept him from being really all he wanted to be."

Mixon played two years of varsity basketball at Seaholm, averaging 19 points in 16 games this past season. He scored a season-high 34 points

in an early-season battle against Farmington Harrison, connecting on a last-second baseline jumper to lift Seaholm to a thrilling 59-57 victory, which proved one of his career highlights.

Seaholm's senior captain was a Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan honorable mention player and an all-conference nominee this past season. The Maples finished with nine wins in each of the past two seasons.

**Fulfilling a dream**

The 6-foot-6 Mixon knows he will have to raise his level of play at DePauw, which has one of the most successful Division III programs in the country. The Tigers have had 29 winning seasons over the last 32 years, with a 321-69 record on their home court at Neal Fieldhouse since its opening in 1982.

DePauw is a member of the 10-team North Coast Athletic Conference, which includes teams from Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"They like my length and how I'm versatile and that I can guard a lot of positions," Mixon said. "I think I'm a good scorer and I can score on most defenders. I think I can really excel as a (college) player and become the player I always wanted to be — as good as I can be."

"It's been my dream ever since I was a little kid to play college basketball. It takes dedication. You can't take days off and you really have to know what you're doing."

"I had fun while playing at Seaholm, but now I get to move on to the next chapter," he added. "This is really exciting."

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BOYS LACROSSE

# Detroit CC captures school's first crown

Pattinson's five goals fuels 11-8 victory in Catholic League final

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Birmingham Brother Rice had history on its side, but Detroit Catholic Central decided to make history of its own May 12 by winning its first-ever Catholic League boys lacrosse championship.

Thanks to Ethan Pattinson's five goals, the Shamrocks ended Rice's 13-year league title run with an 11-8 victory at Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium.

Rice, the 13-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion, came into the match having won 18 of 19 Catholic League titles.



**Pattinson**

But the Shamrocks, who won earlier this season at Rice, 10-9 in overtime — their first victory over the Warriors since 1992 — made it two in a row against their vaunted rival by outscoring the Warriors 3-0 in the decisive fourth quarter to break an 8-8 deadlock.

"That was my high for the year," said Pattinson, a midfielder who also chipped in two assists. "Honestly, it was the chemistry. All week in practice, we've been harping on moving of the ball, playing with intensity and we really brought it. This team is something special and we promise we'll be there again."

Pattinson scored two unassisted goals in the fourth quarter and Joey Kamish had the other to help seal the victory as CC improved to 13-2 overall.

"It was knotted up for a fair portion of the game," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "We caught a couple breaks and we helped ourselves a little bit. It was a couple of gut checks with guys that were just absolutely putting the hammer down and going to the next level, which we train for. This is what we train for."

Senior Peter Thompson added three goals, while Ryan Birney scored the other two for CC.

"Everyone's heads were in it," said Pattinson, who will play next year at NCAA Division I Bellarmine (Ky.) University. We always talk about don't be individuals, be a whole team, a whole unit and that's how you get the win."

But it was definitely Pattinson's finest hour as a Shamrock.

"He just goes, he understands," Wilson said. "Sometimes your team needs you to do special things without becoming the entire team, as a person of one or heroic effort, but he makes the shots count and makes me look good, doesn't he?"

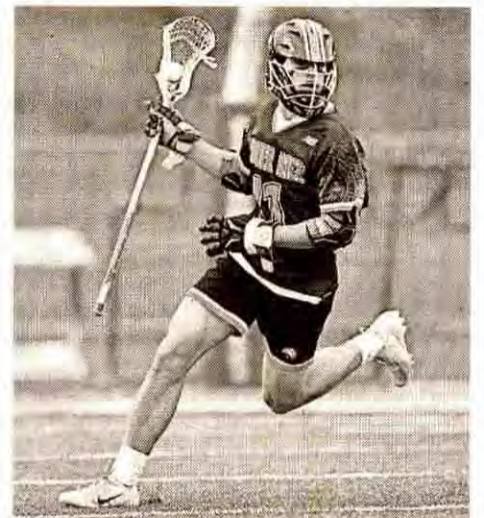
It was 2-2 after one quarter and Rice seized momentum going into the half, taking a 5-3 lead with just 19 seconds left on an unassisted goal by Mike Cosgrove. But CC countered with only one second remaining to cut the deficit to



Catholic Central players and staff celebrate their first league boys lacrosse title in school history.



Bloody knee and all, CC's Ryan Sullivan looks for an opening. DAVE DONOHER



Brother Rice's Mike Cosgrove looks for an avenue against Catholic Central's defense. DAVE DONOHER

one on Birney's goal from Kamish.

"That hurt us and definitely took some steam out," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "But those things happen. It's the game. It happens our way sometimes and it happened their way today."

CC outscored the Warriors 4-3 in the third quarter to pull even at 8-8 and then sophomore goalie Jakob Hemme blanked Rice over the final quarter.

"He got the last three or four, just little bits and pieces of them, but they all count," Wilson said of his goalie.

Rice (8-7) got two goals apiece from D.J. Dixon and Cosgrove, while Charlie Comer, Jordan Hyde, Dylan Braddock and Justin Glod each added one.

"They got a couple of calls and every call cost us," Chawla said of the final quarter. "If you go back and watch the tape you're going to see that ... it is what it is. I thought from the standpoint from player to player, it's a pretty even match-up. We lost it today."

CC's only two losses this season are to out-of-state schools Culver (Ind.) Academy, 15-8, and Dublin (Ohio) Coffman, 15-10.

Rice, meanwhile, came into the 2018 season having lost to only one Michigan school in 13 years, but now has suffered three setbacks to in-state schools: Catholic Central twice and Division 2 power Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (12-5), which is 13-0 overall.

"Like I said, we're young, we're going up, we're learning on the fly," Chawla said. "I told them the other day that everybody else that's come through this program has had some seniors to rely on, some guys that they could look to on the offensive side of the ball and we don't. So these guys are learning on the go. And they just don't get to sit back and be the role player one year. They're 14-, 15- and 16-year-old kids and it's just a tremendous amount of pressure for them."

The Warriors defeated CC in last year's state final, 9-8, and the two teams are in opposite brackets once again for the upcoming state tourney. Rice is the top seed in Division 1 Region 6, while CC is the top seed in Division 1 Region 4.

"I think this good and I think they're going to bounce back," Chawla said of his squad. "And listen, CC is going to have to figure out how hard it is to beat somebody three times in a year in the state championship. It's not easy."

But beating Rice for a second time proved to be special — and then some — after a long drought.

"We've never won a Catholic League championship. It's the first year and the feeling is amazing," Pattinson said.

And Wilson also echoed his senior midfielder's sentiments.

"I'll say this, any day you beat Rice is a good day and every day is a great day to be a Shamrock," he said.

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PREP ROUNDUP

## Seaholm sweeps softball twinbill from Marian

**Softball**

**SEAHOLM 11-15, MARIAN 1-0:** Seaholm swept this non-league doubleheader Wednesday in Birmingham. In the first game, Kate Bridges was 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and Bryn Longe was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Erika MacArthur improved her record to 9-3 by picking up the win. In the nightcap, Abby Righter (three innings, seven strikeouts) and Kayla Eshaki combined to hurl a no-hitter. Reagan Hurd was the offensive star with a 4-for-4 performance with three doubles, four runs scored and three RBIs. Kelly DeClark had two RBIs for Seaholm which lifted its record to 14-7 overall.

**GROVES 12-12, NOTRE DAME PREP 1-5:** Groves scored a dozen runs in each game and swept Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in this non-league twinbill Wednesday. Freshman Bella Caza smacked a three-run home run in the first game. In the second game, the Falcons produced five runs in both the second and fifth innings. Rachel Miller went five innings and picked up the win in the second game. Jenna Ringler and Caza both had three hits. Groves hiked its record to 19-6 (overall) and 12-0 (OAA Blue).

**MERCY 6, DIVINE CHILD 3:** Mercy doubled-up Divine Child in this Catholic League semifinal playoff game Wednes-

day in Dearborn. The Marlins scored the first six runs before the Falcons broke the shutout bid with three seventh-inning runs. Anna Dixon and Samantha Shea both pounded out two hits to lead the offense. Libby Chevalier, Maggie Murphy, Grace Nieto and Sarah Cassidy accounted for the other four Marlins hits. Mercy (12-9 overall, 8-6 league) now faces Warren Regina at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the University of Detroit-Mercy in a rematch of last year's Catholic League championship game. Regina is the defending league champ.

**GROVES 17-11, WEST BLOOMFIELD 6-10:** Groves and West Bloomfield combined for 44 runs in this OAA Blue Division doubleheader Tuesday. Junior Claire Higley was 5-for-5 in the first game while Halle Randolph, Rachel Miller, Jenna Ringler, Hannah Cherrin and Balla Caza all had multiple hits. Groves had a much tougher time in the second game, winning by a run in eight innings with a dramatic comeback. Losing by a run entering their last at-bat, the Falcons won on a two-run double by Cherrin, a junior, in the bottom of the eighth. Randolph and Caza each reached base before her with singles. Taegen Lemberg led the attack with a four hits and three RBIs.

**Baseball**

**GROVES 11, NORTH FARMINGTON 3:** After falling 5-2 to North Farmington on Monday, the Falcons rebounded nicely for the eight-run victory. Groves showed a balanced attack as 12 different players accounted for the team's 14 total hits. George Cutler (2-for-3, double, walk) and Chaise Ford (2-for-3, double, two runs scored) paced the offense. Ryan Laub hurled the first five innings and allowed seven hits to pick up the win. Tyler Newett pitched the last two innings. For North Farmington, Blake Maddalena was 3-for-4 with a run scored.

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 5, ROEPER 2:** Southfield Christian clinched the MIAC Red Division title with this road victory Monday. The Eagles broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run fifth inning and never lost the lead. Junior pitcher Zach Johnson earned the win as he scattered three hits and did not allow an earned run in striking out II. Junior Matthew Guerra pitched the final two innings. Southfield Christian is 9-4 overall and finished with a 5-1 conference record.

**Girls lacrosse**

**MARIAN 16, BIRMINGHAM UNITED 12:** In this non-league match-up Tuesday, Marian defeated host United

by four goals. The Mustangs were led by a strong second half from Mia Hannawa.

**MARIAN 20, LADYWOOD 1:** Host Marian received strong efforts from sophomores Tessa Klein and Faith Giltner in this Catholic League victory over Ladywood.

**Girls soccer**

**GROVES 1, FARMINGTON 1:** Both teams had chances in a scoreless first half. Host Groves broke through first when Kristen Harvey found the back of the net on a perfect feed from Claire Brady. A few minutes later, Farmington's Erin Abramczyk scored the game-tying goal off a rebound. Groves went to 9-3-2 overall.

**SEAHOLM 3, CLARKSTON 0:** In this OAA crossover game Monday, Hannah Stone, Natalie Erne and Zoe Gaffney accounted for the Maples' goals. Olivia Graham had two assists, while Fotini Demetriou added the other. Goalie Jillian Shefferly registered the two-save win.

**FARMINGTON 3, AVONDALE 1:** On May 10, Casey Borden, who leads the Falcons with eight goals, scored twice and Kara Linn added the other. Marlee Pope finished with two assists for Farmington.

# Ladywood

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the team's sprint standouts who remain on the school's record board in two different relay events.

And they didn't want to miss out on the final opportunity to suit up and run during the alumni meet.

"I'm just glad we were able to come back on the track and do stuff," said Parsell-Soter, who remains an active runner at age 40 and was a Boston Marathon qualifier. "Sports were more important here than anything, I think, for us, with all the friendships and everything. It's sad to see it close, but it's OK, things happen. I'm just glad we were able to come back and do this one more time."

Grant-Clauson said she hadn't run in four years, but wasn't about to miss the opportunity to churn her legs one more time.

"I thought it would stay open forever," she said. "They have 13 kids; we had over 100 (track athletes). It's a big shocker, but I'm glad that they invited us for the last go-around. The whole team isn't here with us, we miss them."

Running for Ladywood, meanwhile, has provided a long legacy for the Bagdady family.

Nikki Horn-Bagdady, who served as Ladywood's cross country coach last fall, is a 1989 track and cross country alum. He daughter, Samantha Horn, is one of eight graduating seniors on this year's squad.

"It breaks my heart, honestly, that the school is closing," said Horn-Bagdady, who also remains an active distance runner and coach at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. "I went here, all my sisters went here, I'm still very good friends with high school friends. They're still my core group of people. My daughter is a senior here and I have twins who in seventh grade that I was hoping to send here, that wanted to go here, so it's really disappointing is all I can say."

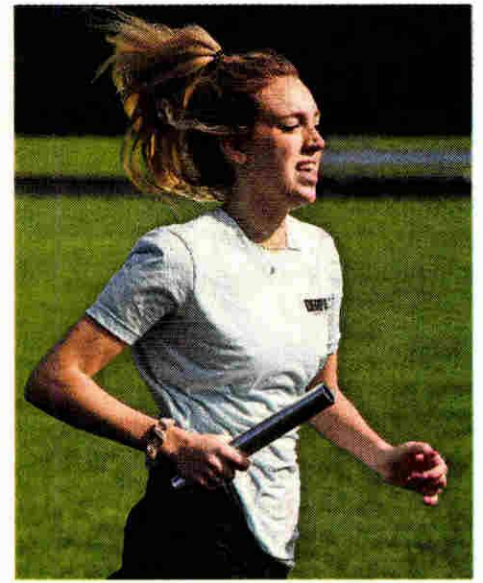
Samantha Horn had hoped her younger sisters would also be part of the Bagdady legacy, too.

"I was excited for them to come here, but I'm sad that they can't go now," she said. "When I grow up, I wanted my daughters to go here."

Meanwhile, the dwindling school en-



Angela Hill-Dugas ('85) poses with her daughter Allyson Hill, a 2017 graduate of Ladywood. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Current and former Ladywood High School runners competed in a special track meet that invited alumnae back to the track one last time before the school closes at the end of the school year. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rollment numbers affected the track program. This year's squad consists of only eight seniors, three juniors and two sophomores. There are no ninth-graders.

"It's definitely taken a little bit of a toll, because we don't have enough people fill all the events," Samantha Horn said. "It would have been better if it were bigger, but we're close and it's all good."

With the season winding down, Ladywood has only two remaining meets scheduled: the MHSAA Division 3 regional this Friday at Whitmore Lake, followed by the Catholic League C-D Division meet Wednesday, May 23, at Macomb Lutheran North.

The Division 3 state finals are Saturday, June 2, at Comstock Park.

"We've just been trying to make the most of it and have been having fun," first-year Ladywood coach Dawn Conn said. "And the girls all have some personal records that they want to beat because we've working on trying to beat those records. We just want them to do the best they can."

"We try to keep our practices pretty positive and really don't dwell on (the school closing). All the girls on my team know where they're going next year."

Five Ladywood track and field underclassmen will be affected by the school closing, including junior Megan Rooney, who competes in the high jump, along with the 3,200- and 1,600-meter relays.

Megan's older sister Katie was a 2010 Ladywood grad who went on to play NCAA Division I volleyball at Lafayette (Pa.) College.

"It was pretty hard because my sister (Katie) went to school here, so I grew up watching Ladywood games and stuff like that," Megan Rooney said. "It was very hard. I remember just everyone during class the next day was crying, we were crying all day. It was hard."

Rooney plans to transfer to Father Gabriel Richard in Ann Arbor for her senior year.

"I think change can sometimes can be good and at least for the better, so ..." Megan said. "It's hard having a small team, but there's a lot of benefits from it. We're very close, we're like sisters. Pretty much everyone at Ladywood are sisters."

Dana Santilli, a 2017 Ladywood grad now attending Xavier University, also made it back for the reunion.

"I'm definitely sad that Ladywood is closing, because I love Ladywood," she said. "It's really nice to see everyone, because we all went to different colleges, so it's like catching up with everyone. And when we came back, it was like we never left."

Santilli was among a graduating class of 70 in 2017, but this year's graduating class is around 50.

"We were all so sad, because it was such a big part of our lives," she said.

"It's such a small school, but it's just sad itself that Ladywood is done. I loved doing track and cross country here. It emotionally built me up and that's what I love about track and cross country."

Some of the track alumni wonder what will become of the Ladywood campus.

"I'm hoping it will still be a school of some kind, but I don't know," Nikki Horn said. "I know there's a grass roots effort to keep it open. I'm hoping that it will still come to fruition, but if doesn't come through then ... I don't know. It's hard to say. I wish I had some amazing answer for you. I hope it's still a school and I hope it's Ladywood. I'm not completely giving up hope yet."

Harley-Frederick, who lives in Livonia, has stayed connected over the years with Ladywood, volunteering her time at the school's auctions. But she is starting to come to terms that the all-girls Catholic school, which opened in 1950, will be no more after 68 years.

"I think private education is very expensive ... I really don't know," Harley-Frederick said. "It just makes me sad it's not a priority. But as long as they don't demolish it, I'll be happy."

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# Golf

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when Clarkston won it last. I believe it was in the '90s. It's a pretty big accomplishment for the team.

"But I thought we had a chance to win it coming in. We're as good as any team out there," he added. "It's just so difficult with teams like Seaholm and Lake Orion. Everyone is filled with great players."

Seaholm head coach Matt Pesta said the county meet compares to the state meet.

"In a lot of ways, the Oakland County tournament is as big as states as far as how many good teams are there," Pesta said. "It's amazing how tough (the OAA Red Division) is with all those other teams being really strong."

"It was a great showing for our boys. I think, perhaps, we left a couple of strokes out on the course and I think they'll be thinking about that," he added. "But finishing second in the Oakland County tournament is really good."

## Course experience helps

The Wolves, third in their league behind the Maples and Dragons, were led at the county tournament by junior Patrick Deardorff, who carded a 2-under round of 70. Deardorff finished the second overall after carding five birdies on the 6,360-yard layout.

Junior teammate Harry Bowman shot an even-par 72 and tied Catholic Central senior Brendan Britz for fourth place. Clarkston's other scorers were sophomore Cole Smaka (75) and junior Noah Bridgeman (80).

"Our boys have had a lot of experience on this golf course, playing junior tournaments here," Gallagher said. "Harry finished in the top five last year as an individual and Patrick is an awesome player. So these kids have played this course a lot and it really showed today."

"These kids are range rats, they love to play golf, they are committed to it and hard work pays off. It's a testament to these kids and their work ethic."

"We're young. We only have one senior and everybody who was in the top five today at all underclassmen," he added. "It's a deep field and these kids play hard."

## Cunningham paces Maples

Seaholm senior Hagen Cunningham shot a 1-over 73 and tied for sixth overall with Everest Collegiate junior Mitch Lowney. Cunningham's round included three birdies, four bogeys and 11 pars.

"Hagen has been a really good ball striker for us all year and maybe a little unlucky with the putter," Pesta said. "But he hits it as good as anybody, so it's no surprise to see him put up a score like that."

Maples senior Henry Scavone, who is having a standout season, shot a 2-over 74 and tied for eighth



The top finishers at Wednesday's Oakland County golf tournament were (standing, from left) Patrick Deardorff (Clarkston), T.J. Hirschfield (Lake Orion), Brennan Britz (Catholic Central), Alex Gold (Bloomfield Hills), Henry Scavone (Seaholm), Hagen Cunningham (Seaholm) and Matt Lowney (Everest Collegiate) and (kneeling, from left) Jake Radom (Berkley, match medalist), Harry Bowman (Clarkston) and Ryan Pinho (Novi). MARTY BUDNER



Freshman Sam Yono shot 83 to help lift Brother Rice to a 10th-place finish at Wednesday's Oakland County golf tournament. MARTY BUDNER

with Brother Rice senior Brendan O'Rourke, Bloomfield Hills junior Alex Gold and Novi junior Ryan Pinho. The other Seaholm scorers were seniors Jack Muir (76) and Alex Acho (80).

Berkley senior Jake Radom was the only golfer to shoot a sub-70 round, finishing with a 4-under 68 to earn medalist honors. Deardorff was second and Lake Orion senior T.J. Hirschfield shot a 1-under 71 to place

third in the 120-golfer field.

The remaining teams from the hometownlife.com area were Bloomfield Hills (sixth at 316), Farmington (ninth at 321), Brother Rice (10th at 323), Novi (13th at 328), Birmingham Groves (14th at 332), South Lyon East (tied for 18th at 340) and Detroit Country Day (20th at 343).

Other area golfers to shoot under 80 were Farmington senior Jackson Tellerico (75), Catholic Central senior Andrew Lack (75), Cranbrook Kingswood senior Zach Felsenfeld (76), South Lyon East senior A.J. Clark (76), Cranbrook Kingswood senior Josh Anderson (78), Groves senior Brett Dudeck (78), Novi junior Niko Hatz (79), Brother Rice senior Ryan Deters (79) and Bloomfield Hills senior Braedon Creal (79).

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## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# BEN BARTON

SENIOR TRACK & FIELD  
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM MAPLES

Like a true track star, Ben Barton's finish was tremendous. Barton started slowly in this week's hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week race, trailing by hundreds of votes two-thirds of the way through the polling period. However, thanks to a big push from his team and classmates, Barton won the six-person competition with an excellent stretch drive.

The Birmingham Seaholm senior captured 42.02 percent of the 10,655 votes cast, winning with 4,477 votes.

Detroit Catholic Central senior lacrosse standout Ethan Pattinson, the early leader, finished second with 3,044 votes. Westland John Glenn track star Alona Olshkevskaya was third (1,660 votes) while Lakeland's Trent Farquhar put on a late push to finish fourth (1,037 votes).

"I saw (the poll information) on Twitter and one of my friends texted it to me, too," Barton said. "Then someone put it in the class group chat and there was a lot of voting through there. I think it's pretty cool that people are noticing the accomplishments that I've had."

**WHAT HE DID:** Barton earned the Athlete of the Week nomination with a sizzling performance at the recent OAA Blue Division track meet, where the Maples captured top honors for the second straight season.

The Bloomfield Township resident won the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 6 1/4 inches, which broke a school record. He also won the

110-meter hurdles (15.24), the 300-meter hurdles (39.38) and anchored the winning 1,600-meter relay team (3:29.44).

Barton, 18, said it was his best overall combined meet.

"I think it was more of a team effort. We had a lot of events where we did well at the league meet," said Barton, who plans to attend Brigham Young University next fall. "Everyone did their jobs and we won. We were really hoping to come back this year and repeat as league champs and we did that."

"For that meet, I was put in my best four events and coach was hoping I would win those, because we don't usually get a lot of points in those events," he added. "I was looking at the seedings in those events and I knew it was possible that I could win them and it all worked out."

Besides the high jump record, Barton owns both of Seaholm's hurdle records — 14.93 in the 110 highs (set earlier this year in a meet against Farmington Harrison) and 39.33 in the 300 intermediates (set at last year's Oakland County meet).

Barton, a four-year varsity veteran, hopes to

qualify for the upcoming Division 1 state meet in all four of his primary events. He placed second in the high jump and eighth in the 300-meter hurdles at last year's state meet to earn all-state honors.

"I still think there's a lot of improvement for me yet. I still think I can do a lot better in high jump and 300 hurdles," he said. "But it's been a pretty good season. I'm in a good position for the regional meet and, if I keep improving, I think I can do pretty well at states."



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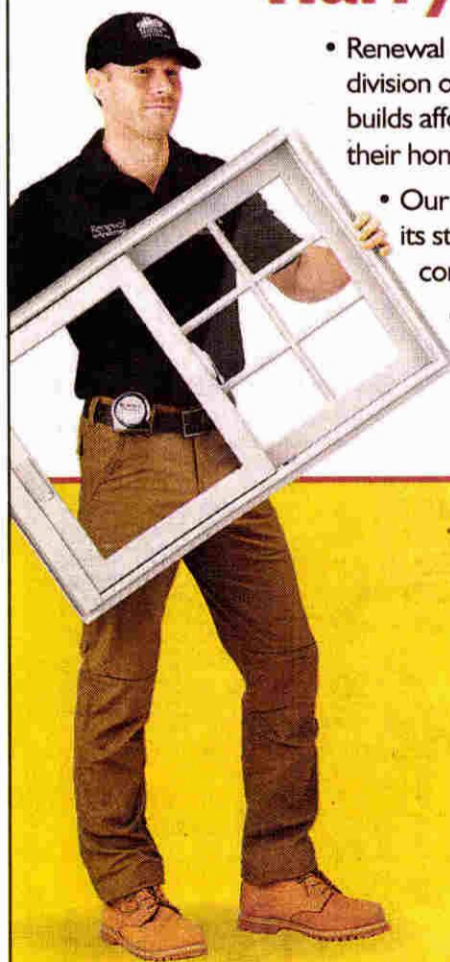


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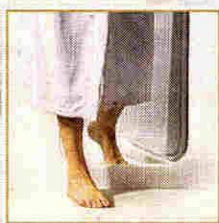
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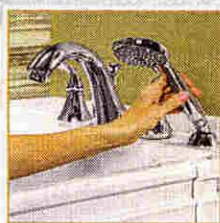
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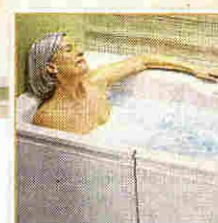
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**City of Livonia – 04/23/2018 1,847th Regular Meeting Synopsis**

**Present:** McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, Bahr, and Toy.  
**Absent:** White.  
**#149-18** Approving minutes of the 1,846th Regular Meeting of the Council – April 9, 2018. President McIntyre announced one (1) upcoming Public Hearing.  
**Items were received and filed for the information of the City Council.**  
**#150-18** Approving request from Kathleen A. Fitzgerald, to close Cranston Avenue between Elmira and Orangelawn, on Monday, May 28, 2018 from 2-8 p.m. for Memorial Day block picnic.  
**#151-18** Recognizing DFAD Dance Team Booster Club as a non-profit organization.  
**#152-18** Confirming reappointment of Jeremy Curtis to the Livonia PRDA.  
**#153-18** Approving the 2018-2019 Consolidated Plan: 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Annual Plan and Budget.  
**#154-18** Approving the Hold Harmless Contracts for the 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).  
**#155-18** Granting permission to hold 2019, 2020, and 2021 Annual Motor City Irish Fest at Greenmead.  
**#156-18** Accepting bid of Printwell, for typesetting, printing, sorting and delivering to the post office, 44,000 copies of the City's newsletter.  
**#157-18** Authorizing purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford Transit 350 high roof 15-passenger El Wagon to replace Bus #849 for Livonia Community Transit.  
**#158-18** Accepting bid of Arbormaster Tree Service, LLC, for the 2018 and 2019 Tree and Stump Removal Program.  
**#159-18** Accepting bid of Greg Davis Landscape Services, for 2018 Street Tree Planting Program.  
**#160-18** Reappointment of John Hiltz to the Livonia PRDA.  
**#161-18** Approving IFEC from RNDC-NWS, LLC, located within the City of Livonia IDD No. 112, for twelve (12) years.  
 President Toy passed the gavel to Vice President Jolly at 8:24 p.m.  
**#162-18** Approving rezoning of properties located at 36900 and 36910 Mallory Drive (former Clay Elementary School site) and the property at 16600 Newburgh Road and a portion of the property at 16700 Newburgh Road, subject to conditions.  
 President Toy resumed the gavel at 8:25 p.m.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Chapter 01 (Code Adoption) of Title 1, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 090 of Title 15, Chapter 44 (Fences), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 010 of Title 1, Chapter 12 (General Penalty), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 030 and 040 of Title 9, Chapter 16 (Larceny), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 010 of Title 9, Chapter 17 (Retail Fraud In The Third Degree), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 010 and 020 of Title 9, Chapter 16 (Larceny), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 010 and 020 of Title 9, Chapter 56 (Malicious Mischief), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 010 of Title 9, Chapter 60 (Receiving Stolen Property), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 020 and 030 of Title 9, Chapter 66 (Bad Checks), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 010 of Title 9, Chapter 68 (Fraud), of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 05 (Ferrets) of Title 6, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 22 (Department of Labor Relations) of Title 2, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 87 (Teenage Clubs) of Title 5, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 75 (Public Dances) of Title 5, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 79 (Parimutuel Tickets) of Title 9, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance repealing Chapter 28 (Air Quality Control) of Title 8, of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
**#163-18** Accepting a Grant of Easement at 11895 Adams.  
**#164-18** Suspending the rules for procedure.  
 President Toy passed the gavel to Vice President Jolly at 8:32 p.m.  
**#165-18** Referring the subject of ZBA membership for the holding of a public hearing on the question whether to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for alternate ZBA members.  
 President Toy resumed the gavel at 8:34 p.m.  
**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**  
**Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.**  
**Susan M. Nash**  
**Livonia City Clerk**

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**City of Wayne  
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 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

The City of Wayne City Council will be filling a vacancy on the City Council. To be considered to fill the vacancy, please submit a letter of interest and resume with your qualifications and contact information to the Wayne City Clerk, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. The deadline to apply will be Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. As a reminder City Hall hours are M-Th 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There is a brown dropbox in the City Hall parking lot for after hour convenience.

The City Council will review all candidates information and will make the determination of the candidates, they wish to invite for a public interview for the position. Interviews will be scheduled the week of May 28, 2018 or June 4, 2018 in the evening.

The position is to fill the unexpired term of Jeremiah R. Webster, an at-large position until November 2018.

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Matthew K. Miller  
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**CITY OF LIVONIA  
 PLANNING COMMISSION  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2018-05-02-11 submitted by CESO, Inc.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 11.03(a) and 11.03(c)(4) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, in connection with a proposal to renovate the existing Speedway gas station, including demolition of the existing building, construction of a new gas station and the operation of a limited service restaurant (Speedy Cafe) at 37416 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Newburgh Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 6.

**Petition 2018-05-06-02 submitted by the City Planning Commission,** pursuant to Council Resolution #165-18, and Section 23.01(a) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to determine whether or not to amend Sections 21.01, 21.02 and 21.03 of Article XXI of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, to provide for the appointment of two (2) alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the scheduled public hearing and may be examined during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman  
 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Bennett Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154) at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Proposals will not be accepted from those vendors who do not attend.

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All proposals shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each proposal shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "FRESH AIR INTAKE REPAIRS" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

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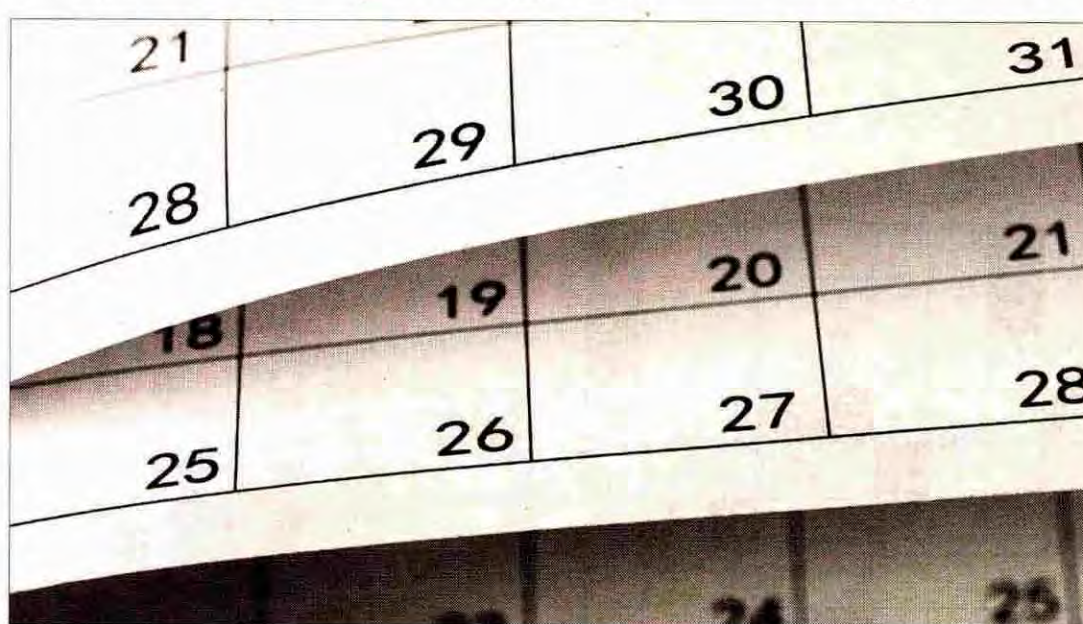
Let's explore how to maximize your resume to show that you're just as qualified, gaps and all:

**Should you mention it?**

If the gap happened in the past, and you're currently (or recently) employed, then you don't need to talk about your gap at all unless asked. Don't jump the gun just because you're anxious about it — your interviewer might not even bring it up.

**Be honest**

A few fake dates may go unnoticed by the resume reader. But they might not. And if your hiring process involves a background check, or you



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get tripped up when talking about your experience at a job interview, it's going to be an embarrassing (and likely costly) mistake. If you've been out of the workforce for two years, acknowledge that fact, potentially in your cover letter, emphasizing that you're ready to jump back in.

If an interviewer asks you why you left your last job and you were laid off, it's OK to admit that. People get the downsizing factor — it happens to most people at some point. But again: Emphasize that your skills and experience have grown and that you're excited about this new opportunity.

**Be careful of the kind of information you reveal about your gap**

This applies especially if you took time off to have a child or had a medical issue in the past. Interviewers aren't allowed to discriminate against you on the basis of family status or physical disability, which means they can't ask you about those things. If you go ahead and mention them yourself, though, then you've opened that door. Instead of saying, "I took some time off to treat my clinical depression," say something vague like, "I took time off for a family health issue, but now that things are better I'm so

ready to put my store manager hat back on."

**Tweak your resume format**

Not every resume has to have the traditional job experience + skills + education format, with your work experience moving backwards chronologically.

If you're trying to set a narrative for your resume around a gap in employment, put your skills up front, taking care to spotlight ones that directly relate to the job at hand. The hiring manager needs to know, first and foremost, that you're a good fit for the job. You can make that connection

easier if you show that you have the skills.

If you have a long work history, in the experience section you can emphasize only the most relevant jobs, omitting ones that are chronologically older or just not applicable to this new job.

**Highlight other kinds of experience**

Maybe you volunteered while you were out of work. Maybe you took classes in coding that bumped your skills up to the next level. Look outside the usual job experience bullet points to show that while you may have a gap, you haven't been totally out of it. It will help you make the case that you're ready to seize this new opportunity.

So, if you have a gap on your resume, don't despair. It can feel intimidating to know you're up against people who don't have the same issue, but remember that you've got great experience and skills. It's all about showing how you plan to use those to overcome whatever challenges have come your way.

*Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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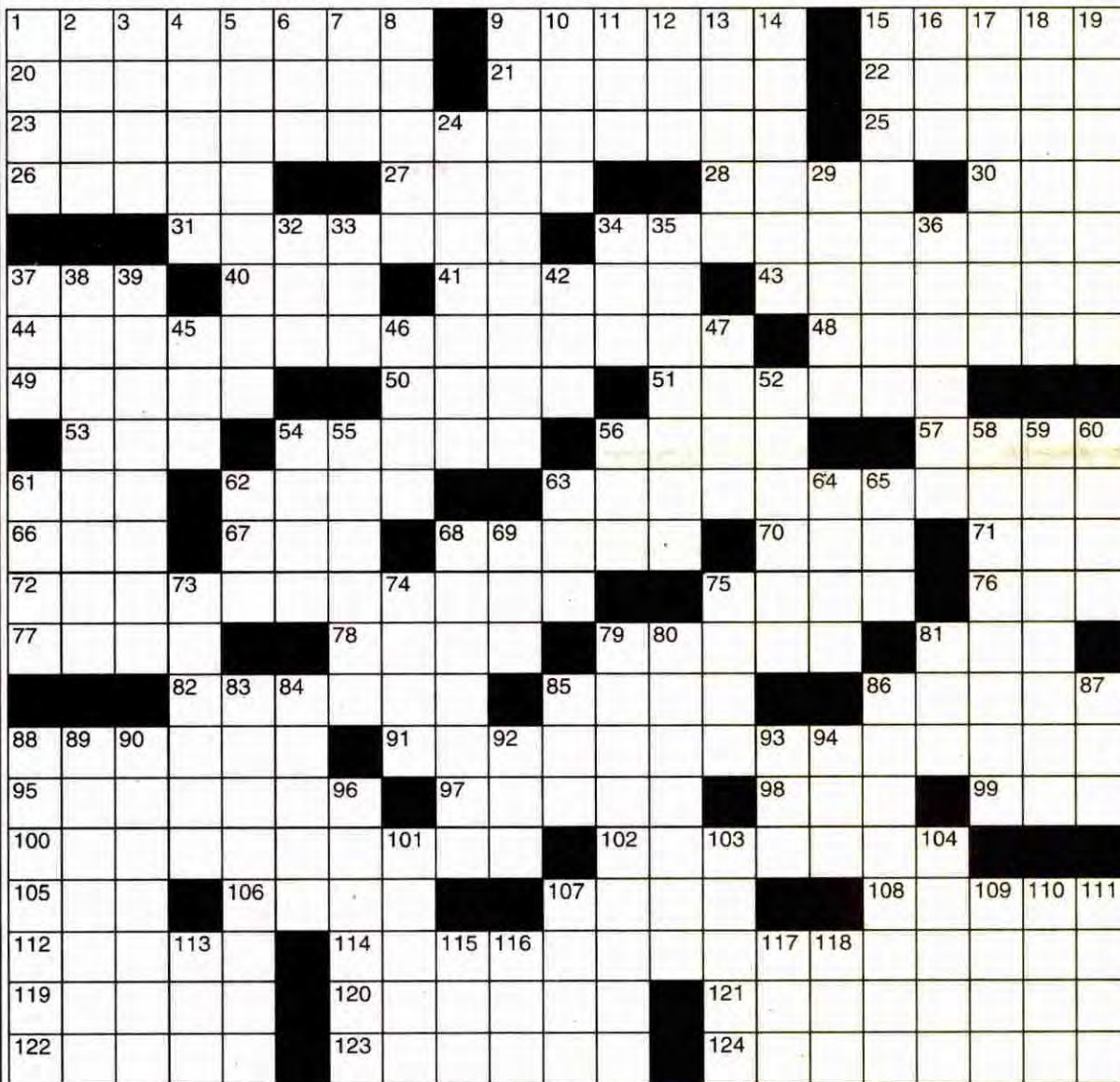
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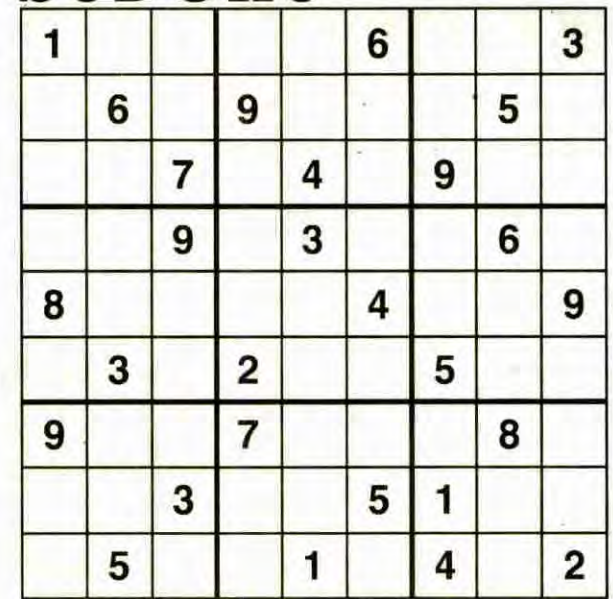
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Snakebite treaters
  - 9 Roomy rides
  - 15 Slowly, in music
  - 20 Tie in a race
  - 21 Actress Wilde of "House"
  - 22 — now and then
  - 23 Taft's foreign policy
  - 25 Jacket-and-tie affairs
  - 26 Look from a villain
  - 27 Word after lo or chow
  - 28 Non-U.S. gas brand
  - 30 Use a recliner, e.g.
  - 31 Forward, as a message with a hashtag
  - 34 Grand Prix racing
  - 37 A doc prescribes it
  - 40 Imbiber's hwy. offense
  - 41 Half-diameters
  - 43 He voiced Carl in "Up"
  - 44 Bachelor suitable for marriage, say
  - 48 Licoricelike herbs
  - 49 Novelist Ira Margaret Mitchell's plantation
  - 50 Margaret Mitchell's plantation
  - 51 African nation
  - 53 — Trapp family
  - 54 Three-card game
  - 56 Some book blurbs
  - 57 Apollo program org.
  - 61 The girl
  - 62 Elderly Smurf
  - 63 Shifting of responsibility to another
  - 66 Co. name abbr.
  - 67 Golf rarity
  - 68 PayPal funds, e.g.
  - 70 Lead-in to skeleton
  - 71 Egg mass
  - 72 Edible soft-shell mollusk
  - 75 Burning liquid
  - 76 Bowl over
  - 77 Hens and heifers
  - 78 War group
  - 79 Bakery treats
  - 81 Mom's treatment
  - 82 Volkswagen family car
  - 85 Moore or Lovato
  - 86 Use profanity
  - 88 Very strong
  - 91 Late 19th-century political group
  - 95 De-creasing workers
  - 97 Gallery stand
  - 98 Laugh half
  - 99 Mao — -tung
  - 100 Brand of flavored balms in tubes
  - 102 Tower atop a mosque
  - 105 Hack (off)
  - 106 Kitchen lure
  - 107 Actress Olin
  - 108 Day of song
  - 112 Beat poet Ginsberg
  - 114 University SSE of Spokane
  - 119 V-formation fliers
  - 120 Medieval balladeer, maybe
  - 121 French folk song
  - 122 Snaky curves
  - 123 Perplexes
  - 124 Eellike fish
  - 36 Koreans and Laotians
  - 37 Ott of baseball
  - 38 High-school junior's grade
  - 39 Person with an ex-spouse
  - 42 Crime scene material
  - 45 — mill (bar)
  - 46 Sicilian volcano
  - 47 "Star Wars" creature
  - 52 Feature
  - 54 Royal staff
  - 55 "Faust" and others
  - 56 Greyhound transport
  - 58 Signal to pilots
  - 59 Treaded winter vehicles
  - 60 1940s film critic James
  - 61 Cobra sound
  - 62 Actress Dawber
  - 63 "Pow!"
  - 64 Pivot point
  - 65 Put turf over
  - 68 Graceful street liner
  - 69 Coral island
  - 73 Some poplars
  - 74 Cliff rock
  - 75 Solo often in Italian
  - 79 Slum abodes
  - 80 Moseying
  - 81 Old carrier
  - 83 Tentacled reef dwellers
  - 84 Fine violin
  - 85 — Moines
  - 86 Hits the gas
  - 87 Dark loaf
  - 88 Rob violently
  - 89 Twins' rivals
  - 90 Overturns
  - 92 Attention
  - 93 Part of a dance move
  - 94 Prefix with plop or flop
  - 96 Glowers
  - 101 Frank topper
  - 103 Of birth
  - 104 Redcap at work, often
  - 107 Speech therapy topic
  - 109 \$20/day, say
  - 110 Really small
  - 111 Uses eyes
  - 113 Suffix with 29-Down
  - 115 Actor/comic Gilliam
  - 116 "That guy!"
  - 117 Suffix with pay or plug
  - 118 Moniker, in France



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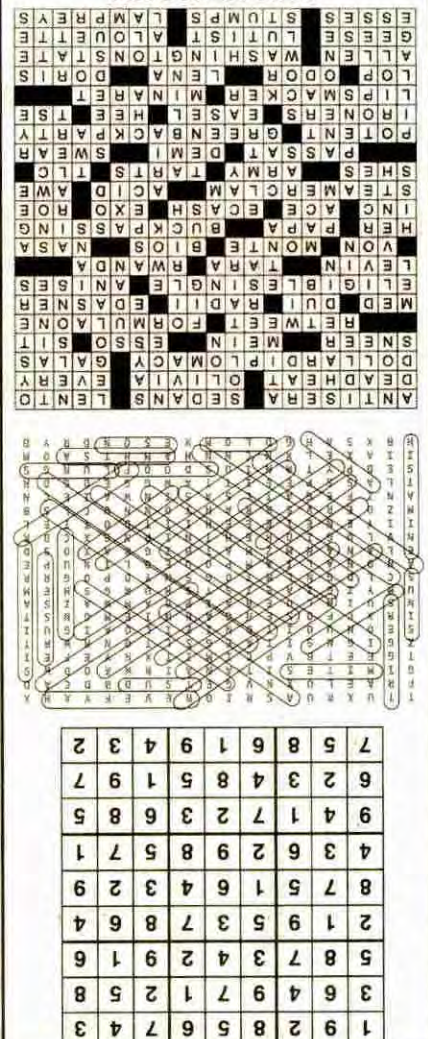
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- COUGHING
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- HAY FEVER
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- INFLAMMATION
- INHALER
- IRRITATING
- LUNGS
- MITES
- MOLD
- MUCUS
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