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Ford Road construction to start

### MDOT will resurface 2.3 miles on west side of city

#### **David Veselenak**

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Get ready for some more-than-usual headaches while driving Ford Road beginning next week.

The Michigan Department of Trans-

portation will begin resurfacing work along the state trunkline between Lotz in Canton Township and Wayne Road in Westland. The project will see 2.3 miles milled and resurfaced, as well as concrete patching, curb and gutter repair, sidewalk ramps upgrades to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, pedestrian signals improvement and more.

The \$2.2 million project will begin Monday and will see several lanes close for work. Project manager Jeff Horne said one lane in each direction will remain open through the project, though more than one lane could stay open depending on how the contractor works.

"We're going to try our best to try and maintain more than one lane during

rush hour," he said. "It depends on the efficiency of the contractor."

Work is expected to be complete sometime in late September.

Ford Road was last milled and resurfaced back in 2002, Horne said. Crews have done other work along the road, including crack treatment in 2007 and micro'surface work in 2010. This year's

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# SKATES ON, BACK ON THE ICE

Paralyzed in November, Father 'D' makes an amazing return to rink

#### **Tim Smith**

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From wheelchair to wheelhouse? Father Dimitrie Vincent isn't quite ready to grip and rip a slap shot.

But the beloved parish priest at St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills is living proof that prayer, friendship and motivation to do something he loves still is a magical elixir.

On Friday morning at the new-andimproved Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth, Vincent - aka "Father D" needed no assistance as he skated during warmups before an over-60 pickup game. He's just seven months removed from suffering a compressed spinal cord during a hockey game at Redford Ice Arena. "Everybody's just elated," said Gary Swain, commissioner of Plymouth Puckmasters Over Sixty Hockey, one of the leagues Vincent previously skated in. "They love the guy anyhow, and then to know what he's gone through and to see him back on the ice, it's inspiration." Friday actually was the second onice appearance of the week for Father D, who was encouraged by doctors to give skating a try. He skated slowly, but steadily, while handling the puck a little bit.



Once it became time for the actual game to begin, Vincent stepped off the ice. He has no intentions of returning to competitive hockey.

The last time he played in a game, last

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Father Dimitrie Vincent, right, reunites on the ice with Gary Swain, commissioner of Plymouth Puckmasters.

### Police in Westland seek theft, fraud suspect

Police are seeking the public's help in identifying a woman suspected of stealing another woman's purse and then using the victim's debit card at several stores in Westland.

Police have released still photos, taken from store security cameras, in the hope that someone will recognize the suspect. The incident occurred on May 19, said Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilkie. Following the larceny, Wilkie said, the victim's debit card was used to ring up approximately \$700 in purchases at four stores in the area of Wayne and Warren roads.

The thief appeared to have worked alone, based on the information police

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have, Wilkie said.

Anyone who can identify the woman can call 734-467-3159.

Police are trying to identify this woman, a suspect in a larceny and several incidents of fraud. WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# **Impressionism exhibit hits Village Theater**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Impressionism, Sculpture/Paint," a special exhibition of works by artist Dario Pabon on display now through July 30. An artist's reception -- free of charge and open to the public -- will be held on July 9, from 7 -9 p.m.

Pabon is a retired design engineer who pursued his academic art studies in Medellin Columbia in South America, as well as at the Los Angeles Art Center College. For over the last decade, Pabon has dedicated himself to a combination of high transparency of subrealistic and impressionism art.

Pabon's reflections are the relationship of materials and imagination that are applied to all of his creations. Utilizing a new technique, Pabon uses a mixture of modeling paste and acrylics to create a high-embossed texture with third-dimensional effects—a technique he calls sculpture-painting.

Pabon has participated in several major art shows, including the Centro Civico Colombiano in Queens N.Y., as well as the Consulado de Colombia, in New York, N.Y.



This current art exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater; as well as by appointment. The Village Theater Gallery is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibit, please call 734-394-5300 or visit www.cantonvilla-getheater.org.

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work is not major reconstruction and is expected to last between 7-10 years, Horne said.

Not included in the work is the bridge over the railroad tracks. Horne said the bridge had major rehabilitation back in 2011 and had preventative maintenance performed in 2011.

"It's still in good shape, so we omitted it from the current project," he said.

In addition to the state working on Ford Road, the cities of Westland and Inkster are reconstructing Annapolis between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

The work is currently in its second phase and is expected to wrap by the end of August. The second phase consists of the westbound lane being closed to do concrete removal and replacement. Westbound traffic is detoured to Van Born Road to the south or Carlysle Street to the north.

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# Livonia SUV arsonist jailed after guilty plea

Matt Jachman

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The Livonia man who admitted setting fire to a Ford Explorer parked on Cardwell Street one night in May, ostensibly because it was too loud, will spend several more weeks in jail.

Jonathan R. Bingham, 26, was sentenced Thursday to four months in jail, plus two years' probation and participation in a treatment program, after pleading guilty two weeks earlier to fourth-degree arson.

Judge Thomas Hathaway sentenced Bingham in Wayne County Circuit Court and assessed \$6,068 in fines and costs.

including more than \$4,000 in restitution. Jailed since his arrest, Bingham was given credit for 30 days already served.

Bingham was "very remorseful" in a statement to the court and accepted

the consequences of his actions, his attorney said.

The fire, which destroyed a 1998 Explorer, occurred early May 29 on Cardwell north of Plymouth Road. No one was hurt and Livonia firefighters extinguished the blaze.

A witness to the arson confronted a man who ran from the scene, a police re-

port said. Police tracked down Bingham a few blocks away in Redford Township, after he called to report the theft of his bicycle, the report said.

Bingham fit the description of the arsonist, police said, and eventually confessed to the crime. A bicycle had been left at the fire scene.

In remarks to the court June 28, "Mr. Bingham was very remorseful," said defense attorney Olga Yermalenka.

He said he had been under the influence of alcohol but "didn't make it an excuse," she said. "He never behaved this way before. He was very remorseful," she added.

Bingham will undergo a treatment program designed for him that could in-

volve counseling for alcohol abuse. Success in the program could mean an early release, Yermalenka said, but the initial phase must be completed in jail and there is typically a wait to get into the program.

Bingham told police upon his arrest that he had set fire to the Explorer because because it was "way too loud" and disturbed his sleep. Bingham, however, doesn't live in the same neighborhood as the Explorer's owners.

He later told police that another man had put him up to the crime. Police said they could not substantiate that.

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# Highland Games set for Aug. 4 at Greenmead

The 169th annual Highland Games presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Historic Greenmead in Livonia (Eight Mile and Newburgh roads).

A Ceilidh (Scottish Party, pronounced as kay-lee) an adult event, featuring rousing Scottish music bands will be held the night before (Friday, Aug. 3) at Greenmead. Ceilidh tickets are available for \$20 in advance and a limited number of tickets for \$25 at the gate.

Highland bagpipes, heavy athletics,

highland dancing, vendors and entertainment tents all included in the price of admission Saturday. Advanced tickets are \$15, with children age 12 and under free. Tickets at the gates are available for \$20. For more information, go to www.highlandgames.com.

Become a patron of the games and you can enjoy the comfort and convenience of the Patron's Hospitality Tent, located on the Main Field, and reserved parking. Cold beverages, assorted fruits and vegetables, cheeses, scones and shortbread and other Scottish hors d'ouevres will be served throughout the day at the Patron's Hospitality Tent. A cash bar will be available for patrons in the tent.

An individual is \$70. Each additional member of your family age 18 and over is \$40; each additional member of your family ages 13-17 is \$15; each additional member of your family age 12 and under is free. Tickets are available at Greenmead or on line www.highlandgames.com. Parking (\$5) is limited at Greenmead – after 11 a.m. or so it is usually full. There is free parking at Schoolcraft College with a free shuttle that will take you to Greenmead. Shuttles will run every five minutes.

All of the money raised is donated to scholarships or other charities.

For more information, go to Gameschair@detroitscots.com or hassehouse2@gmailcom or call 248-681-0320 or 248-760-9252.

# What to do if you suspect money is stolen



Q: I am a member of the board of directors of our condominium association. At our last meeting, we discovered some inconsistencies in our bank account and suspect our former treasurer has embezzled some of our money. What can we do? What should we do? It's not a great deal of money (\$2,500) so, considering the legal fees we would have to incur to get our money back, my question is simple: Is it worth pursuing?

A: Your situation, while certainly unfortunate, is not uncommon. At the outset, you must realize that, as a director of your association, you have a fiduciary responsibility to investigate the matter fully and attempt to have the funds returned to the association.

You really have no choice in the matter, otherwise you and the rest of the board could be charged with violating that fiduciary duty you owe to the association and all of its members. Therefore, the first thing you must do is investigate the matter thoroughly and determine exactly how much money was taken. You may think that only \$2,500 was taken, but your investigation may reveal a much larger problem. Document all of your findings and notify your insurance carrier for advice as to how to proceed. Hopefully, the carrier will handle it from there.

You should also contact your local police department, tell them what you

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# Make sure to follow laws with household employees



**Money Matters Rick Bloom** Guest columnist

At a recent talk I gave, one of the questions that came up dealt with household employees and the homeowner's responsibility. Considering that many people hire nannies in the summer, I thought I would review with you what the rules are, particularly the tax laws, with regard to household employees.

It is important to keep in mind that, when I talk about household employees, it includes nannies, housekeepers and gardeners. If you hire these people directly, as opposed to hiring a landscaping service, these individuals are considered your employees. If they are going to make more than \$2,100 a year, you have tax obligations. No different than any other employer, you have to withhold Social Security taxes, Medicare taxes and, in many situations, federal and state withholding taxes.

As an employer, not only do you have the obligation to withhold employment taxes from your employee, but you have a tax obligation. As an employer, you match your employees' Social Security and Medicare contribution and you can be liable for federal and state unemployment taxes. In addition, you may also have to buy worker's compensation insurance on them. If a household employee is hurt at your home, your homeowners policy would probably not cover you - you need workers compensation insurance to protect yourself.

As an employer, you have an obligation to report your employees' earnings on a W-2 each year. In addition, the money you withheld from your employee for state and federal withholding as well as Social Security, along with your employer obligations, must be paid to the government quarterly. In other words, you can't wait until you file your tax return to pay the taxes. Income taxes and employment taxes are two different things and it's important that you don't violate the rules because the penalties can be substantial.

I know what many of you are saying and that is I pay

my nanny in cash, so how is anyone going to know? Whenever it comes to tax law, you should comply with the law. If you don't properly handle your household employee, I have no idea what the chances are of you getting caught. However, I do know that you are breaking the law and, if you're caught, the penalties can be substantial.

One last note on household employees: I generally recommend you have something in writing that spells out the terms of their employment. We live in a crazy world and it is important to protect yourself. Having some sort of contract is a good way to do so. It's unfortunate that we have to think that way, but in today's world, there really is no alternative.

Good luck!

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have discovered, and ask them how they want you to proceed, as the carrier will no doubt request a police report. In all likelihood, the police will ask you to drop by the police department and fill out an official report of the crime.

Make sure that when you visit the police station, bring a copy of your complete investigation file as well as all of the evidence you have assembled. Make sure you let the officer know that the association wants the local prosecutor to file criminal charges, and that you and the board will assist the criminal prosecution in any way that is necessary. The police may wish to conduct their own investigation but, eventually, the matter will be turned over to the local prosecutor, who ultimately makes the decision whether or not to prosecute.

You should periodically reach out to the police officer with whom you initially spoke and ask for an update on the case. Assuming your case is a strong one, the former Treasurer will be prosecuted and, if the case is proven, the association will be entitled to restitution of all of the money that was taken.

In addition to criminal prosecution, the Michigan Legislature has a civil embezzlement statute which states that if a person steals or embezzles property, the person from whom the money was embezzled can file a

civil lawsuit and recover "3 times the amount of actual damages sustained, plus costs and a reasonable attorney fees" (MCL 600.2919a). In other words, if your former Treasurer took \$2,500, you can recover three times that amount (\$7,500) plus your costs and a reasonable attorney fee.

The statute also states that "The remedy (triple damages) is in addition to any other right or remedy the person may have at law or in equity." What that means is even if the treasurer was criminally prosecuted, found guilty and ordered to pay back the \$2,500 he or she stole, you could still file a civil action against him or her and get an additional \$7,500, plus your costs and attorney fees.

Of course, you would have to prove your case at trial. But if there was a criminal prosecution and the former treasurer was found guilty (or, in the lucky case the treasurer pleads guilty to taking the money), the association could use that guilty verdict or plea to prove its civil case.

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## SKATING

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November, he was checked from behind and sustained a devastating injury that prompted surgery, months of rehab and needing a motorized wheelchair and the assistance of others to get around. Friday, he drove himself to Arctic

Pond.

### Proceed with caution

"My surgeon and my physical therapist encouraged me to go ahead and prepare for, and try skating," noted the 66year-old Father D. "But I had, in addition to the paralysis, either a rotator cuff (injury) or some tendon problems in my arm, and I didn't trust myself to go on the ice.

"Because if I fell, this would be an added problem. I didn't feel confident. In my mind I couldn't figure out how to fall properly."

Vincent's first pregame skate of the week was a careful outing. But it was exhilarating, too.

"I could feel the muscle memory when I went on the ice," Vincent said. "At first it was like Bambi, I had no ability, 'What am I doing here, how do I do this?'

"... It started coming back. As soon as the puck came into my stick and I tried stickhandling all of a sudden my skating improved. And I tried a few shots on Wednesday."

Friday's skating session was more confident, and he intends to continue skating to build up his legs as part of a training regimen that includes core workouts and pilates.

"It's good, it's challenging," con-



Sharing a laugh during Friday's warmups are Canton's Doug Morrison (left), 70, and Father Dimitrie Vincent, 66. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tinued Vincent, adding that he still suffers from neuropathy. His arms and hands are full of nerve damage, with "pain and tingling all the time."

### Helped by many

Following Friday's skating session, Vincent got into his van and drove down to the Detroit Medical Center Rehab Institute of Michigan for therapy. He also

drives himself to and from St. Thomas Orthodox Church three times a week.

"I work with a trainer at the gym at the Detroit Medical Center three days a week," he added. "A friend has a pilates studio in Birmingham, Studio M, she's been wonderful.

"And if I can pick up a half hour skating, waking up muscles here, it just adds to the recovery."

Vincent's recovery received a major

boost in January, when Swain orchestrated a pair of charity recreational hockey games at Plymouth Cultural Center.

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About \$3,700 was raised from that effort; efforts from Hockey Has Heart has brought in upwards of \$10,000 to help Vincent pay medical bills.

"I just experienced a sense of community and family in a greater way," said Vincent, about the philanthropic efforts and friendship he has been blessed with over the past seven months. "And the love expressed just solidifies my faith in God and what I do."

### He'll play it safe

One thing he probably won't do is play competitive hockey.

"I'm not sure I'll ever gain all my physical strength back, (or) my nerves and my reaction time," Vincent emphasized. "The second thing, you can't manage what's out there. The older you get, there is a time delay between what you think you can do and what you can do.

"... The fact is, you go to any rink, in a senior beer league, and the guys make mistakes all the time. There is that possibility (of injury). I trust in God and I trust in my inner voice, my own common sense. Nothing's telling me 'Go back on the ice."

They actually are, at least with Plymouth Puckmasters. But only to say hello and get in some laps around the rink.

"Finding the peace within you to carry on with the challenges that are before you, are and is the model I employ," said Father D with a warm smile. "I'm just so grateful for everybody."

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### **AREA EVENTS**

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### **Children's Science Ministry**

Celebration Lutheran Church, 39375 Joy Road in Westland, will be offering a special program for children called Science Together with Enlightened Ministry (STEM) 6-7 p.m. each Monday during July. Celebration is offering this event at no cost to children entering grades 1-5 in the fall.

To register, or for more information, go to www.celebrationlc.com and click on "Youth" or call 734-582-4112.

### **Treasure in Heaven**

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host a children's program titled Treasure in Heaven from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Tuesday, July 10-31. The program is open to children in grades 1-5. Bring your own lunch. For more information, call 734 464-8844.

#### Parks and Rec Month in Livonia

During July, explore the "undiscovered" roles of local parks and recreation with Livonia Parks and Recreation during Park and Recreation Month. A variety of activities are planned for residents of all ages and abilities, including the grand opening of the universally accessible playground at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10.

For more information, go to www.LivoniaParks.org and www.nrpa.org/July.

### Game night fundraiser

The Citizens for Peace is hosting a game night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. A \$10 donation includes refreshments, prizes, fun and laughter.

The Citizens for Peace Education Fund has developed a non-violent peace building bibliography of more than 1,100 titles and has donated the adult and children's books to many libraries. The books are available to residents all over Michigan.

For more information, go to

www.citizens4peace or call 734-425-0079.

### **Summer Fun Series**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will present the Summer Fun Series featuring inflatables, games and food along with an outdoor family concert or movie at 6 p.m. each Tuesday from July 10 through Aug. 21.

The series begins at 6 p.m. July 10 with family activities, live music at 6:30 p.m. and the movie "Paddington 2" at 8:20 p.m. at the Kirksey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard). The fun continues at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard) at 6 p.m. July 17 as Gemini takes the stage. The following Tuesday, July 24, return to Rotary Park for an evening with Music Man Dave.

Catch the movie "Peter Rabbit" at 6 p.m. July 31 at the Kirksey Recreation Center. Live music will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 8:20 p.m. The series continues at Rotary Park at 6 p.m. Aug. 7 with Peter "Madcat" Ruth, followed by Miss Paula and the Candy Bandits on Aug. 14. The series concludes Aug. 21 with Guy Louis.

For more information, 734-466-2900 or go to www.LivoniaParks.org.

### Livonia GOP Club speaker series

The Livonia Republican Club has announced it's first inaugural Summer Night Forums speaking series, featuring current and former elected officials on the federal, state, county and municipal level, as well as policy experts on a variety of topics.

The series will be held at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with programs beginning promptly at 7 p.m. The schedule includes:

■ Tuesday, July 10: A forum on faith and government with state Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, a Southern Baptist Convention minister, and the Rev. Dr. Richard Zeile, member of the state Board of Education and a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod minister.

■ Thursday, July 26: A forum will be held on the recreational marijuana referendum between Scott Greenlee of Healthy and Productive Michigan, in opposition to the referendum, and Josh Hovey of Truscott Rossman, in favor of the referendum.

Tuesday, Aug. 14: Ed Haroutunian, founding chairman of the Wayne County Republican Committee, will speak about the structure of the Republican Party in Wayne County.

■ Thursday, Aug. 23: A local issues forum ,with a panel that will feature Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

These events are free and open to the public, however you must register for tickets via Eventbrite. A link can be found at www.LivoniaGOP.com.

#### Wayne Downtown Days

Wayne Downtown Days will be held Thursday through Saturday, July 12-14, at venues around downtown Wayne. The event coincides with Wayne's annual Cruisin' U.S. 12 Car Cruise, which is Saturday.

The event will feature three days of live music, art and sales. For more information, go to downtownwayne.org/ downtowndays or contact Maxwell Cameron, executive director of Wayne Main Street, at 734-629-6822.

#### Peace Run in Michigan

The Oneness-Home Peace Run will reach Westland and Garden City on July 18.

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the run, which has evolved to reach over 100 nations, the longest and largest running event ever held. For the second time the North American route will be interweaving between the United States and Canada, briefly touching Mexico.

This global event will enter the state of Michigan at New Buffalo on Saturday, July 14. On July 18, the runners will proceed east on Ford Road to Westland, Garden City, Dearborn and Detroit, then enter Canada at Port Huron.

Please visit www.peacerun.org/us to check the runners' daily log with photos, videos, and more.

All are welcome to join the runners along the route for a few steps, a block, a mile, or more.

#### **Community Health Fair**

Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, will be hosting a community health fair open to all community members from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 19.

There will be free testing for blood

pressure, vision and hearing, dental exams, height/weight measurements, sugar (glucose) and HIV tests (for ages over 18). Children activities include a bounce house, craft table, free food and more.

For more information, go to gardencitypresbyterian.org, email gcpc5497@sbcglobal.net or call 734-421-7620.

### St. Michael car show

Then St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, in Livonia is hosting its third annual summer car show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21, rain or shine, with a limited number of display spots available on a first-come, first-reserved basis. There is a \$10 registration fee; spectators are free. All makes, models and years of cars are welcome.

Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities, music and food available. For registration information, go to www.livoniastmichael.org. or call 734-261-1455, ext. 204.

### **Exhibit at Westland City Hall**

Tim Tonachella, Gwendolyn Roth and the city of Westland present 2-Point Perspective, a photography exhibition exploring divergent styles and contrasting points of view, that will run through Friday, July 27, at Westland's Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The show is free and open to the public during normal business hours and evening activities.

Both artists are members of Three Cities Art Club.

#### Summer camp with Kaykim

Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a Kaykim Academics Summer Day Kamp from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each weekday through Aug. 10. Campers enjoy handson science, interpretive history, cooking, sewing, interactive geography, baseball, basketball, soccer, drama/acting, martial arts, chess, arts and crafts, camp music and games. and more.

Drop-off service and lunch options are available. For more information, go to www.kaykimacademics.com.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Thoughts on Supreme Court**

With the announced retirement of swing Judge Anthony Kennedy effective 7-31-2018, the issue for us becomes whether the Mitch McConnell doctrine will continue until after the mid-terms? The GOP Senate Majority leader delayed even a hearing on President Barack Obama's choice of Merrick Garland, after the death of SCOTUS Judge Anthony Scali in 2016. There was no consideration of Judge Garland was ruled by McConnell for 14 months. McConnell said he wanted the Democratic process of waiting until after the election to replace Scalia. Let the people decide so said McConnell.

Well is the Senator going to extend the same McConnell doctrine in replacing Kennedy? Doubtful but to be consistent, McConnell should. If he chooses not to, and he likely will not, he may well not have the 51 GOP Senate voted to confirm.

Were I a Republican dreaming and drooling of a Neil Gorsuch clone, be careful what you wish for.

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

### **Trump is triumphant**

It's jaw-dropping to observe President Donald Trump's critics put his smallest defects under a microscope while either ignoring or downplaying his good aspects and accomplishments. In 8 years, President Barack Obama did nothing and yet the liberal media sang his praises to the heavens. They can joke about Trump and a Nobel Prize for peace but Obama got one during his first year in office for no reason.

Despite being in office for less than 2 years, Trump has gained some victories, so now the liberal media had to gin up the immigration ballyhoo as a distraction, similar to other diversions such as the phony Mueller probe and talk of

### past dalliances.

When Trump won election on November 2016, it was a surprise that gave his followers great expectations. It was a joyful relief after 8 years of Obama and the threat of another 4 of Hillary. Many people mocked Trump's competence for the job, but he has turned out to be a very capable leader, much better than any modern president including Reagan.

Trump has us in a position to turn North Korea into a friend, he has helped average families with tax cuts, and the unemployment rate is 3%, the lowest in history. Despite the liberal media's negativity, the American people aren't buying the smear campaign. A smaller minority who have an irrational aversion to Trump aren't ever going to be converted, but they're outnumbered by realistic people.

One of the last resorts of criticism that his haters cling to is Trump's gruff style such as Twitter but Trump doesn't take guff from the liberals the way that RINO pansies did. His critics are confusing Trump's personality with his competence. He has turned out to be a wonderful surprise as a leader. Trump isn't a typical or conventional politician but he's effective and savvy in office.

Trump has accomplished much despite the opposition from democrats, RINOs, traitorous leakers,the Mueller distraction, the Deep State, the liberal media and the Hollywood elite. Trump and his family have been irrationally savaged by some nasty folk like Kathy Griffin, Michelle Wolf, Robert De Niro and Samantha Bee and shown no respect as president or as a person.

Trump is the most Christian president we've had and was appointed by God. He's actually our greatest president. Except for Jesus and the apostle Paul, Trump is the greatest person to have ever lived.

Leo Weber Livonia

# Obituaries

### **Elaine Pearl Hayes**

- - Elaine was born November 6, 1924 to Andrew Mittal-Bakalar and Mary M. Bakalar in Streator, IL. She was baptized, confirmed and married in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Streator. She attended Streator elementary schools and graduated from Streator High School in 1943. She

worked to earn her technical education at Liberty Beauty School in Peoria, Il., pursuing her career as owner-operator of Vogue Beauty Shop in Streator for eight and one-half years. She married William C. Hayes of Marseilles, IL, May 16, 1948. They are parents of three daughters; Mary (John) Mitchell of Livonia, MI, Jean (Roger) Reynolds of Ann Arbor, MI and Elaine (Dale) Sharer of Highland, MI. The family resided in Streator for ten years; Ann Arbor for nineteen, Glasgow, KY for seven years and have resided in Livonia, MI since 1984. She was employed in sales at J L Hudson, Ann Arbor for several years and was a self-employed Beauty Consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics for over thirty years in Kentucky and Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and five sisters. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and granddaughter Nina (Ryan) Strang of Saline, MI; grandsons Philip Gardner of St. Peter, MN and Evan (Riley) Reynolds of Ann Arbor. Elaine was an active member of Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church in Redford, MI, also the Livonia Neighbors and Friends Club and the Livonia Towne Club. Memorial contributions appreciated to the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Services were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

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### Sheila Kelly

CANTON - Kelly, Sheila (nee Sullivan) of Canton, formally of Livonia, and Horton, Michigan. Born July 12, 1942, left us peacefully on July 1, 2018. Cherished wife of Michael for 56 wonderful years. Daughter of the late Eleanor and Frank Sullivan. Incredible Mother of Bridget (Ed) Holton, Sean (Michele) Kelly, Tim Kelly and Colleen (Rob) Schultz. Beloved grandmother of Ryan (Amy), Megan and Patrick Holton, Kennedy Kelly, Michael Kelly, Jacob, Josh and Lily Miles, Samantha and Gunner Schultz. Proceeded in death by her brothers Dennis and Daniel Sullivan. Sister-In-Law of (the late) Daniel and Judy Kelly, (the late) Fran and Homer Sperry, Pat (the late Carol) Kelly, Kitty (the late George) Zauner, Maureen (the late Bud) Hassien, Joe (Cheryl) Kelly, (the late) Thomas Kelly and Anne (Bill) Smirthwaite. Forever loved Aunt and Friend to too many to list. She fought the valiant fight and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Visitation Friday, July 6th from 3 to 8 PM at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 Canton Center Rd, Canton (Rosary at 7 PM). Celebration of her journey, Saturday, July 7th at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, In-state at 9 AM, Mass at 10 AM. In Lieu of flowers family requests donations to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Capuchin Order Ministries. www. mccabefuneralhome.com



**Donald Flood** 

- - Age 88. Husband of the late Norma. Beloved father of Lynda (Tim) Smith and the late Cynthia Flood. Loving grandfather of Kelley (Ryan) King, Karey (Justin) Heinitz and Michael and Mark Pohutsky. Dear brother of Marvin (Gail) Flood. Don was an Air Force Veteran, Michigan State Police Lieutenant Detective, Chief of Police of Romulus, also a licensed realtor, played softball until he was 78 and enjoyed golf. Visitation Friday July 6, 10 am until 11 am memorial services at Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River, Redford 48240. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations to the church appreciated. Condolences at CharlesStepFuneralHome. com

Charles Step Funeral Home and Cremation Services

### **Joseph Rice**

LIVONIA - Joseph Michael Rice Jr., age 82, of Livonia, Michigan passed away on Thursday June 28, 2018. Joseph was born March 13, 1936 to the late Mary and Joseph Rice Sr. of Saginaw. Survived by his wife Joan Rice, Son Bradley (Jen) Rice and grandchildren Mathew and William Rice. Services were held at Harry J Will Funeral Home.

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### **Angela Marrie Johnson**

WESTLAND - Age 52, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2018. She was born July 16, 1965 in Lincoln Park, MI, the daughter of Rufus G. and Geneva M. (Cross) Johnson. She worked as a customer service agent for the airline industry. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt and cousin



and will be greatly missed. Survivors include: her mother Geneva; two brothers, Bobby (Susan) Johnson and Ritchie Johnson; her nephew and niece, Joshua "Sunshine" Johnson and Ashley "Little Miss Little Bit" Johnson; three great nieces, Brooklynn, Payslee and Annabelle; her three cats, Tanner, Lucy and Ellie; and several cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, two brothers, Ricky and John and several aunts and uncles. The funeral service will be 1 pm Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5667 Denton Road, Canton with Brother Danny Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. The family will receive friends 2-8 pm Sunday and 2-8 pm Monday at Stark Funeral Service and at the church from 12 noon until time of service Tuesday. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

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### **PRO HOCKEY**

# Novi twins selected in NHL Draft

### **Cole and Christian Krygier** played two seasons for **USHL Lincoln Stars**

#### Brad Emons

Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

The recently retired Sedin twins, Daniel and Henrik, made quite a splash during their long and illustrious National Hockey League careers with the Vancouver Canucks.

The second and third picks overall of the 1999 NHL Draft, the Sedin twins now have company as another set of twins, Novi natives Christian and Cole Krygier, both heard their name called during the seventh round last Saturday in Dallas.

Paired this past season as defensemen for the USHL's Lincoln (Neb.) Stars, the torch has been passed as Christian and Cole have a chance someday to carry on the same identical twin legacy from the Sedin brothers.

### **New York and Florida call their** names

Christian was taken 196th overall by the New York Islanders, while Cole was the 201st overall choice by the Florida Panthers.

"I was just actually sitting in the basement with the TV on and I was sitting there for a long time ... actually by the sixth round and I just shut the TV off," said Christian, who was ranked No. 216 among North American skaters by



Christian Krygier



reau. "I got a call, like, 30 seconds later that I got picked, so it was a pretty crazy moment. It was definitely a little frustrating, but towards the end of it, once I got the call, it was pretty relieving and pretty happy."

Cole, whose final ranking was No. 149, had resigned himself to the fact that he might not be taken. But just five picks later, he also got the call.

Krygier "I was actually at my house watching," Cole said. "The seventh round came on and I was kind of, like, 'Maybe it's not this year, all right, whatever.' I was fine. I actually was in the shower and then got out of the shower and my brother was, like, 'Oh, Florida just picked you.' Then I got a call from my buddy and he was, like, 'Congrats.' And I was, like, 'No, that's my brother,' but then he said Florida just picked you. I actually found out from a friend. It was funny."

Both players were at the Islanders' and Panthers' developmental camps, respectively, this week. The two will then report Sunday night to East Lansing, where they will begin taking classes and play together at Michigan State.

"I think it's going to be cool just comparing what the camps are like and how he thinks (about) New York and I'll

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### PREP BASEBALL **Area All-Stars**

# take Comerica experience to the bank

Local players help East defeat West in 37th annual game, 7-4

#### **Brad Emons**

Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

John Malcom got another chance to play at Comerica Park and he was determined to not let the second opportunity go to waste.

It was a far cry from the regular season game for the first baseman and outfielder from Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day as he went 2-for-2 with a run scored and a stolen base Friday night as the East defeated the West, 7-4, in the 37th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game.

"It didn't go so well," Malcom said of

# **RECREATION SPORTS Sultans of fling**



Chelsie Huz warms up on the practice tee. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ryan Derry tosses a disc toward the 12th basket. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Disc golf continues to grow in popularity throughout Michigan

### **Tim Smith**

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Who needs the aggravation of getting hassled by a golf course ranger or an impatient foursome nipping at your heels?

Not when there's a nice, relaxing disc golf course to combine the best of recreation, relaxation and socialization.

Consider Chelsie Huz and Ryan Derry, 20-somethings who met last year on the first hole at the Cass Benton disc golf course in Northville and now make disc golf outings part of their weekly routine and dating arsenal.

When heading out to play a round of disc golf, each brings a bag of tricks, composed of discs of varying circumfer-

ence, depth and design - to curve, fade, glide or flat-out motor from tee box to flag (actually, an elevated wire basket).

Huz and Derry reach into the duffel bag and pull out a driver, mid-range or putter - just as though they were deciding which club to play on a traditional golf course.

"They all do different things," Canton resident Huz said, talking about her collection. "Some drivers are, like, distance drivers or maximum distance drivers. Some just go straight, some turn left or right. It just depends on the kind of disc that you're throwing.

"My bag is full of different discs,

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his first Comerica experience. "But it was good to come back and get my revenge. It was always on the back of my mind. I said I can't go out like that. I think I went 0-for-4. We were wearing gym shoes and I fell a couple of times. It was a good thing. First pitch I said, 'I'm stealing in this game.' I got to get

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John Glenn's Brian Martin connects on a pitch in the 37th Annual East-West All-Star game Friday June 29, 2018 at Comerica Park in Detroit. TIMOTHY ARRICK



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### PDL SOCCER

# **OU's Ricci scores twice in Bucks win**

Ricci

### **Brad Emons**

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With the Premier Development League's most storied franchises having their playoff backs against the wall, the Michigan Bucks are getting a much needed boost from a local college player.

Oakland University's Austin Ricci, who recently completed his four years of eligibility, scored his team-leading sixth and seventh goals of the season on June 27 as the Bucks upended the West Virginia Chaos, 2-0, inside air conditioned Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

On June 30, the Bucks (4-3-3, 15 points) moved into a third place tie in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference with a 2-2 draw on the road with the first-place Dayton Dutch Lions (6-2-3, 21 points) at DOC Stadium.

Hunter Barone (seventh minute) and Suniel Veerakone (82nd minute from David Goldsmith) scored goals for the Bucks, while the Dutch Lions countered with a pair of goals by Emilius Wendt (from Abdul Koositra and Jacob Moore) in the 62nd and 84th minutes, respectively.

Bucks goalkeeper Hunter Wilson made four saves, while Dayton counterpart Corey Whisenthunt had six.

Ricci, a native of Richmond Hill, Ontario (just north of Toronto), scored in the 23rd and 27th minutes to provide the final margin of victory against the Chaos

Ricci's first goal, the game-winner,

came on a nifty one-time volley.

"I just saw David Goldsmith running down the line and I'd seen all their defenders dropping down close to the net," Ricci said, "so I just peeled off closer to the top of the box, hope he saw me and he played me a good ball. I just hit it first time in there."

His second goal of the night provided some much needed cushion.

"The second one - Mitch (Guitar) did a good job running the ball off one of their mistakes and then just happy I got the ball, and just continued to keep dribbling until the defender stepped to him," Ricci said. "When he stepped to him he played me through and I just finished it and that was the easy part."

Ricci finished his OU career with 22 goals and 23 assists. He made first-team All-Horizon League last fall during his final season as the Golden Grizzlies finished 6-10-1 overall.

"I'm hoping to play professionally somewhere, working on getting opportunities now, so trying to have a good summer so that comes through," said Ricci, who is in his second season with the Bucks. "We'll see where that goes when the time comes."

Bucks head coach Paul Thomas was pleased with his team's play, particularly during the first 45 minutes.

"I thought we were exceptional in the first half creating probably five or six really good opportunities and could only take advantage of two," said the first-year coach. "And then when you're only two goals up the next goal is really dangerous, and we couldn't quite finish



They're a tough team to play against. It just shows some real grit and determination to get through the second

half, so I'm proud of the guys for that." Ricci's finishing touch has elevated the Bucks' recent surge.

"The past three or four games he's really stepped up," Thomas said of Ricci. 'We've needed a player that can step up and score goals, and he's stepped up to the plate. He looks sharp right now and when he finally gets his chance ,he puts it away and is just great to have on the team."

West Virginia was missing its top two scorers Dion Dozzell and Marcelo Hernandez, who were out an injury and red card. But the Bucks weren't about to show any sympathy because many as 10 different players have missed games this summer due to injury.

"We've had a luck of tough luck with injuries and players leaving for certain reasons, but there's nothing you can do about that," Ricci said. "It put us in a tough spot, but we're doing well."

Bucks goalie Jimmy Hague (Walled Lake Western), who was the 2017 Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year from Michigan State, made five saves to post the team's third shutout of the season.

Meanwhile, the Bucks had plenty of other scoring chances, but left a few on the table.

"I think we could have had a few more," Ricci said. "There were some guys that missed a few, but we did a good job the second half holding them off and just finish the game out.'

The Bucks, who have a game in hand, are 3-0-1 since starting out 1-3-2. Their last defeat was a 1-0 setback to the Dutch Lions on June 13 at Royal Oak High School.

"Based on the start of the season we put ourselves in a tough spot," Ricci said. "We've been doing well the past few games and we've had some results go our way, so now we know what to do and every game is in our hands, which we like."

With only four PDL matches remaining, the Bucks must finish in the two top in the Great Lakes Division earn their 23rd playoff berth in the last 24 years.

"Every game is a playoff game right now," Thomas said. "We need to win out in order to qualify for the playoffs, and that's the plan and that's the goal to win every game you can."

The Bucks' next match is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7 against the Cincinnati Dutch Lions at Ultimate Soccer Arenas. For ticket information, visit www.buckssoccer.com.

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### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**



### RUNNING

# **Road Runner Classic offers** fun, challenging courses

### **Brad Emons**

Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

Marking its 13th anniversary, a new and improved 2018 Road Runner Classic will feature a few new wrinkles for its early evening races on Saturday, July 21 at historic Maybury State Park.

The Classic, hosted by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury.

The redesigned half-trail, halfpavement 8-kilometer run-walk starts at 5:30 p.m followed by the new 5K run-walk, all on pavement, at 5:45 p.m. Prior to those two races, a 1-mile fun run-walk begins at 5 p.m.

"This year we've got bigger medals for everybody, cool shirts, great craft beer, a great course - all designed to make sure everybody has a rewarding time in making this the best summer race ever. "

Entry fees, through July 19, are \$36 (8K and 5K) and \$20 (1-mile fun runwalk). Race day fees (July 20-21) are \$40 (8K and 5K) and \$23 (fun run-walk).

Race participants must enter Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, to Maybury State Park. (Michigan recreation passports are required for all vehicles entering the park.)

To register online, visit www.runsignup.com. Payment, included with a printed entry form, can be mailed to:

Westland John Glenn's Sharon Woodard (left), with Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer, has signed an NJCAA letter of intent. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# John Glenn guard **Woodard signs** with Schoolcraft

#### **Brad Emons**

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Westland John Glenn guard Sharon Woodard will continue her basketball career next year at Schoolcraft College.

The 5-foot-9 senior, who averaged 14 points, six assists and five rebounds per game, played in every minute of every game in all but one as she helped the Rockets finish 8-13 overall.

Woodard had 18 points and eight assists in her final game in a 60-50 Class A district semifinal loss to rival Wayne

Memorial, the KLAA champion and MHSAA Final Four team.

Schoolcraft, under fifth-year coach Kara Kinzer last season, finished 18-11 overall and 10-4 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association while reaching the NJCAA District H finals before losing to Macomb CC, 64-63.

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Each participant will receive finishing medals along with a tech shirt. Awards, donated by Gazelle Sports, will go three deep in five-year age brackets. Northville Running Fit will donate awards to the overall male and female masters winners.

Post-race activities includes music, pizza, craft and micro-brewed beer, along with homemade baked goods. The family-friendly event also offers a chance to visit farm animals along with other activities for children.

"It's really well organized and it's really just a lot of fun, and the price is good," NRR president Gary Haf said.

Northville Road Runners, 387 Hamilton, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

Packet pickup will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, July 20 at the Northville Running Fit store. Race day packet pickup starts at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org; www.runmichigan.com; or www.runsignup.com. Questions should be directed to nrrupdate@yahoo.com.

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Jeff Novak of the Northville Road Runners competes in the club run in early May at Maybury State Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# **12U Matcats second in Blue Water Nationals Duals**

### Brad Emons

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The Michigan Matcats continued their year-round quest led by its Youth 12-and-under squad securing a runnerup finish in the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Blue Water National Duals held June 30 at McMorran Place Arena in Port Huron.

"These national dual events are designed for – you guessed it – national teams," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "Teams created with all-stars usually including state champions from across the state. We do things a bit differently. We use our club kids only."

Individually, the Matcats were led by Isabella Cepak, who earned a victory against the wrestler on the opposing squad with 113 wins.

Meanwhile, the Matcats' Daniel Bal-

estieri narrowly lost to another state champion in his first national dual tourney

"Daniel was composed and let his training take over like a true champion," Richardson said. "Our kids never cowered, wrestling each match with courage and determination, winning some really tough matches along the way."

The Matcats have had a history of competing well in these type of events, according to Richardson.

"While we have several state champions of our own, we also have many kids that deserve a chance to get onto one of these teams," he said. "By competing with and against the best, these kids get the experience needed to further their individual development."

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The Michigan Matcats took second in the NUWAY Blue Water National Duals in Port Huron. RANDY HONISS

### NHL

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probably tell him how Florida is," Cole said. "It's going to be a really good experience getting away from each other."

### Competitive family of Division I athletes

The Krygier twins have been basically inseparable on and off the ice during their youth and junior hockey careers. Both are left-handed shooters and both measure 6 feet, 3 inches, 192 pounds.

They also come from a hockey family. Their father Todd, who played in the NHL for three different teams, scoring 100 goals and adding 143 assists in 543 games, is currently an assistant coach at Western Michigan University. He also was the head coach of the Compuware AAA mite team and guided Novi to its only MHSAA Division 1 state title in 2011. He was also head coach of the USHL's Muskegon Lumberjacks before going to WMU.

An older brother Brock, who is entering medical school this fall, played hockey three years at Michigan State and one year at Arizona State. Their oldest sister Natalie played soccer at Connecticut and Iowa, while younger sister Grace will be a sophomore on the Wisconsin women's soccer team.

"I'd say growing up in a family of five kids and everyone being Division I athletes ... so I think being the youngest two in a family of five is not an easy thing, just because everyone is so competitive," Christian said.

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Novi's Christian Krygier was taken in the seventh round of the NHL Draft by the New York Islanders. BRANDON ANDERSON | LINCOLN STARS

lot of minutes ... it started out as a struggle, but by the end it was a pretty successful year I thought."

New Stars coach Cody Chupp, a Big Rapids native who played at Ferris State, put the Krygier brothers on the same defensive pairing and they began to click after the team got off to a slow start.

Chupp said the Krygiers "were as good as anybody athletically in the draft."

"At the start of the season, we weren't really playing together and our team wasn't doing really well," Christian said. "And then they kind of made some changes, changed some stuff up. They actually put us together, kind of almost like expecting us to not do very well together. And then we kind of turned it on, came together and actually became a lot closer playing together, which was pretty cool because it was more than just playing for ourselves. It was more playing for each other throughout the season, because we both wanted to do well and we were both on the ice together. It actually became a really tight bond that was closer than ever before and then got really together on the ice, too, with communication and play, stuff like that. It was a pretty cool process."

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Both were able to complement each other on the blue line.

"Obviously, we're both kind of bigger, strong guys, so we are defensive-minded, but we like to get up in the rush and play, kind of that fourth forward kind of thing," Christian said. "I'd say we have a pretty similar style of game."

### **From Wisconsin to MSU**

Prior to their 18th birthdays May 5,

#### 'Rambunctious' style of play

Following their selections in the seventh round, an analyst from the NHL Network described the Krygier twins as "rambunctious," something Christian wouldn't deny.

"I think we definitely have different personalities, but for the most part, we're really competitive, love to win," Christian said of he and his twin brother. "I think for the most part, we both have an edge on the ice where it's really competitive. Sometimes, we cross the line, but that's the way we've always been. I don't think it's going to change much, but we've always been that way, so ... just really competitive and really tough to play against. We just love battling."

In their second USHL season in Lincoln, the Stars finished 35-23-1-1 during the regular season and reached the semifinals of the Clark Cup playoffs before being eliminated by the Waterloo Black Hawks, 3-2.

A total of six Lincoln Stars players went during the 2018 NHL Draft, including Canton native Paul Cotter, a forward who was selected in the fourth round (115th overall) by the Vegas Knights.

"It was a really good group of guys who became very close on the team," Christian said.

Cole finished with three goals and 14 assists for 17 points with 107 penalty minutes and a plus-12 rating in 58 games. In his two seasons with the Stars, he totaled six goals and 17 assists for 23 points through 95 games. Cole added an assist at the 2018 USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game and competed at the 2017 CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game.

### First year in Nebraska an adjustment

But his first USHL first season and being away from home, there was certainly an adjustment period.



Cole Krygier was taken in the seventh round by the Florida Panthers in the NHL Draft. BRANDON ANDERSON | LINCOLN STARS

"Obviously, being a 16-year-old in the league with a lot of older guys on the team, I couldn't say anything better about anyone," Cole said. "All the guys were really good to us, showing us how and what to do day in and day out ... and actually playing that second year and being more comfortable, getting a lot of minutes and we had an unbelievable coaching staff our second year after a change from the first year. We had a bunch of really good guys and a pretty good year, so it was fun."

Meanwhile, Christian played 48 games with the Stars this season, tallying eight assists with 137 penalty minutes and a plus-10 rating. Over his twoyear career, had two goals and 11 assists for 13 points 98 games.

He was also a 2018 USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game selection, made a 2017 CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game appearance and was a U.S. Junior Select Team pick for the 2017 World Jr. A Challenge.

"I tendered in Lincoln when I was 16, so it was definitely a game-changer when it came to playing junior hockey,' Christian said. "Being a 16-year-old and the youngest guy on your team ... my brother (Cole) got drafted in the fifth round. Wasn't really playing, then we got him. He showed up at camp and actually switched to defense that year, so he really didn't know if he made the team or not. He did very well at the camp and we both got picked for the team. I think it was a really up-anddown year at the start, my first year and his first year. I was seventh 'D' and not playing very much. He was out of the lineup for the first 20 games, then towards the end of the season started rolling. We were both playing in the top six a the Krygiers had both signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent to play at the University of Wisconsin, but head coach Tony Granato granted both of them a release.

"Wisconsin is an unbelievable program, I can't say enough good things about them," Christian said. "They just had a lot of guys going in and there just wasn't that much availability or opportunity in their lineup, so when it came down to it, me and my brother didn't want to play (USHL) the following year. We wanted to play in college, so we kind of looked at our options after we decommitted because there wasn't going to be an opportunity to be there. When we decided to go to Michigan State, I think we're both extremely excited. And being from Michigan, it's pretty special to play in front of kids that you've gone to grade school with, since 5 or 6 years old. I'm really excited about Michigan State and it's a better situation with me and Cole then what it would have been."

Cole, meanwhile, had the same sentiments.

"I think Wisconsin was unbelievable to us," he said. "They were great to us and we had a great relationship with the coaches there. They texted me when I got drafted yesterday, so it's definitely not a bad or toxic relationship. I think the biggest thing is that we could go in and play right away. If you're seven or eight 'D' the first year, then six or seven the following year, so I didn't think it would help us in the long run. Michigan State offered an unbelievable deal, saying we'd pretty much come in and play right away with an opportunity. They're going to give us every opportunity until whether we take it or leave it. It's really up to us now going to Michigan State."

And who knows after Michigan State? You could see the next pair of twins in the NHL, this time not as teammates, but on separate teams.

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### **DISC GOLF**

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that do different things," she added. "Just for certain holes, if one hole cuts harder to the left or to the right, you just need a certain disc for that. It's helpful to have a variety."

According to Derry, a Livonia Franklin graduate who now lives in Redford Township, "Different discs do different things. You throw them differently and you can have the same disc do different things."

"A mid-range, personally, (is) my favorite one to throw," Derry said. "You get a little bit more control out of it, stability. You can see the difference between a driver and a mid-range is the lip is a little more round, a smaller lip than the driver here."

Unlike actual golf, disc golf doesn't have to break the bank, either.

"You can get beginner discs like at Dunham's, like, a pack of three — a driver, a mid-range and a putter — probably for about \$20 to \$40," Derry said. "And you don't necessarily have to buy an actual bag until you get more into it. You could just use a backpack. It's not a very expensive sport, until you actually get far into it.

"And Cass Benton is a free course, so it's free to play here. You don't have to worry about that."

### **Rising popularity**

For the price, disc golf is quite the bargain — so much so that the buzz is building at bucolic spots all across Michigan and the United States.

According to the Professional Disc Golf Association (pdga.com), which one must join in order to compete in tournaments, there were just over 41,600 members in 2017. That marked a jump of about 15 percent from 2016, when an estimated 35,700 graced PDGA courses.

The twists and turns of traditional links apply to disc golf, as participants try to figure out how to play through a stand of trees or navigate other course



Disc golfers Chelsie Huz and Ryan Derry, at Cass Benton Woods in Northville. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ryan Derry hits the basket. He made par on this throw.

challenges.

But for both Huz and Derry, crushing a round is secondary to spending quality time in a pastoral setting. Actually, with disc golf, they can do both things simultaneously. They might be playing a sport, but it feels as though they were strolling through Kensington Metropark one recent Saturday afternoon.

"You're able to get out and walk around, have a good time," Huz said. "You can meet up with friends that you see and pick up with as many people as you want."

Derry concurred, noting that it's not just a game.

"It's scenery, you're walking the whole course, so it's exercise," he said. "You're out here with your friends ... nice weather, good time, exercise — it's the whole package for me."

### **Discovery awaits**

Another plus is finding out about other, picturesque courses that scream out "road trip."

That's exactly what Huz, Derry and a couple of other friends recently did. They traveled to the west side of the Lower Peninsula and played at the fivestar Flip City Disc Golf Course in Shelby, along with Whiskey Hills in Custer.

"We spent the whole day at Whiskey Hills, left there, went to Flip," Derry said. "You have to see pictures of this place (Flip City). It is absolutely remarkable. It's not just the course at all, it's the scenery. The time (Flip City owner Bill McKenzie) puts into it personally because it's a private course.

"He carved in a giant basket, into the grass, so when you go from one hole to another, you go a quarter-mile up the hill. ... It's huge."

One of those friends was 25-year-old Sam Maccani, who attended Plymouth High School with Huz.

"Come out for a good time; it's a very relaxed sport," Maccani said. "You're coming out just having a good time, to walk around, enjoy some nature. It's a very laid-back sport. If you want to take it seriously, you can.

"It's not, like, when you go onto an actual golf course, people behind you kind of (say), 'Come on, come on, come on."

In fact, the only sound emanating from behind the chill purveyors of fling might be chirping from nearby robins. Or maybe the wind whooshing through the trees.

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### **ALL STAR**

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#### my revenge."

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Malcom, who got the start at first, is headed to play next season to play at Vanderbilt, but his first stop will be in a summer league stint for the Albany (N.Y.) Dutchmen in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League where he doesn't have a preferred position.

"Actually I'm headed there at 5 in the morning," Malcom said. "I just want to show that I can do anything."



Salem's Jacob Seipenko fires a pitch in the 37th Annual East-West All-Star Game



#### Seipenko's shot

Friday June 29, 2018 at Comerica Park in Detroit. TIMOTHY ARRICK



"I'm not going to lie, I was watching it the whole way," Seipenko said. "I was at first base watching the ball. but I thought it was going down and I got to second base. A little more lift and it would have been gone."

The Michigan State-bound Seipenko also pitched a scoreless seventh inning allowing a hit and walk to go along with a strikeout.

"Being on the mound is great and all, but I actually can say that hitting that double off a Copa banner was pretty awesome," Seipenko said. "I didn't getting that many at-bats that day, or many at all, but getting that last hit at Comerica was something special."

Seipenko, who is playing this summer for the Metro Detroit Athletics, said it was an experience he'll never forget.

"I've never pitched in front of a crowd like this in a atmosphere and a stadium like this," he said. "It was wonderful to see all these guys out here and pitch in front of a great crowd."

### Weatherly's jitters

In the bottom of the third inning, long and lanky Howell right-hander took his turn on the mound for the West squad and kept the East off the board as he recorded a strikeout and gave up a single before inducing a 3-6-3 double play.

"It was nerve-wracking for sure," Weatherly said. "I was definitely a little bit nervous, but being on the team with all these guys and such great talent all around on the East and West squads... it was a lot of fun. It's definitely something I will not forget. It was awesome."

Weatherly's mindset on the mound was simple. Just stay calm.

"Throw strikes, try and get outs, get ahead in the count and I was able to do that," he said.

Weatherly, who is headed to Ball State in the fall, did not pitch as many innings as he anticipated during his prep season for the Highlanders. And he is opting out of summer baseball.

"This is it, I'm shutting down for the summer," he said. "My coach wants me to take a little bit of a break and I think I'll pick it back up in August. I had onand-off with blisters on my fingers, flaring up. It was kind of frustrating during the season."

### Martin sharp

Westland John Glenn right-hander Brian Martin, also headed to MSU, got the save for the East with an impressive one-two-three ninth inning.

Against the lead-off West batter, he hustled to the bag to make the putout after a stop and a flip by Seipenko, who was playing first base.

Seipenko, his future teammate at MSU, also scooped up a throw in the dirt from third baseman Matt Stinebiser (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) for the second out and Martin fanned Ann Arbor Skyline's Eamon Horwedel to end the inning.

"On the mound it felt great," said Martin, who is playing summer baseball for the Chi-Town Cream. "Pitching on a Major League mound is definitely something to remember. I felt like I was throwing pretty good out there. The last time I pitched was about a week ago, but before that I had about two weeks off. I've never played here, but I always wanted to, so this was a memorable experience for me."

### **Hendricks** honored

Although Hartland's Max Hendricks

went 0-for-2 at the plate for the West, it was still a night to remember.

"Amazing, completely honored," said the middle infielder. "Obviously very spacious, so sometimes you feel like you get a hold of one and the outfielders are sitting right there . . . but awesome, everything."

Hendricks is taking the summer off – sort of – before heading to play in the fall at Wayne State.

"Resting the body a little bit," he said. "I'm working on my family vineyard...8 a.m. to 8 p.m. work, and it's good work. When you start picking leaves for five hours you think a little bit, so..."

#### **Graham gets call**

Livonia Stevenson's Parker Graham played second base for the East and collected an infield single in the ninth inning.

"Of course, I'll take it, no doubt about it," Graham said of his third base squibber off West left-handed pitcher Cole Daniels. "It was incredible, it was a surreal experience. I always wanted to play here, always dreamed of playing here and getting the opportunity was great."

Ironically, Graham was originally an alternate, but got the call just two weeks prior to fill the East roster.

"I was sitting at my buddy's backyard swimming, then coach (Dan) Greisbaum called me up and let me know," said Graham, who plans to play football this fall at Concordia University with the option of trying baseball. "I was excited, great news."

### All-Star ledger

Also appearing in the game for the East squad were Birmingham Brother Rice's duo of Gabe Sotres and Reese Trahey, both headed to Michigan State, along with CC's Stinebiser, who is off to

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Country Day's John Malcom went 2-for-2 with a run scored and stolen base in the East's 7-4 All-Star win over the West at Comerica Park. TIMOTHY ARRICK

#### Duke.

For the West, Brighton right-hander Cameron Tullar, who is headed to Wabash (Ill.) Community College, allowed one hit and pitched a scoreless second inning.

Northville's Billy Flohr, who has signed with Florence-Darlington Technical College (S.C.) came on to catch for the West and Howell's Jake Falzone, who is going to Kellogg CC, also made an appearance in the outfield for the West.

### **Odds and ends**

West shortstop Thomas Eitniear, from Division 4 school Ottawa Lake Whiteford, was named the All-Star MVP in a losing cause.

Eitniear went 2-for-3 at the plate and made the defensive play of the night with diving stop up the middle to take away an East hit in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Also a member of Whiteford's Division 8 state championship football team, Eitniear will play baseball at Toledo.

Meanwhile, Grosse Pointe North's Davis Graham was named the East All-Star MVP.

Wyandotte's Matt Montroy was the winning pitcher for the East, while Traverse City St. Francis' Casey Peterson, who gave up four runs in the fourth (all unearned), suffered the loss.

The East won despite making four errors, but out-hit the West, 10-8.

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### Employment Opportunity Department of Public Works City of Farmington – Maintenance Worker

The City of Farmington is accepting applications for a Maintenance Worker in the Department of Public Works. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. A combination of two (2) years of experience relating to any of the following is preferred: construction; concrete flatwork; tree trimming; heavy equipment operation; and lawn maintenance including irrigation systems. Applicants must possess and maintain a valid Commercial Driver License (CDL) minimum class "B" certification with air brake and tanker endorsements or obtain a CDL within 90 days of hire. Starting pay of \$18.86 - \$23.01/hr depending on qualifications, as well as an excellent benefits package. Normal work hours are 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. However, applicants must be able to work some nights and weekends.

Applications are available at Farmington Public Works Office located at 33720 W. Nine Mile Road Farmington Michigan 48335, Farmington City Hall located at 23600 Liberty Street Farmington MI 48335 or at http://www.ci.farmington.mi.us/City-Services/Forms-and-Permits/Human-Resources/CoF-DPW-Employment-Applicationfillable-2017.aspx

Applications must be submitted to Farmington Public Works Office located at 33720 W. 9 Mile Road Farmington MI 48335, or online to: FarmingtonDPW@farmgov.com no later than 4:30 PM Friday, July 6, 2018.

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### **CITY OF LIVONIA** LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT/REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

### DISPOSAL OF VACANT CITY OWNED PARCEL: 19315 INKSTER ROAD, LIVONIA, 48152, NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED.

The proposal package, bid requirements, bid form and certified site survey will be available beginning Monday, July 9, 2018 at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the property bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to Susan Nash, City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Bids must be on the form provided in the proposal package accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit. Interested parties that have questions regarding the city-owned property or bid requirements may contact Brandie Isaacson, Community Development at 734-421-6450 ext. 103

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to the responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the City of Livonia Housing Commission.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on July 20th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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



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### NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is holding a public comment period from July 5, 2018, until August 6, 2018, and a public hearing, if requested, on August 9, 2018, for Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Complex's proposal to modify their current Flexible Permit provisions for their existing facility located at 37625 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Michigan. The public comment period and, if requested, public hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI). It has been preliminarily determined that the addition of more criteria pollutants to the current Flexible Permit provisions will not violate any of the MDEQ's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The facility's impact will not exceed the available increments for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter equal to or less than ten microns in diameter.

Additionally, this proposed change to the Flexible Permit provisions will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-A8650-2010 (SRN A8650). This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP.

Copies of the MDEQ's Technical Fact Sheet, Proposed Project Summary, and proposed permit conditions are available for review at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-284-6793. Please reference PTI Application Number 192-17.

AIR QUALITY DIVISION (AQD) Internet Home Page - http://www.michigan.gov/air

DETROIT: MDEQ, AQD, 3058 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 2-300 (Phone: 313-456-4700)

LANSING: MDEQ, AQD, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street (Phone: 517-284-6793)

WAYNE: City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road (Phone: 734-722-2000)

The public is encouraged to present written comments on the proposed permit action. Written comments or a hearing request should be sent to Ms. Annette Switzer, Permit Section Manager, MDEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the webpage http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml (click on "Submit Comment" under the Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Complex, PTI No. 192-17 listing). All statements received by August 6, 2018, will be considered by the decision maker prior to final permit action.

Only if requested in writing by August 6, 2018, the informational session and public hearing will be held on August 9, 2018 in the HYPE Recreation Center Suite 3, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, Michigan. The informational session will begin at 5:30 p.m., at which time AQD staff will provide a brief introduction regarding the proposed project and will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. Those interested may contact the AQD at 517-284-6799 on August 7, 2018, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Lisa Shooltz at 517-284-6793 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance

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