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Westland adding more LED streetlights

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Westland is poised to become the first city in western Wayne County to have all high-efficiency streetlights operating by 2019.

The city council authorized the fourth and final phase in the city's streetlight conversion program at its meeting Aug. 20. That final phase will see 870 streetlights replaced and the addition of 223 new lights across the city. All the new lights will be LED lighting, which is a more efficient lighting that will cost the city less in the long run for powering them.

"When this phase is done, the city of Westland will be just about totally LED," Mayor William Wild said. "We'll be one of the first cities in western Wayne County and all of Michigan to be fully LED."

The locations of the new streetlights were located after a study was done by the Westland Police Department. The new lights locations are as follows:

- 11 along Wildwood, between Ford and Hunter
- Eight along Venoy, between Cherry Hill and Palmer
- 132 along Newburgh, between Joy and Glenwood

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A DTE worker converting a mercury vapor street light to LED. FILE PHOTO



Peyton, Gavin and Connor Williams, with their nanny Rhonda Pierce, walk through the Nature Nook, looking at the storyboards. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NATURE NOOK

Livonia library cuts ribbon on StoryWalk

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Folks at the Livonia Civic Center Library were looking for help transforming a patch of greenery behind the library into an interactive learning program.

Eagle Scout candidate Matt Sas was looking for a project that would put him over the top.

After months of planning and design and hundreds of service hours on behalf of the Boy Scout, the partnership turned out to be a natural.

And Bennett Civic Center Library officials unveiled the results Monday, cutting the ribbon on the library's Nature Nook, with Braille-enhanced StoryWalk. It's an interactive reading exercise set up behind the library, where staffers had planted milkweed on their way to becoming a Monarch Waystation.

"The library had the idea and they



Matt Sas will soon earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The Nature Nook is his Eagle project. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

needed someone to orchestrate it," said Sas, a member of Troop 271 out of St. Michael's. "I was looking for something big ... you can always plant something or donate a bench."

Sas estimates he put more than 500 hours into the project, starting in July. He had a lot of help — parents, grand-

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Wayne railroad crossing successfully replaced

Crews with Amtrak, CSX Transportation and their contractors successfully replaced a four-diamond railroad crossing in Wayne as part of a planned maintenance project. A railroad diamond is an intersection between two or more rail lines, in this case, owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and CSX. The project was funded 75 percent by CSX and 25 percent by MDOT. A

video of the process has been posted to MDOT's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKekNt-YDpM>.

These types of improvements are vital for passenger and freight operations, improving safety, increasing reliability, and allowing for increased passenger train speeds.

Work on the crossing began Aug. 14

after a Norfolk Southern Railroad freight train passed through. The project entailed removing the old diamond crossing and carefully installing a new prefabricated unit. Complicating this project was a diamond composed of four crossings, making it both a heavy lift and requiring precision alignment to reconnect to existing rail lines, as well as disrupting busy passenger and

freight rail services. Amtrak Wolverine trains were terminated at Ann Arbor, with bus service bridging the gap to Dearborn, Detroit, Royal Oak, Troy and Pontiac, while CSX and NS freight trains were either rerouted or halted.

With the project completed Aug. 15, a train traveled through the diamond, testing the work. Amtrak service resumed Aug. 16 through Wayne.

StoryWalk

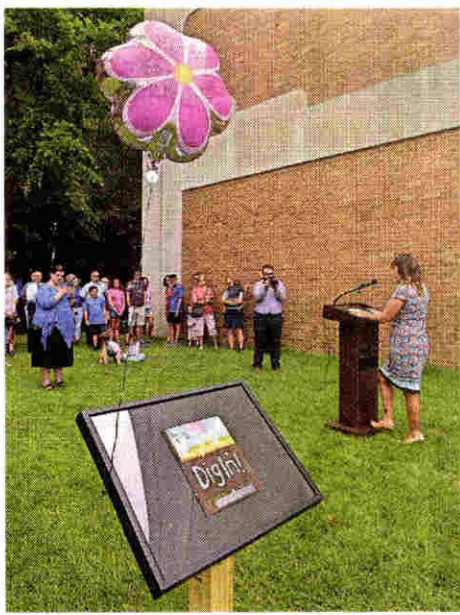
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parents, fellow Scouts — and a big boost from the Livonia A.M. Rotary Club, which funded the project to the tune of some \$3,500.

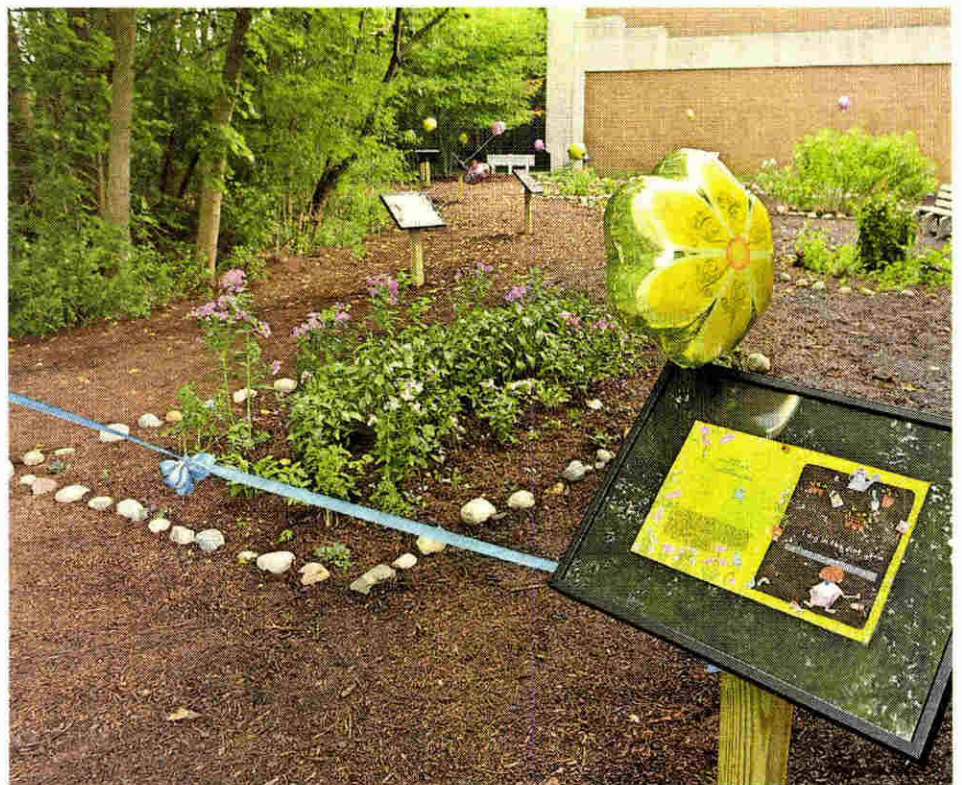
The layout, Sas said, is impressive. “There’s a real vision behind this,” he said. “It’s really great for the community. It was something big I wanted to be a part of.”

Children’s librarian Karen Smith said the Nature Nook, with its Braille-enhanced capability, will feature some six stories a season (roughly April through October). The area is also expected to draw animals, butterflies and provide children a chance to experience nature in an educational fashion.

“You can look out over it from the children’s department, so kids looking out there are the time will be exposed to



Gathering for the grand opening of the Nature Nook, tucked behind the northwest corner of Livonia’s Bennett Civic Center Library. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Here’s the recently completed Nature Nook. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nature,” Smith said.

The braille component is important because it opens the area not only to sighted children, but to blind kids, as well.

Seedlings Braille Books of Livonia donated the brailled component. Karen Smith (yes, another one), a spokesperson for Seedlings, stressed that literacy was “just as important” for the visually impaired as it is for sighted children.

“Blind children have fewer opportunities to learn how to read,” said Smith of Seedlings. “Braille materials are rare and often very expensive, sometimes costing more than \$100 for one book. For every 100 books a sighted child might own, a visually impaired kid might only have five.”

“Yet learning to read braille is the

only way for those who are blind to become truly literate,” Smith added. “Braille literacy often means the difference between poverty and prosperity for those who are blind.”

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Streetlights

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- 42 along Warren, between Wayne and Newburgh
- 28 along Central City Parkway, between Warren and Wayne

The city began converting lights to LED in 2015. The light poles in the city belong to DTE Energy, though the city does provide some funding for their replacement.

The cost for converting current poles to the LED poles will run the city \$253,972. The installation of the new poles will cost the city \$850,175, a total of just more than \$1.1 million.

Jill Wilmot, a spokeswoman for DTE Energy, said crews are expected to begin the conversion of current light poles first and then work on adding the additional light poles.

“We anticipating finishing the work before the first quarter of 2019,” she said.

In addition to traditional light poles, Wild said the poles in the Shop and Dine district will be more decorative and allow the city to personalize them.

“The lights that will be in the Shop and Dine district will also be new black poles, which will be decorative in nature and they’ll also be set up so we can put banners on them,” he said. “They’ll also have plugs on them, so we can also decorate them with Christmas lights as well.”

While Westland will be the first community with all LED lights on its streets, the decision to convert the city’s street lights is something plenty of other communities are also doing, Wilmot said. Other towns, including nearby Livonia, have lined up for new LED lights as well.

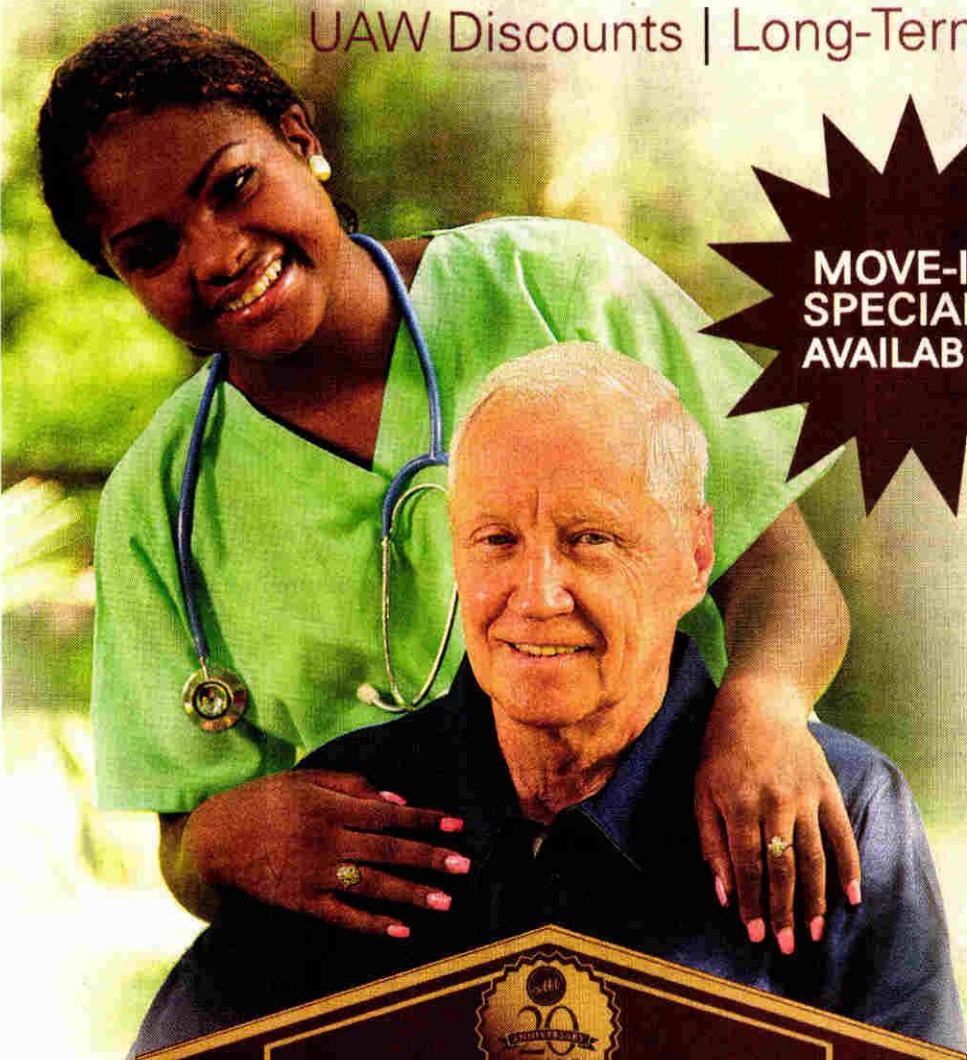
“We’re actually out talking to many of the municipalities and going one by one. Some of them don’t need replacements yet,” she said. “We’re reaching out and working with them.”

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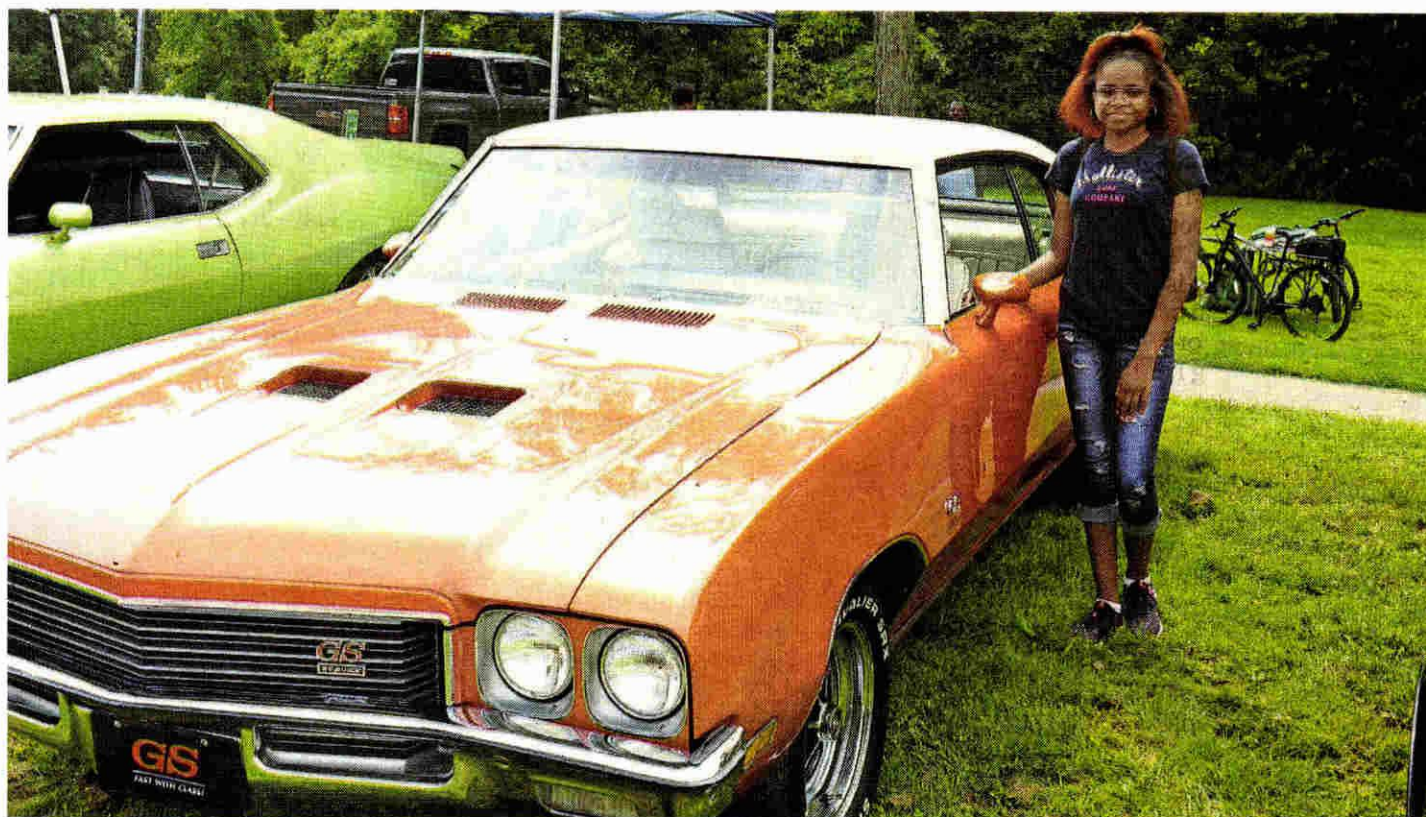
Woodward Avenue had nothing on Hines cruise

Forget about what you saw along Woodward Avenue.

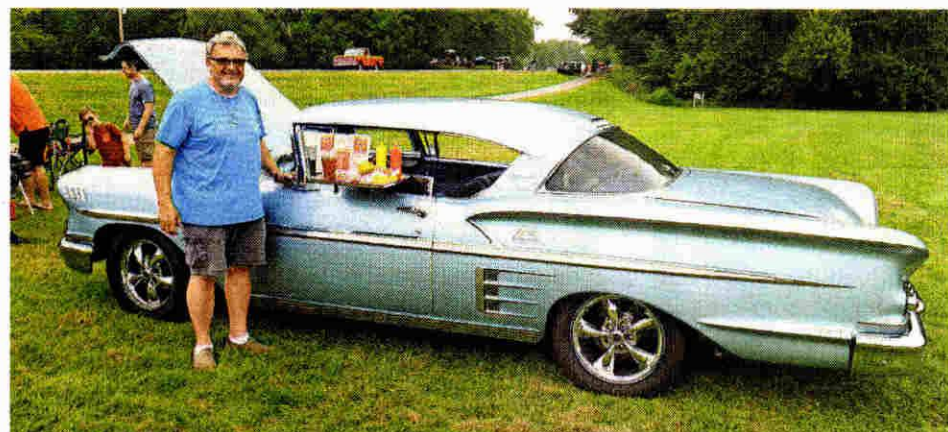
Hines Park featured a cruise all its own Aug. 26, as a variety of cars all 25 years old or older cruised through the park in the annual Cruisin' Hines event.

Cars featured on the cruise included a 1957 Ford Fairlane, a 1966 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible, a 1970 Chevy Chevelle, a 1965 baby blue Buick Riviera 401 and a 1963 Stingray.

The show is hosted by founder Don Nicholson and Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC.



Autumn Maddox finds the car of her dreams at this year's Cruisin' Hines event. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia resident Al Bitell and his 1958 Impala. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville resident Norm Harbin and his beautiful 1937 Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Duncan Hess hangs out with "car buddy" grandfather Rick Trzcinski during the Cruisin' Hines event. Both are from Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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JARC to hire 50 at career event Sept. 7

The Jewish Association for Residential Care, a Michigan-based 501(c)3 nonprofit and a premier residential services provider for people with developmental disabilities, has announced it will be hiring 50 direct care professionals at its career event scheduled for 3:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, to bolster services provided to its 174 clients in 80 residential settings throughout metro Detroit.

The event will be held at the JARC headquarters, 30301 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. Open positions include direct support professionals and respite/independent living workers.

Employees will provide personal assistance to individuals who have developmental disabilities. Working in a group home environment, they may assist with a variety of daily tasks, including personal grooming, meal preparation, feeding and light housework. Full paid training will be provided. There are no nursing skills required.

Starting wage for these positions is \$10.50 per hour

and comprehensive benefits are included (medical, dental, vision, paid vacation and sick time and life insurance).

Applicants should come prepared with their resume, contact information for three professional references and two pieces of ID.

"This isn't your average job fair. Attendees will be leaving this event with full-time jobs that include a set schedule and comprehensive insurance," said Shaindle Braunstein, JARC CEO. "Our team is our No. 1 asset. While many organizations in the direct care business do not offer guaranteed hours, set schedules or offer health insurances, JARC has committed to these values as a strong statement to our staff and the community. Because of this, our clients thrive in-kind."

All applicants hired at this event will also receive a \$100 starting bonus.

For more information, contact JARC at 248-538-6611 or email jobs@jarc.org.

SOAR accepting registration for fall lineup

SOAR, the Society of Active Retirees, has announced its fall lineup of more than 75 classes, outings, shared interest groups and special events.

A nonprofit, non-denominational, lifelong learning program, the SOAR fall series includes lectures in art, current events, dance, film, health history, literature, legal issues, opera, politics, science, sports, travel and more.

SOAR is affiliated with Wayne State University and the Road Scholar Institute Network. The program is among more than 400 linked with RSIN across the country and hundreds more in the U.S. and around the world. Billed as "health clubs for the brain," these programs serve audiences who want to learn, grow and

keep their minds sharp.

While the average age of participants at SOAR is 70 years and many members are retired, SOAR membership is open to adults of any age and role in life whose common interest is lifelong learning. SOAR serves more than 1,200 members from 57 communities in southeast Michigan. Most of its classes convene at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, in Farmington Hills or nearby locations.

For more information about SOAR or to join, go to www.soarexplora.com or call 248-626-0296. Course catalogs for the fall 2018 term are available now. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, and continues through Friday, Oct. 5.

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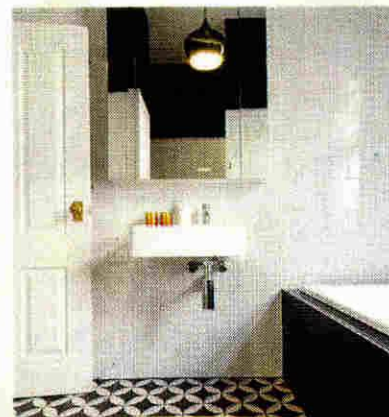


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When: Thursday, Sept. 6
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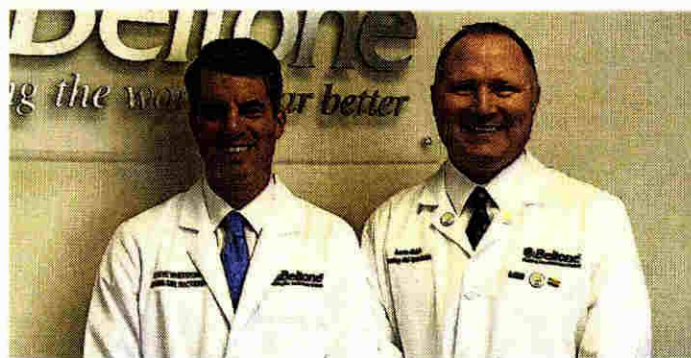
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Father's annuity won't finance son's retirement



Money Matters
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Q: I have a situation that I need some advice on. About 20 years ago, my dad (who was a widower at the time) decided to retire, sold his house up here and bought a home in Florida. He told me that Social Security will cover just about all of his expenses and, if he needed money, he would take some money out of an annuity that he had. At the time, he had over a half-million dollars in an annuity. As his health changed, he eventually sold his home and moved into an assisted-living facility. I just discovered that, about 15 years ago, he annuitized his annuity. My situation is, I'm in my early 60s, divorced with no dependents and was depending upon the balance of the annuity to fund my retirement. When my dad died recently, I was told that there was nothing left

in the annuity and, thus, I will inherit nothing. My first question to you is, do you think he was scammed and that I have a case against the insurance company? My second issue is that I only have about \$25,000 set aside for my retirement; obviously, unless I get money from the insurance company, I will not be able to retire. Any suggestions on what I can do so eventually I will be able to retire?

A: I do not believe that you have a cause of action against the insurance company and, even if you did, it's likely the statute of limitations has already run out. It is not unusual for someone to annuitize their annuity. Basically, when you annuitize an annuity, the insurance company guarantees you a set amount of money, generally monthly, that you will receive for the rest of your life. If your dad annuitized his annuity 15 years ago, it means for the last 15 years he has been receiving regular payments from the annuity company. I assume that when your father got to Florida and

eventually settled into a lifestyle, that retirement cost him more than he originally planned. After all, what many people find in retirement — and it's something I constantly preach — is that you need a rising income for the rest of your life. In today's world, you cannot live on a fixed or a shrinking income.

When someone annuitizes an annuity, they are not being scammed or anything of that nature. If someone was on their death bed and an insurance agent convinced someone that they should annuitize their annuity, that would be one thing. That is not the situation in this case. Your dad received payments for a 15-year period. In addition, it is important to realize that, when your dad made the decision and if he consulted with the insurance agent or a financial adviser, their goal was to do what was best for your father's situation, not necessarily what is good for his beneficiary.

Annuitizing an annuity is sometimes a good strategy, particularly for a conservative investor who wants a guaranteed amount of money for the rest of

their life. I don't necessarily recommend it for everyone, but I have recommended it in the past and will continue to recommend it to some people, depending upon their goals and objectives.

With you depending upon the annuity, it does put your retirement plans on hold. The first thing you should do is to go through your expenses and look for ways to prune costs so you can start an investment portfolio. Since you are working, you should look at whether the company has a salary deferral program, such as a 401(k) plan. If it does, you need to take advantage of it. You should put the maximum away, if possible. Saving in a 401(k) plan is an easy way to save, because the money comes directly out of your paycheck.

The key for you is to look for ways to cut your current expenses so that you can save more. In addition, you may have to adjust your thinking, as retirement for you may mean not fully retiring, but cutting back and working on a

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The Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi is again hosting Brickworld, a LEGO display and exposition, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23. The event will fill 40,000 square feet with displays, interactive activities and vendors.

"The creations you will see at the show are labors of love to the hobby enthusiasts that make this happen," event organizer Bryan Bonahoom said. "The detail in the creations is phenomenal and the sheer size of some of these creations will amaze you."

The creations can range from medieval castles to futuristic space stations. They include movie scenes, replicas of

real world buildings and recreations of famous paintings. Pretty much anything you can imagine is probably at Brickworld in some form. Plus, no Brickworld event would be complete without an incarnation of the Great Ball Contraption Rube Goldberg machine and trains.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. General admission tickets are \$12.50 cash or \$13 credit card at the door and \$13 online. Kids under age 3 are free. Tickets are available at the door (unless/until the event reaches sellout) and online at <https://brickworld.com>.

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part-time basis. The reality is that starting to save for retirement in your mid-60s is difficult. If you can stay at your present job until you're at least 70, it will allow you to substantially increase the amount of Social Security you will receive.

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Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will host its monthly meeting and potluck dinner Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. A meet-and-greet is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Guests and prospective members are just asked to meet. We will be discussing last month's flower show.

'A Doll's House' auditions

Schoolcraft College is holding open auditions for all roles in its fall production of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," adapted and directed by Paul Beer, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4-5, in the James R. Hartman Theatre at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The theater is located in the Liberal Arts building on the south end of campus. Performances will be late October and early November.

For more information, go to www.schoolcraft.edu/theatre or email theatre@schoolcraft.edu.

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom II on the fourth floor. Sept. 4, 11 and 18 are the next series dates.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

Narcan training

The group Livonia Save Our Youth is hosting an

opioid awareness and Narcan training session 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Livonia City Hall annex conference room, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Participants will receive a Naloxone (Narcan) kit and training from a representative from Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

Registration is required for this free event required. Contact Shari Davidek at 734 338-9580 or sdavidek@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

Compass monthly luncheon

Compass Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne is kicking off its second season of luncheons and guest speakers from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, when Phil Bahr, a certified public accountant and president of Ashes to Glory Foundation, will speak at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. The fee is \$20 and includes lunch.

To sign up for the monthly luncheons, go to michigancompass.org/westernwayne or go to the group on Facebook at [compasswesternwayne](https://www.facebook.com/compasswesternwayne).

Flea market

Newburgh Village, 11999 Newburgh, in Livonia will hold its annual flea market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

FRIENDS in Wayne

The city of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place Saturday, Sept. 8 (rain date, Sept. 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident whose home is in need of some care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons.

The day (usually about six hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, T-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments, are provided on-site. Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information, call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2000 or email Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Genealogy event

Budding genealogists will have the opportunity to sit with one of 10 members of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society and receive 30 minutes of free one-on-one assistance with their research during an event from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 2777 Five Mile Road.

Registration is required and can be found at www.livonia.libcal.com/event/4340521.

Ladywood Class of '78

The Ladywood High School Class of 1978 will cele-

brate its 40th reunion Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with Mass at the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road. After Mass, dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Road.

For more information and to have a private invitation sent to you, go to "Ladywood Class of 1978 Reunion" on Facebook.

Bishop Borgess Class of '78

The Redford Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th reunion dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. The cost is \$60 per person and includes cash bar with casual dress.

Send a check or money order, payable to Diane Chiola, to 20712 Fairview, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 or use Pay Pay account <http://PayPal.me/78>.

Children's Sabbath

A Children's Sabbath will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, in Wayne at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. Come and learn about the prom closet, which offers the opportunity to "borrow" a dress for a nominal fee so girls can attend their prom for very little money. For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Palestine Cultural Festival

Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia will host a Palestine Cultural Festival from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. This free event will feature an array of Middle Eastern food, beverages, pastries, live music, cultural exhibits, children's attractions and much more.

For more information, call 248-790-4790 or 248-214-7588 or go to Facebook [facebook.com/ramallahclubofdetroit](https://www.facebook.com/ramallahclubofdetroit).

9/11 remembrance

The Citizens for Peace will host Dr. Saeed Khan, who will present a reflection on the impact of terrorist attacks of 9/11, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Khan is a lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern and Asian Studies at Wayne State University.

There will be questions and answers following the presentation. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Caregivers event

The First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, in Wayne will host a seminar for grandparents and/or caregivers 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. No child care available at this time. For more information, call 734-674-7239.



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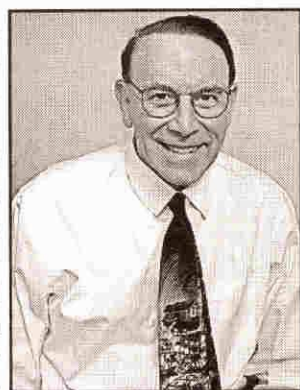
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Obituaries

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Dr. Richard James Meldrum

FARMINGTON - Dr. Richard Meldrum passed away on August 26, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family - Maria his wife of 25 years, his daughters Wendy Michelle and Amanda Lacey Meldrum (Roy Holt), his brother Scott (Mary) and his niece and nephews. Richard was born on December 4, 1945 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late James and Evelyn Meldrum. He went on to become an orthodontist, and at age 25 he became the youngest professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He was the second orthodontist to open a practice in Farmington and had a thriving practice for 47 years. Richard was also a popular fitness instructor for over 25 years, with 19 years at Lifetime Fitness. Richard will be missed by many. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 4th from 2-8 PM, with a Rosary at 7 PM, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Donations can be made in Richard's honor to the American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice.



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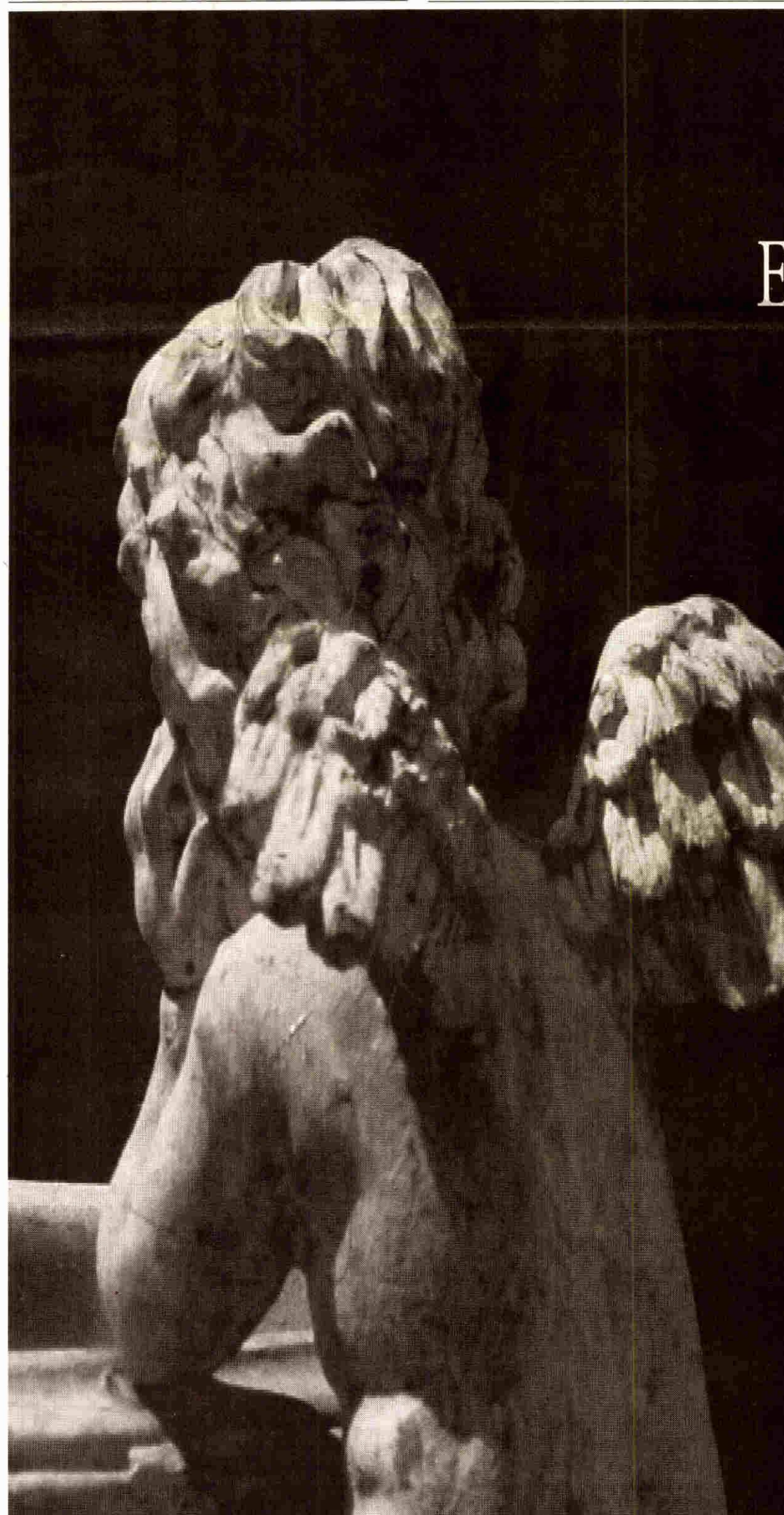
CHICAGO, IL - Marie V. Hughes, 90, formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Chester, New Jersey and Savannah, Georgia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 23, 2018 following a brief illness. Marie was a spectacular cook and avid bridge player, who loved to entertain friends and family. She was a loving and supportive wife to her husband Frederick Hughes, a long-time telecom executive and a former Mayor of Farmington Hills. Marie was a loving mother and grandmother, who enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family. She was known for her quick wit, tremendous sense of humor and her spelling ability. She is survived, and will be sorely missed, by her children Liz (Ted White) Hughes, Amy (Ed McMahan) Hughes and Evan (Michelle) Hughes, and her grandchildren, Trevor Hughes, Maggie White and Ethan Hughes. She was predeceased by her husband Frederick. A private memorial service will be held.



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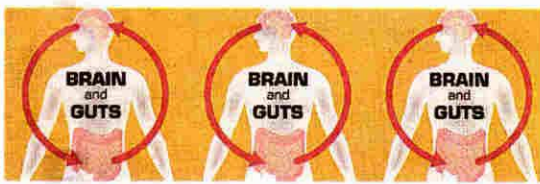


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Sports

GIRLS GOLF

Schulz looking for big senior season

Bloomfield Hills senior has eyes on state title

Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Mikaela Schulz enjoyed a simmering summer on the links.

The West Bloomfield resident captured the prestigious Golf Association of Michigan Junior Amateur state championship in late June at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course. At last month's sixth annual American Junior Golf Association junior tournament at Forest Lake Country Club, Schulz placed second by a stroke. She also was third at an AJGA tourna-

ment in Kentucky just prior to the Forest Lake tournament.

Although she struggled a bit in the AJGA's recent Randy Wise Junior Open at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, Schulz registered her best summer ever on the national junior tour. She is excitedly looking forward to her final year of prep golf at Bloomfield Hills High School.

"Winning the (Junior Amateur) was an amazing experience and it's a great tournament," said Schulz, who won the tourney's stroke play competition to easily qualify for match play. "I played pretty solid there and I was happy with

my play. I always love playing in GAM tournaments.

"I also really enjoy playing in the tournament at Forest Lake, which is actually only about 10 minutes from my house. I know a lot of people from there and it's one of my favorite tournaments. I was happy with my play and was hoping to win it, but I just gave away too many opportunities and still only lost by one (stroke).

"I definitely had a pretty good summer and it's definitely helped boost my confidence. I've been playing with a lot of good, competitive juniors," she added. "Just to get that experience and know that I can compete with them is

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Mikaela Schulz is confidently approaching her final season of high school golf at Bloomfield Hills, with dreams of team and individual state championships. GREG JOHNSON

STARS & STRIPES SHOWDOWN



Following Sunday afternoon's Stars & Stripes Showdown in Plymouth, Detroit Red Wings teammates Justin Abdelkader (left) and Dylan Larkin greet each other in the handshake line. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

NHL star players help honor Johansson's memory, legacy

Top American pros go the extra mile for 'JJ'

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When USA Hockey's Jim Johansson died in January, many NHL players such as Detroit Red Wings center Dylan Larkin were in the middle of an unforgiving schedule that prevented them from properly saying good-bye to the beloved man nicknamed "JJ."

But once summer rolled around, Larkin — a product of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program that Johansson devoted so much time and

energy to — thought there must be another way to honor him.

Of course, a hockey game fit the bill perfectly. Larkin was the catalyst for the inaugural Stars & Stripes Showdown, played Aug. 26 before a standing room only crowd at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The Waterford native got on the telephone and recruited NHL players to fly in on their dime and toast Johansson's memory. Red Wings teammates Jimmy Howard, Justin Abdelkader and Luke

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"Guys have busy summers, busy schedules, it's a busy time of year right now with getting ready for training camp and the NHL season. It speaks volumes to the kind of person JJ was for all these guys to come out."

Dylan Larkin
Stars & Stripes Showdown organizer

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Dunn's 16 kills leads Churchill past Canton

Brad Emons
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Despite a six-point deficit in both the first and third sets, Livonia Churchill always seemed to have an ace up its sleeve during Tuesday's KLAA volleyball crossover against visiting Canton.

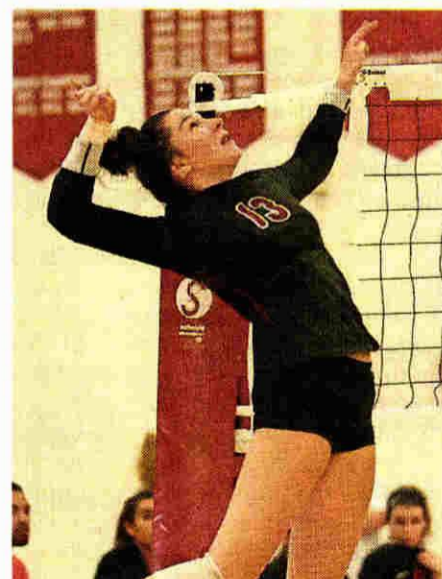
The host Chargers served a total of 11 aces and got 16 kills from junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn in a 25-22, 25-19, 25-19 victory over the Chiefs.

"Canton is a good team. We came out strong and we got down a couple, but we just had to pick up the momentum and come back," Dunn said. "And I think we all did a great job of that ... bring up the momentum, bringing it back together and pushing through."

Churchill, which improved to 6-3 overall, took an early 8-3 advantage in the first set, only to fall behind 17-11 before rallying as Dunn served an ace to close out the set.

"Serve receive we were a little iffy on, but we definitely brought that back

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Churchill junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn goes up for the kill against Canton. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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GIRLS GOLF

Bloomfield Hills is primed for top state finish

Marty Budner

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In its brief five-year program history, the Bloomfield Hills girls golf team has placed among the top 10 at the Division 1 state meet four times.

The Black Hawks had back-to-back third-place showings in 2015-16 before finishing seventh overall last year in the D-1 state meet held at Grand Valley State University. In 2014, Bloomfield Hills was 10th.

Veteran head coach Brendan Harrington believes Bloomfield Hills has the tools for another top 10, if not top five, showing this year.

"Our first year, we did not make it to the state finals and we've been in the top 10 in the state each year since," Harrington said. "I think the best team I've ever had was two years ago, but they went against Rochester that year, which was the best team in the history of the state."

"I think this team, legitimately, has the best opportunity to finish the best of any team in the short history of Bloomfield," he added. "I really do. They are shooting well and we have a good corps of seniors who have been there for three

or four years and they have a good opportunity to do well. But golf is golf and you never know how it's going to work out."

Harrington's optimism stems from a highly skilled, extremely competitive and vastly experienced team that includes five returning golfers. In the season's first two tournaments, Bloomfield Hills placed first and third.

Super Team leader

The Black Hawks are led by 2017 all-state Super Team member Mikaela Schulz.

A four-year varsity veteran, Schulz has placed at states in each of the past two seasons. She tied for second overall as a sophomore with 145 and took fourth last year with 152. She finished first in every event last season, including the prestigious Oakland County tournament, except the state finals.

Schulz was match medalist in Bloomfield Hills' first tournament Aug. 16 after carding 1-under 71 at Huron Meadows Golf Course, leading the Black Hawks to the team championship with a score of 313. The three-year team captain was participating in an American Junior

Golf Association Tournament and did not play in Bloomfield Hills' second tournament.

The University of Michigan-bound senior is a legitimate Miss Golf candidate this year.

"Mikaela has a great work ethic. The work ethic she brings is second to none," Harrington said. "You're talking about a girl who will finish a tournament and then goes to her home course at Tam O'Shanter to work on her game. She'll work on knockdown shots and works on shots she knows she should have done on the course."

Solid roster all-around

Bloomfield Hills' other returning players include seniors Lizzy Pierce, in her second year as a captain, Cassidy Proctor, a very strong athlete, and Nicole Grace, along with sophomore Sanju Swamy.

Pierce, also beginning her fourth varsity season, was a Division 1 all-state player last year who shot a career-best state meet round of 168. Proctor, a three-year varsity player, and Swamy were Bloomfield Hills' other state-meet scorers last season.

"Lizzie Pierce can play golf, Cassidy Proctor has come out and played absolute dynamite so far and Sanju Swamy is better than what her scores have showed so far," Harrington said. "So we've done a lot better so far than what I anticipated. We're shooting very well right now."

"What I've noticed about my seniors is that they've come out very relaxed, which is going to allow them to play better golf," he added. "They seem to be enjoying their senior year and having a good time. As I coach, I want to keep that vibe going on the team. That's where my mentality is at."

Junior Paige Pierce and freshman Eryn Stern are new to the team.

With such a formidable lineup, Harrington is looking forward to the rest of the season. However, he admits with the likes of Northville and defending D-1 state champion Traverse City West, the state meet is going to be one tough egg to crack this fall.

"I think a top five finish would be amazing," he added. "Anytime you can finish in the top five, that is great."

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Players

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Glendening were among those recruits.

Also competing during a loosely played contest that ended up with Larkin's Team Blue besting Team White, 14-9, were American-born NHL standouts such as Auston Matthews (Toronto), Patrick Kane (Chicago), Cam Fowler (Anaheim), Jacob Trouba (Winnipeg), James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia) and Nick Foligno (Columbus).

They wanted to help

"Not hard, not hard," Larkin said about how challenging it was to get enough players to fill two teams. "Guys have busy summers, busy schedules, it's a busy time of year right now with getting ready for training camp and the NHL season. It speaks volumes to the kind of person JJ was for all these guys to come out."

The game was the focal point for the gathering, but it was very much a Johannson celebration just the same.

Players on both teams wore uniforms with "JJ" prominent on the crest. A tribute video was shown before the ceremonial puck drop at center ice, where JJ's wife Abby, 2-year-old daughter Ellie, father Ken, brother John and sister Judy were gathered.

For the actual puck drop, Ellie, in her mom's arms, enthusiastically flung the puck several feet from the center ice dot — resulting in a warm-hearted reaction from the packed stands.

"It was amazing, an absolutely incredible outpouring of support for JJ," Abby Johannson said during a post-game press conference, with a sleepy Ellie still in her arms. "The fact the players organized it made it even more meaningful."

"Such a special day and something I know he would have been very proud of, the guys for pulling this together and everything ... I think he'd be slightly embarrassed that it was him they were doing it for."

All proceeds from ticket sales, along with money generated from raffles and an online auction, will be earmarked for the Jim Johannson Legacy Fund of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Ellie Johannson College Fund.

"I think that was really, really special," Abby Johannson said. "JJ was so proud of Ellie, I think he was the proudest father I've ever seen. It's really, really special that they'd want to do something to help Ellie."

"More importantly, while she may not remember this day perfectly, looking back, she'll have the opportunity to know a little bit more about what a special person her father was. ... I think she had a great time, as you can tell."

Scoring blitz

Hockey fans also enjoyed a scoring blitz, including four goals in the first five minutes. One of those was Kane's tap-in of a Larkin feed, beating Craig Anderson (Ottawa), left defenseman on the play.

Later in the first period, Abdelkader (Muskegon/Michigan State) cut into the left circle and ripped a low drive between Howard's goalie pads.

"(Howard) wasn't too happy. He came in after the first period and asked me what I was doing," Abdelkader said



Players pose at center ice with the Jim Johannson family before Sunday's Stars & Stripes Showdown. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Nick Foligno (Columbus) is denied on this scoring chance by goalie Jimmy Howard (Detroit) during Sunday's first period. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

with a smile. "He thought I was going to deke on him, but I know where to shoot on Jimmy once in a while. I've had plenty of practice. He wasn't too happy about that."

Abdelkader said the response to the benefit game was "just great to see. ... The first time you met him, you just felt like you knew him for your whole life. He made you feel at home, he made you feel comfortable. We miss him. This is a great way to honor him."

According to Howard, who like Larkin is an NTDP alum, participating in the game was the least he could do to honor Johannson.

"The first time I met JJ, I was 17 years old," said Howard, who made 10 saves in the first period before being replaced by Northville High grad and NTDP product Dylan St. Cyr. "Had a lot of great times with him, a lot of great times traveling, playing for world juniors, playing for the world championship. Over the years, I really got to know him well."

"It means a lot. JJ's very special. One way or another, he's helped every single guy in that dressing room, in both dressing rooms. So to be able to be a part of this event and come out here, be a part of the first one is extremely special."

Here are several other takeaways:

U-M INFLUENCE

Larkin's Team Blue featured eight players from the University of Michigan, including current Wolverines defenseman Quinn Hughes (another NTDP alum), who was drafted in June by Vancouver.

"I'm not surprised, with Dylan and with all his connections," Howard said. "It was a lot of fun and I'd love to do it again."

HOMETOWN HELP

In addition to St. Cyr, who filled in for Winnipeg goalie Connor Hellebuyck (Commerce), area players included Fowler (Farmington Hills), Patrick Sieloff (Ann Arbor/Ottawa), Jacob Trouba (Rochester/Winnipeg), Riley Barber (Livonia/Washington Capitals), Kyle Connor (Shelby Township/Winnipeg), Andrew Copp (Ann Arbor/Winnipeg) and Kevin Porter (Detroit/Buffalo).

HELLO AGAIN

When the second period began, the goalies were St. Cyr and Alex Nedeljkovic (Carolina). The latter also was enjoying a return to his former arena, although Nedeljkovic starred for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. On Sunday, Nedeljkovic had a rough time of it, giving up 11 goals on 35 shots.

The 5-foot-9 St. Cyr (Notre Dame) was outstanding in the middle period, making 14 saves; he wound up making 31 saves overall.

FAN FRIENDLY

Before the game, a long line of fans waited to get autographs from coaches Jeff Blashill (Detroit), Tony Granato (Wisconsin Badgers), John Hynes (New Jersey) and David Quinn (New York Rangers).

It also was a time of great anticipation for Christie LaDouceur and Melvyn Mina of Sterling Heights, who were bringing 3-year-old daughter Emmer-syn to the contest.

"I'm friends with (USA Hockey's) Scott Monaghan and, obviously, JJ was his boss," LaDouceur said. "I met him quite a few times. Scott told me about it and I was, like, 'I'm in,' so we bought tickets. ... (Johannson) would be pretty humbled, I think."

Mina called the showdown "an awesome event. I think he'd be pretty happy."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Farmington looks for strong season

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Farmington's boys and girls cross country teams finished third in the Oakland Activities Association White Division standings last fall.

Veteran Falcons head coach Chip Bridges believes both teams have the potential to a least equal, if not improve, those finishes this season.

The boys squad lost three of its top seven runners to graduation, including all-state standout Nick Trevison, along with Josh Saba and Nick Johnson.

However, Farmington does have some solid returning runners in seniors Paul Aren and Matt Denison, plus junior Nate Bowman. Sophomores Hayden Johnson, Andrew Spencer and Jacob Timko have shown significant off-season progress.

"Matt Denison and Paul Aren are the two seniors on the team and both have been training well through the summer months," Bridges said. "As leaders, they are setting a good example for the large group of younger runners that have joined this season.

"We believe Matt has the ability to qualify for the state meet this year and both Paul and Nate Bowman should have their best seasons," he added. "The quicker the freshman and sophomore boys push to get up there with Matt, Paul and Nate, the stronger the team will be. The boys team has the potential to be very competitive this season."

Inch leads girls squad

The girls team is led by all-state runner Abby Inch, in her fourth varsity season. Inch qualified for last year's Division 1 state meet as an individual, placing 11th overall with a time of 18:06.9.

"Abby Inch should have a terrific season in her senior year," Bridges said. "We are working on keeping her paces consistent and moderate so that she feel really strong and confident through the season with the goal of having a top 10 finish at the state meet."

Inch will have strong support from junior Mary Jarvis, another returning runner who established herself as one of the team's top performers last year. Sophomores Abbey Carvey and Jenna Salhab should also provide important varsity depth.

Although the Falcons are an inexperienced group overall, Bridges anticipates the girls will improve as the season runs its course.

"We are also hoping that Mary Jarvis qualifies for the state meet," Bridges said. "We are working on building her



The foursome of (from left) Paul Aren, Hayden Johnson, Nate Bowman and Matt Denison are members of Farmington's cross country team which "has the potential to be very competitive this season."

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Chip Bridges
Farmington cross country coach

mileage and to be more consisted with paces, so that she continues to get stronger both physically and mentally."

The Falcons compete in the OAA White Division, along with North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Troy Athens, Rochester and Royal Oak. The first of three OAA White jamborees is Sept. 5 at Oakland University.

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Mary Jarvis (left) and Abby Inch are experienced runners for veteran Farmington head coach Chip Bridges.

Volleyball

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up," Dunn said. "The bench did a really good job of cheering us on and we just terminated the ball."

Churchill controlled the second set for the most part, building leads of 17-13 and 21-17 before closing it out on junior middle Mya Grant's block.

Canton took an 8-2 lead in the third, but Churchill fought its way back when senior middle hitter Summer Clark recorded her seventh kill of the night for match point.

"We have some big offensive weapons, so that gets the team fired up pretty quickly," second-year Churchill coach Kristin Clutter said.

Senior setter Grace Vaeth finished with 22 assist-to-kills, seven digs and two aces, while freshman defensive specialist Jordan Wozniak had six digs.

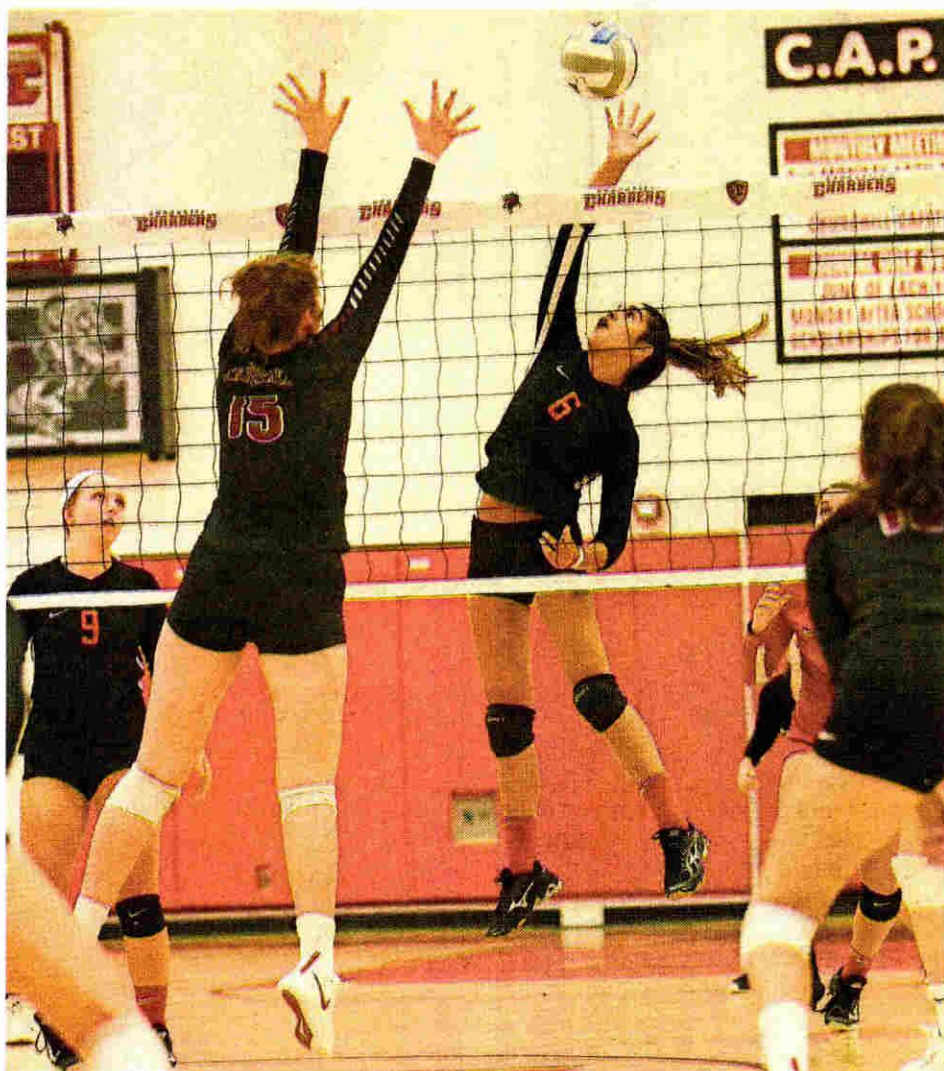
Senior Molly Chantres led with three aces, while Mary Claire Yost also added two for Churchill.

Canton had its moments, getting some strong attacks from junior Savannah Nelson, but the Chiefs couldn't sustain their offense.

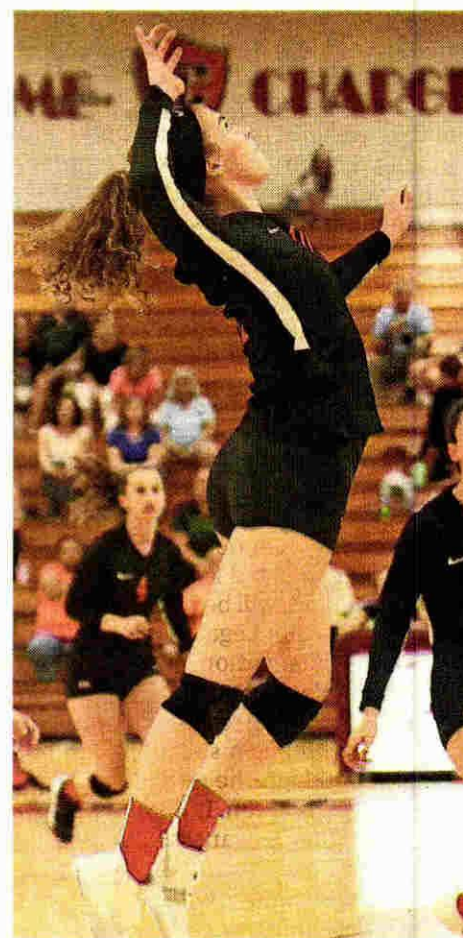
"We're a really young team. I graduated eight last year and my entire starting six," Canton coach Cricket Hughley said. "I actually have four sophomores on my varsity team, so that was a lot of them being intimidated and getting used to the pace of the game."

Building team chemistry and the new players getting used to each other is Hughley's biggest concern. The Chiefs finished runner-up Aug. 25 at the Mt. Morris Tournament after taking second in the silver division at Lake Orion the previous weekend.

"Like I said, I have four sophomores, five juniors and five seniors, so it's kind of like clique-y, so we're trying to develop that chemistry and talking more," she said. "I think our biggest thing to-



Canton's Miri Hazaar (right) goes high for the tip against Churchill's Summer Clark. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Canton's Maggie Adams rises up for the attack against Churchill. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

night was communication."

Every time it seemed Canton put together a run, Dunn would come up with a key kill.

"She's a beast," Hughley said. And Clutter likes what she sees so far this season from the junior outside hitter.

"She was pretty solid," she said. "We're working on some techniques so

she doesn't make as many errors, but she's going to be our go-to offensive weapon this year."

After losing their first two matches at the Portage Central Invitational, the Chargers rebounded to go 3-2.

"They're pretty resilient kids, they don't back down," Clutter said. "We're also kind of slow starting at sometimes, but all in all, these kids are tough and al-

ways play hard until the end."

And for the Chargers, it's doing the all little things to improve as the season unfolds.

"As a team, we practice four hours a day and we always put in extra work," Dunn said. "And we're all putting in work outside, going to gym, running ... just trying to make everybody better and ourselves better."

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BOYS SOCCER

Defense shines as Salem, Plymouth play to 0-0 tie

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Whenever P-CEP rivals Salem and Plymouth meet — whether in the humid heat of late August or cool, crisp autumn nights during the postseason — it is 80 minutes or more of leave-it-all-out-there soccer.

Tuesday, the KLAA West Division rivals battled as usual, this time to a 0-0 deadlock that ended after regulation.

Had it been a KLAA tournament or state district situation, with two 10-minute overtime sessions in a tie match (followed by a shootout), the players might still be out on the pitch.

"You look at two schools that would love to keep going and see that thing out," said Salem head coach Kyle Karns, whose team improved to 6-0-1. "But rules are the rules. We'll see them another day."

Plymouth senior forward Justin Wojcik, who was one of the Wildcats' most dangerous players in the contest, said "it would have been interesting if we had overtime."

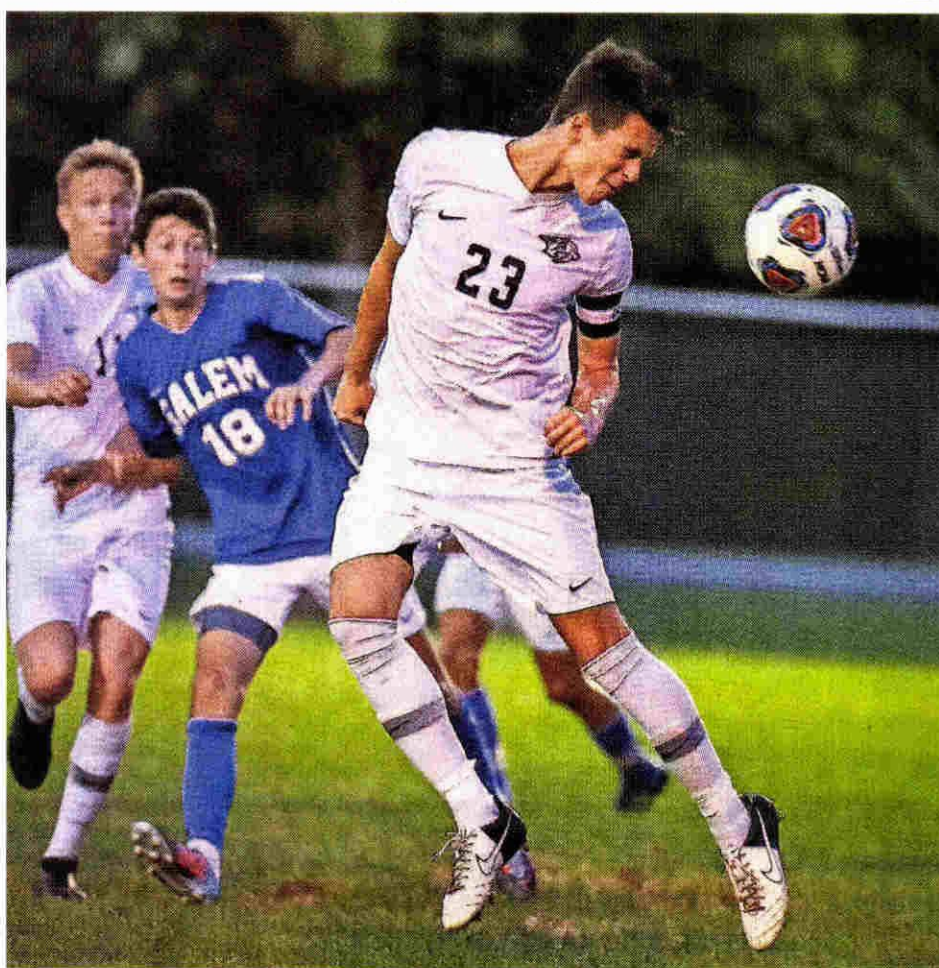
Strong goalkeeping, by Salem senior Buraq Oral and the Plymouth tandem of senior Ryan Schmatz (first half) and junior Jack Reed (second half), kept the scoreboard empty.

With about 18 minutes to play in the contest, Reed and his defense warded off a dangerous Salem attack that came off a corner kick taken by sophomore Andrew Schwartz. The ball kicked around the box and came within inches of crossing the goal line.

"We definitely had our chances. We had a lot of shots from outside the 18 that were dangerous, had some rebounds," Karns said. "We were certainly dangerous, we had our chances. But it's unfortunate when you just come away with zeros on the board."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich called it an "epic battle" that again showed the strong work ethic of his team, now 2-1-4.

"I thought our defense was stellar out there," Neschich said. "I thought we just needed to be a little more creative in the attacking third and it's our game. But tough team, it's always a battle, cross-



Keeping keen concentration on the bouncing soccer ball is Plymouth's Alex Bowser. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Plymouth forward Caleb Crawford goes flying to avoid a collision with Salem goalkeeper Buraq Oral. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "At the start, we didn't do that, but later in the game, we caught up and started playing our game, playing our speed."

"I think we did well doing that, that's why the score stayed 0-0. If we would have played that same way at the start, we probably would have come out with a (win)."

One of Plymouth's best chances came in the second half, when Wojcik threaded the ball to senior Cade Ahlijian charging into the box.

But Salem sophomore Nolan Chaput got back in time to chip the ball away from Ahlijian.

"I think that sometimes in certain situations we struggle," Wojcik said. "But in other situations, we're very clinical. I think today Salem's defense and Salem's goalie played a really good game."

"We came off a really good win ... against Portage Central and I think that give us a lot of momentum into this game. I think the boys played really hard and really well."

Here are several takeaways:

SHADOW TIME

Another standout for the Wildcats was senior defender Alex Bowser, whose assignment was Salem senior scoring threat Bryan Rodwell.

"I played club with him for a while, so kind of had a joke, make him go left," Bowser said. "But really it's not letting him turn and run at you, because once he's running at you, he's hard to bring down. He's a big body and physical."

GOING TO WORK

Bowser added that the scoreless tie provided another example of how hard the Wildcats compete.

"I think we definitely can work hard," Bowser said. "In the game against Portage, it was physical. We had to work all 80 minutes and, even today, to keep it 0-0, trying to get that goal, trying to prevent the goal. I just love the team's work ethic and that's what I've seen most out of this group."

NOT TOO EARLY

Even though the 2018-19 school year hasn't officially begun, both teams weren't buying the notion that it was too early on the calendar for a bona fide Park rivalry game.

"I'd like to think at this point, these boys know that you shouldn't have to be told to get up for these types of games," Neschich said. "It's a rivalry game, there's a lot of history between all the schools."

"You shouldn't have to be told to get up for it, whether you're in school or not," Karns said. "These boys know each other from playing club and being in class together."

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campus rivalry."

Clutch, hard-nose defensive efforts by Salem senior Hudson Shields short-circuited dangerous Plymouth rushes. In the first half, Shields slid to block an attempted feed from Plymouth senior Caleb Crawford to senior Sean Rocker.

Shields is getting additional minutes and responsibilities following the season-ending knee injury suffered last week by senior Gabe Dillon.

"We know they're a really good team and they have a fast pace, so we had to try to keep up with that pace," Shields

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Schulz

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just really a confidence booster going into my senior year."

Miss Golf candidate

Schulz has had a stellar prep career, to the point where she is considered a legitimate candidate for the 2018 Miss Golf award, which annually recognizes the state's top female golfer.

Last year as a junior, Schulz won every event she entered except the last one.

The Tam-O-Shanter Country Club member captured the prestigious Oakland County championship, the OAA crown and the state regional tournament at the Farmington Hills Golf Course. She was fourth at the 2017 state finals at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows golf course.

Schulz tied for second at states as a sophomore, but was not among the leaders in her freshman year.

Over the past three years, the University of Michigan commit's game has evolved significantly, both on and off the course.

Schulz's strengths are accuracy off the tees, which keeps her on the fairway, and a confident putter (Ping Answer). In addition, a workhorse training regimen has allowed her to improve overall club distance.

"I've improved my consistency as a player and just, in general, I've definitely improved a lot throughout the years," Schulz said. "I've trained really hard in the winter and gained distance with my driver and other clubs, which has really helped. And another big aspect I've really been working on is my mental game and preparing my mind for success. I do work pretty hard and it's been a big part of my success."

Veteran Bloomfield Hills head coach Brendan Harrington believes Schulz has all the tools — and now the motivation — to become the program's first individual state meet medalist. He's awed by her tireless work ethic and highly competitive nature.

"I truly don't believe I will ever see a work ethic that I've seen with Mikaela," said Harrington, who has coached golf in the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools district for 15 years. "You're talking about a girl who literally shot 1-under-par (in a recent tournament) and didn't even come into the scorer's table because she went out and chipped for 30 minutes because she was so upset at herself for hitting a bad chip on the 18th hole."

"She'll finish a tournament and go back to her home course, go to the driving range and just pound balls. She'll work on knockdown shots and other shots she knows she should have done on the course. She'll go out and do that on the range for two hours. It's really unbelievable. Her work ethic is second to none."

"And she is just so competitive. I see it all the time; she refuses to lose," he added. "She goes to every tournament knowing she is going to beat everyone. It's not



Bloomfield Hills senior Mikaela Schulz is blessed with great talent, a strong work ethic and a strong competitive nature. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

whether she does it or not, but her mentality is that she's taking everyone down and I love that. That's awesome. She's just a lot of fun to watch and I'm really going to miss her next year."

Pro relatives aid mentality

According to Schulz, she inherited her competitive nature from a pair of professional relatives.

Aaron Krickstein, Schulz's uncle, is a retired professional tennis tour player who is widely known for the epic five-set loss to a then-aging Jimmy Connors at the 1991 U.S. Open in New York. At one point the Grosse Pointe University Liggett graduate was ranked No. 6 on

"I'm definitely pretty competitive and we're definitely a pretty competitive family. I mean, who doesn't like to win?"

Mikaela Schulz
Bloomfield Hills senior golfer

the ATP tour, finishing with 395 career victories.

In addition, her cousin Morgan Pressel is a current touring pro on the LPGA circuit. Pressel, a Florida resident, turned pro at age 17, won her first LPGA championship in 2007 and was a member of three U.S. Solheim Cup teams — earning her first berth in her second full year as a professional in 2007.

"I'm definitely pretty competitive and we're definitely a pretty competitive family," Schulz said. "I mean, who doesn't like to win?"

Schulz's summer success has continued with the Black Hawks. They recently began the season by winning the 22-team Highest Honors tournament at Huron-Meadows Golf Course. The Black Hawks posted a team total of 313, led by Schulz, who carded a 1-under round of 71.

Bloomfield Hills also had strong efforts from senior veterans Cassidy Proctor (sixth at 76) and Lizzie Pierce (eighth at 80). Freshman Esha Varchaski registered 85 in a strong showing.

The Black Hawks, competing without Schulz (who was playing an AJGA tournament), then placed a respectable third at the 19-team Sentech Services Girls Golf Tournament at Kensington Metropark. Pierce, a four-year varsity player and a team co-captain with Schulz, and Proctor led the way with respective rounds of 77 and 79.

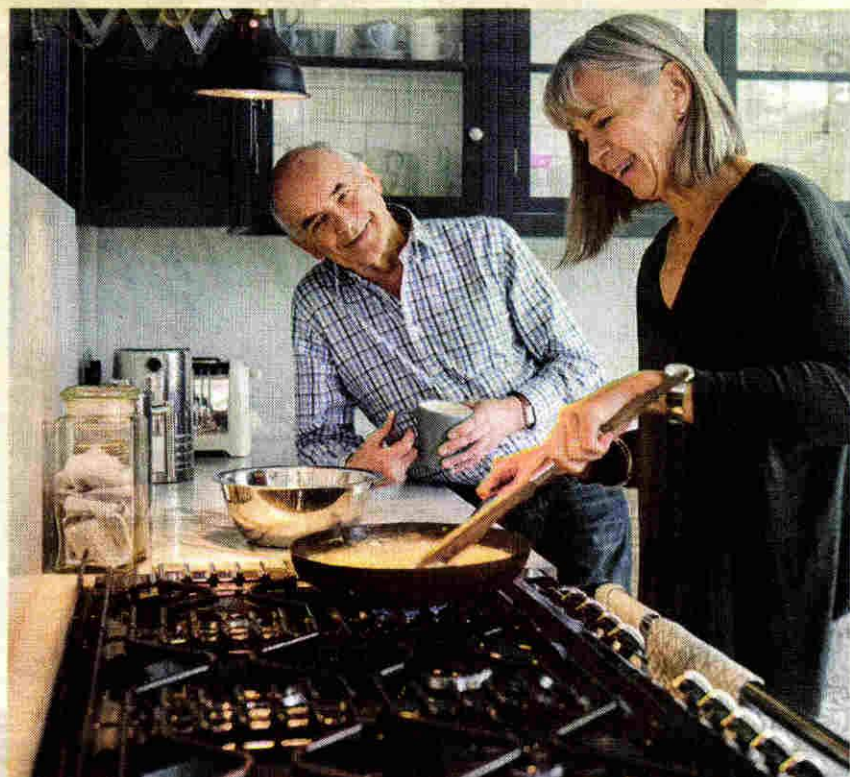
While Schulz is chasing her individual goals, her ultimate goal is to lead Bloomfield Hills to its first team state championship. The Black Hawks were seventh overall last year after taking third place the previous two seasons.

As one of five returning varsity players, Schulz would love to cap her senior season as a state champion — both individually and as a team.

"I'm definitely hoping to win the (individual) state title this year. It's been one of my goals since I've been playing at states," Schulz said. "I didn't play as well as I wanted to last year (at the state meet). I think I put a little too much pressure on myself. But this year, I'm pretty confident with my game going into my high school season and I'm just trying to play my game and see what I can do."

"I think we're going to have a really good team this year," she added. "Cassidy and Lizzie have both had scores in the 70s already and I'll try and go as low as I can and I think we can have some pretty good showings."

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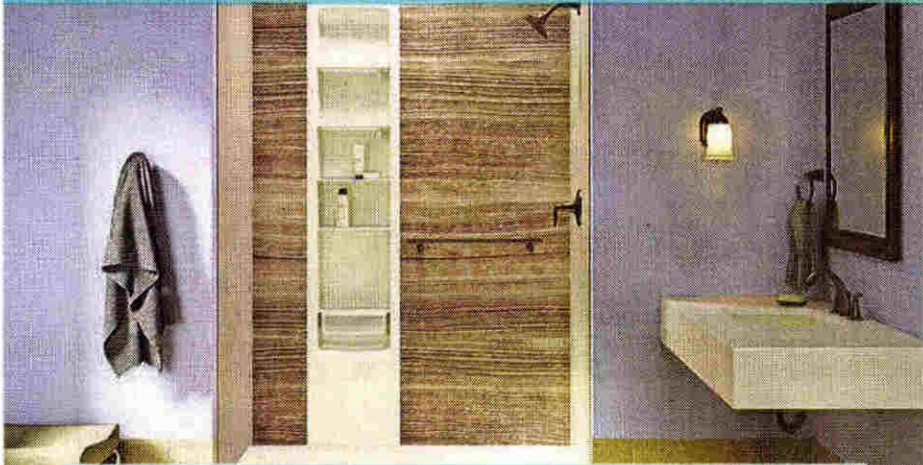
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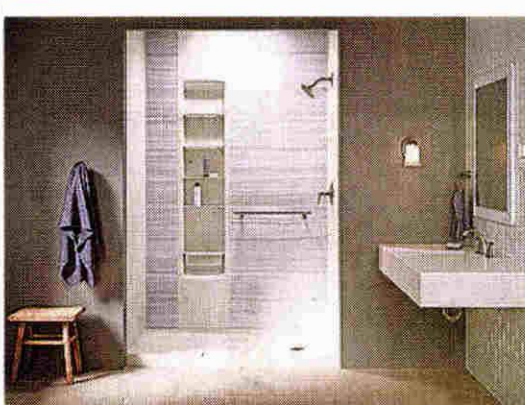
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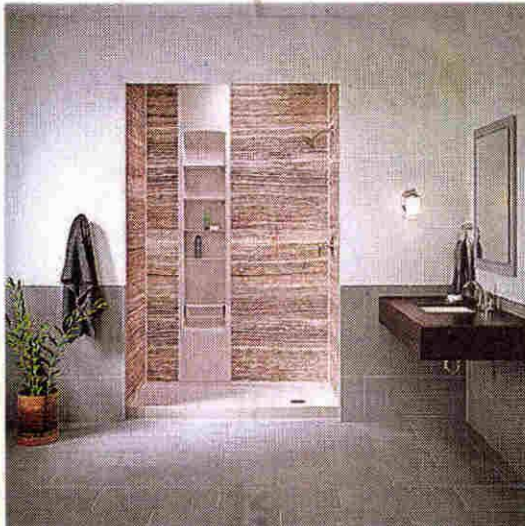
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PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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, September 18, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2018-07-02-17 submitted by TeleSite Wireless, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 18.42A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to erect a wireless communication support structure (120-foot-high monopole) and construct a supporting equipment shelter in the southeast corner of the American Legion property at 9318 Newburgh Road, located on the east side of Newburgh Road between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail in the Southwest ¼ of Section 32.

Petition 2018-08-02-18 submitted by Comfort Care Senior Living requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 9.03(g) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, in connection with a proposal to construct and operate a senior assisted living facility at 34020 Plymouth Road, located on the north side of Plymouth Road between Farmington and Stark Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 28.

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.

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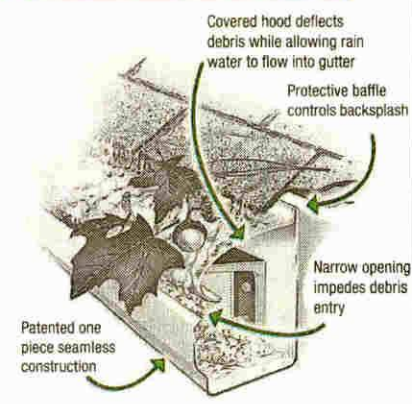
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There's an unspoken truth in the world of work: Although we usually get to pick our jobs, we don't get to pick our bosses. If we're lucky, we get to work with the sort of boss who is a pleasure to be around — fair, pleasant, supportive, decisive and encouraging. If this is your reality, then count your blessings and try to appreciate your situation. However, if you have a boss who's something else, then it can pose some real challenges.

One category of tricky boss includes the one who never seems to know what he or she wants. They either constantly waste time dragging their heels and delaying making any type of clear decision, or they're forever changing what they tell you to do.

Both of these types can be quite difficult to work with and can really impact your ability to perform your job effectively. But it's not exactly easy to confront a boss who never seems to know what they want. So, what do you do when you're in this position?

Learn your boss' quirks

Try your best to get to know your boss — including their decision-making behaviors and habits — as well as

you possibly can over time. Although it can be tricky to expect the unexpected, as you get to know your boss more, you may get better at anticipating how they'll react to any given project or during any key decision-making moment, which may help minimize the ill-effects of their indecisive nature.

Stay calm, even when you want to scream

Your best bet is to remain patient and do your best to anticipate your boss' needs — and shifts — and try to work with them, not against them. First off, an indecisive boss



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is usually an anxious person by nature, and adding to their anxiety by developing an adversarial relationship with them will only serve to make matters worse.

With the way many workplaces are structured, you have to answer to your boss' professional whims, as fickle as they may be. Once you know your boss operates this way, brace yourself and expect it. Knowing the madness is coming makes it a little easier to swallow.

When you find yourself at a crucial point that requires a final decision from your boss, try and make the moment as

stress free as possible. Also, do your best to reduce any external distractions that may make it challenging for your boss to focus on the decision at hand. If it's your job to present your boss with information so they can make a decision, be as clear and straightforward as possible.

Try to approach your boss in a calm and patient manner when a decision needs to be made. This will help put them in their best mindset to determine what they want.

Keep a paper trail

Although these strategies may prove helpful in a variety

of decision-making moments, chances are it won't completely fix the problem.

A boss who doesn't know what they want will likely remain this way — it's just human nature to revert to your "core programming," and making a lasting change is hard. That said, it would be helpful for you to get things from your boss in writing, so if they change their mind later on they can't hold you accountable if projects go over budget and off schedule.

Physical proof is always a good way to minimize the effects of their indecisiveness on your productivity and work reputation.

A boss who never seems to be able to make up his or her mind and determine what they want can be a challenging situation for you, but it doesn't have to be an insurmountable obstacle.

Use the strategies and advice provided here to make the best of a tough situation, and hopefully with a little time, experience and luck, things will get better (or your next boss will know what they want and when they want it).

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This amendment to the sign regulations of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

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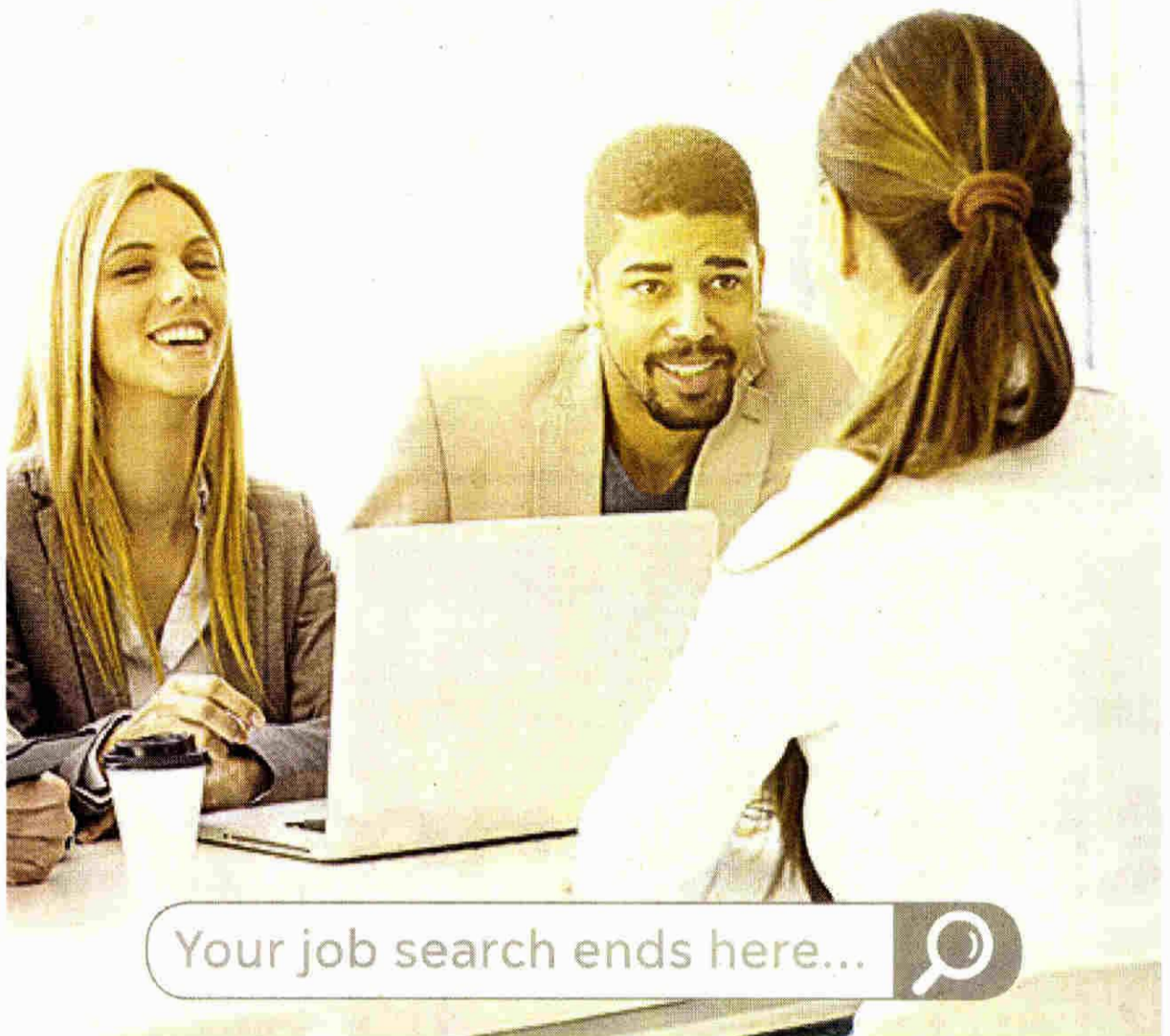
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- ACROSS**
- 1 After, in Paris
 - 6 Paparazzi target
 - 11 Speedy
 - 15 Close loudly
 - 19 Instant replay mode
 - 20 St. Teresa's town
 - 21 Guthrie of folk music
 - 22 Snow beast of legend
 - 23 Frenetic cartoon marsupial [#1]
 - 25 Banging, as a drum
 - 27 Bread type
 - 28 Caviar eggs
 - 29 It's not currently erupting [#2]
 - 31 — distance
 - 32 Capital of Kazakhstan
 - 36 Kia model
 - 37 Fragrant compound
 - 38 "Just name it and I'll do it" [#3]
 - 43 Zine staff
 - 44 Sarcastic laugh sound
 - 45 Dust bit
 - 46 Direction of sunup
 - 49 Real guy?
 - 52 House-building charity [#4]
 - 59 Shouts from cheerleaders
 - 60 Recording studio control
 - 61 Watch
 - 62 Concave
 - 63 Sauna spot
 - 64 — tai (mixed drink)
 - 65 Hive group
 - 66 "Sorority Row" actress Evigan
 - 67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin [#5]
 - 73 Jonathan Swift's genre
 - 75 Ark crafter
 - 76 Egg case qty.
 - 77 Prefix with con
 - 80 Her "Hello" was a big hit
 - 81 Horror film helper
 - 82 Composer Franz
 - 85 Singer Baez
 - 86 What a green card grants an alien [#6]
 - 89 Dated yet trendy
 - 90 Be a vagrant
 - 91 "Othello" baddie
 - 92 "No kidding!"
 - 93 — -jongg
 - 96 Available again because folks asked for it [#7]
 - 104 Not silently
 - 107 August sign
 - 108 Old office note-takers
 - 109 Ending with ethyl
 - 110 Classic song by Rodgers and Hart [#8]
 - 114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
 - 115 Audiophile's stack
 - 116 Certain shore area
 - 117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
 - 122 Bakery tool
 - 123 Brother of Cain
 - 124 Comic Anderson
 - 125 Passover dinner
 - 126 Cruel emperor
 - 127 Simple
 - 128 Bulges
 - 129 Not well-kept
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Wandering
 - 2 Seek the approval of
 - 3 Capital of Dominica
 - 4 Record label for Bowie
 - 5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
 - 6 Academy students
 - 7 Mother of Cain
 - 8 Ullmann or Tyler of film
 - 9 Yale athlete
 - 10 Dis-tressed?
 - 11 Cloth
 - 12 "Am not!" reply
 - 13 Serb, say
 - 14 Pooch in Oz
 - 15 Matches up, as files
 - 16 Papal envoy
 - 17 Paid (for)
 - 18 Tweens, e.g.
 - 24 Army denial
 - 26 Sicile, e.g.
 - 30 Suffix with access
 - 33 Sportscaster — Rashad
 - 34 Weeper in myth
 - 35 Not lifeless
 - 39 Letters that follow pis
 - 40 Converged
 - 41 Tabby sound
 - 42 — es
 - 43 Salaam
 - 47 City in Iran
 - 48 Tennis top
 - 49 Wifely title
 - 50 Ceiling
 - 51 Book division
 - 52 Brow or lash
 - 53 Say for sure
 - 54 With
 - 56-Down, entwined like shoelace ends
 - 55 Own (up)
 - 56 See
 - 54-Down
 - 57 With
 - 78-Down, tone deafness
 - 58 Pro's vote
 - 60 Cost to cab
 - 64 Singer Rita
 - 65 Scornful cry
 - 66 Dark mark
 - 68 Gulf ship
 - 69 Playwright William
 - 70 Pigeon calls
 - 71 Spy Mata —
 - 72 Timber tool
 - 73 Syrup base
 - 74 Sugary drink
 - 78 See
 - 57-Down
 - 79 1969 Beatle bride
 - 81 "— la Douce"
 - 82 Lutzes, e.g.
 - 83 Bar of gold
 - 84 Range
 - 85 Taunt
 - 87 Eatery check
 - 88 Handy-andy's inits.
 - 89 Evaluate anew
 - 92 Low spirits
 - 93 Remit, say
 - 94 — -Lorraine
 - 95 Schnozz
 - 97 Maker of an exact copy
 - 98 Brewing pot
 - 99 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)
 - 100 Merges
 - 101 Crack, as a cipher
 - 102 Provided, as with talent
 - 103 "— Rides Again" (old Western)
 - 105 In — (not yet born)
 - 106 "What's the —?"
 - 111 Trolley car
 - 112 Caftan, e.g.
 - 113 Jail division
 - 118 Debt doc
 - 119 Chewed stuff
 - 120 Not square
 - 121 Once named

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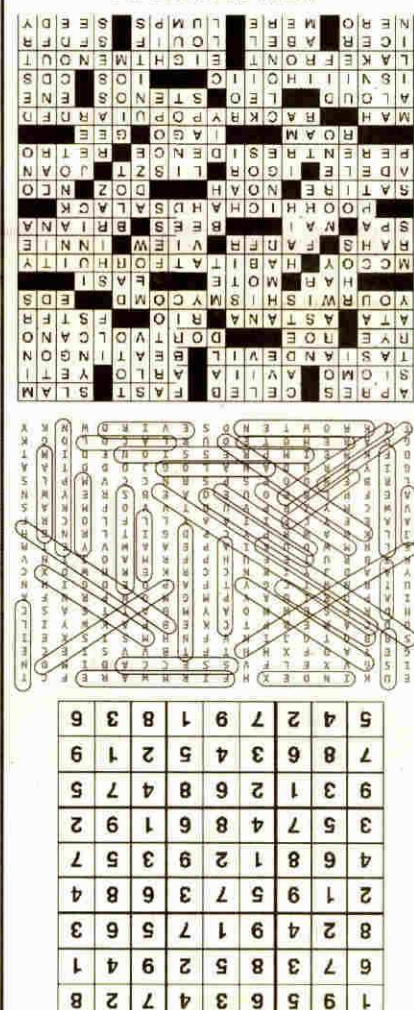
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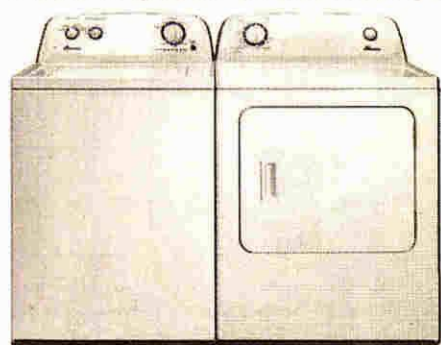


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