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## **Fine reversed for W-W district**

State had issued penalty over certification issue

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It appears the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district will not have to pay a fine over certification issues with Superintendent Shelley Holt.

The fine - originally levied by the state because of Holt's lack of Michigan school administrator certification was reversed in a document shared by the district from interim state Superintendent Sheila Alles.

At issue was the fact that Holt did not possess a Michigan school administrator certificate from the day she was See FINE, Page 2A

hired, Sept. 17, 2017, to April 19, 2018. The district appealed and the decision was reversed based on several factors, including Holt's possession of a valid school administrator certificate in California, which could be transferred and applied in Michigan. The fine of \$114,824.58, equal to Holt's salary during that time period, was dropped and the district is able to retain those funds.

"Please note, Dr. Shelley Holt is fully credentialed in the state of Michigan and was fully credentialed in the state of California upon her arrival in Wayne-Westland. Michigan and California cre-



Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Shelley Holt. LEANNE ROGERS

Salem kicker serving up long kickoffs for Alex's Lemonade Stand cancer charity

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**GOING DEEP** 

## Sanders attempts to get back onto Wayne ballot

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It appears a former Wayne councilman and mayoral candidate will go

Salem junior football kicker Jack Lukomski is *money* – in more ways than one.

With every kickoff that travels 55 yards or longer this season, Lukomski pins opponents deep inside their own zone.

But more importantly, he's raising dollars to fight childhood cancer, through Alex's Lemon-

ade Stand.

The 16-year-old signed up with the nationwide 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and, through his Kick It For Cancer fundraising page, has raised Lukomski about \$800 in donations

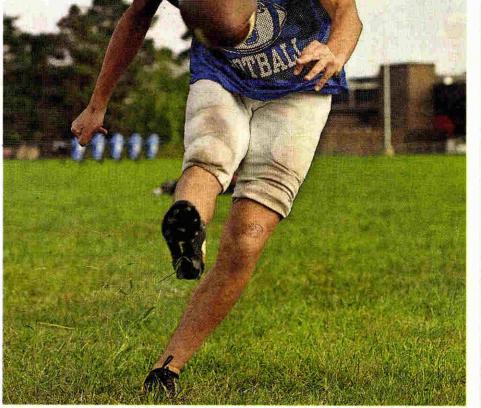
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and pledges toward his goal of \$2,000.

"It's a huge motivation knowing that I could help someone's life," Lukomski said during Wednesday's practice. "With that, kicking a ball as far as I can, I can not just help my team, but help save someone's life."



Jack Lukomski demonstrates his kickoff style. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ahead and challenge a court ruling from last month that kicked him off the ballot.

Christopher Sanders filed an emergency motion Tuesday in Wayne County Circuit Court

asking the court to reconsider its decision to remove his name from the ballot and/or remove John Rhaesa's from the mayoral ballot.



This comes weeks af- Sanders ter a Wayne County

judge tossed Sanders's name from the mayor's race, citing an invalid filing.

The ruling asks the court to intervene and claims there were issues Rhaesa, a current city councilman, had with filing his affidavit of identity earlier this year.

"Mr. Sanders requests this honorable court consider all its options in fashioning a remedy that would result in an equitable result," the complaint

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### Sanders

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reads. "Potential actions to be ordered by this honorable court would include, but not limited to, disqualifying Mr. Rhaesa's candidacy or reinstating Mr. Sanders's candidacy."

The decision to file a motion in court comes weeks after Sanders, who was recalled in a special election this past May from the Wayne City Council, said he stood by the ruling.

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THE ULTIMATE IN ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE. "It is what it is. I stand by the judge's ruling," Sanders said in a hometownlife.com story published Sept. 4. "People have the right to have a choice. I have a lot of supporters in the community. A small special election (like the May recall vote) is a lot different from this election (in November)."

Tarek Baydoun, Sanders's attorney, said his client has not had a change of heart over the challenge.

"He is simply requesting due process and equal protection, basic fairness," Baydoun said via text message. "Mr. Sanders and the voters of the city of Wayne deserve respect, at the very least, an opportunity to be heard before his only opponent's attorney and a judge, within the span of four days, and without notice of the single scheduled hearing nor any opportunity to be heard, dictate the outcome of the most democratic process — a public election."

Baydoun said a court hearing had not been scheduled as of Tuesday afternoon.

The court's decision to remove Sanders from the ballot in August left Rhaesa as the lone candidate for mayor in the upcoming Nov. 6 election.

Rhaesa said he was confident the court would not change its ruling from August and keep the ballot for the upcoming election as is.

"I'm very confident that nothing will happen with this," he said. "This is Mr. Sanders's MO, to try and divert attention from his own problems or issues."

#### **Ballots being printed**

If a change were to take place, it could lead to some headache on the election front.

Ballots for the upcoming election were being printed as of Tuesday, Wayne City Clerk Matt Miller said, "He is simply requesting due process and equal protection, basic fairness. Mr. Sanders and the voters of the city of Wayne deserve respect, at the very least, an opportunity to be heard ..."

#### Tarek Baydoun attorney for Christopher Sanders

and were expected to be delivered this week or early next week.

If the ballot were to change, Miller said he would need to consult with the state about how to move forward before mailing them, which he said he typically does about 30 days before an election.

"It's never happened to me before," he said.

Miller said he was made aware of the filing by Wayne County earlier in the day Tuesday.

Fred Woodhams, a spokesman for the Secretary of State, said it's rare for a ballot change to happen after they have been printed. Typically, that would happen if a candidate on the ballot were to die between printing and election day or if a printing error had occurred.

He said Wayne County would need to reprint ballots if a judge were to order a change.

"Our advice is to do what the judge says," he said. "If a judge says to do it, you do it."

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### Fine

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dentials are fully transferable, meaning that only paperwork needed to be filed to complete the transfer. No extra coursework or training was required to transfer credentials from California to Michigan," the district wrote in a Facebook post. "Thank you for trusting the process and allowing us to work through this together."

Holt's certification issue came up through social media postings throughout the community several weeks ago. The fine was appealed and the district met with state officials late last month to appeal.

Part of the delay in Holt's Michigan certification also came as the state was awaiting transcripts from the University of California-Berkeley, which did not come in until March 23. The state also waited for information from California State University, where Holt completed a program for central office endorsement. That letter did not come until April 19. Holt was certified a day later, April 20, which is reflected in the state's certification database today.

A message was left with Wayne-Westland schools seeking additional comment Monday morning.

The state Department of Education said some rules have been changed recently surrounding certifications, including the allowance of substitute certifications that allowed for employment. Those rules went into effect last November.

"Had this permit, which the department recognized was clearly needed, been available for the 2017-18 school year, Wayne-Westland could have avoided the current dilemma," the state's letter read. "Thus, in contrast to cases involving uncertified teachers, at all times relevant to this case, no substitute permit was available to support the employment as a superintendent of an individual who was certified as a school administrator in another state, but who did not hold a valid Michigan school administrator certificate."

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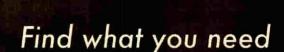
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## **Keller inspires store owner's support for Seedlings**

Most people know who Helen Keller is, but Seedlings Braille Books for Children supporter Chris Newell actually met her.

"I was a child, but it left a tremendous impression on me," Newell said. "It has followed me all of my life.'

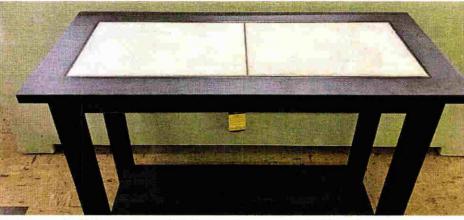
Newell was about age 14 when Keller visited her school in Munich, Germany, in the late 1940s. Keller would have been almost 70 at the time.

"She was a very lovely lady," Newell said. "There was no anger, no harshness in her.'

Keller, who was left blind and deaf following an illness as a toddler, was a world-famous author and lecturer who advocated on behalf of those with disabilities. She died in 1968 at age 87.

Keller's courage, strength and positive attitude impressed Newell.

Newell said she donates to charities like Seedlings that benefit those who are blind because of meeting Keller and of appreciating her own vision. The owner of Chris Furniture in Livonia, Newell do-



Chris Newell of Livonia-based Chris Furniture donated this sofa table to the Seedlings auction. SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

nated a table to Seedlings' online auction, which takes place Nov. 1-14 on biddingforgood.com.

Newell, who said she loves working with colors, said it would be harder to do her job without eyesight. "To me, this is the most important sense," she said.

Seedlings needs donations for its online auction to raise \$18,000 to make 1,800 more braille books. Popular auction items include gift cards to restaurants and retailers, hotel stays, tickets to entertainment venues and sporting events, jewelry, electronics and profes-



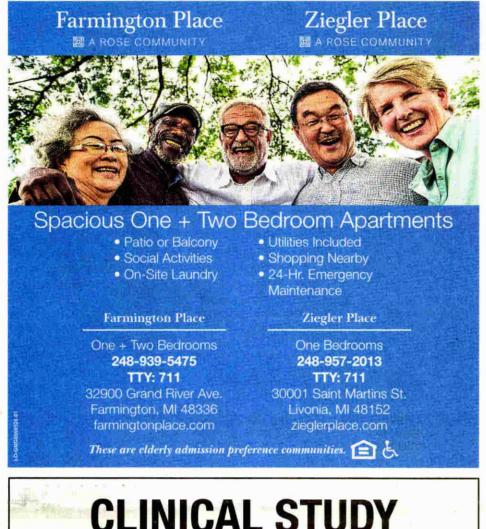
**Chris Newell met Helen Keller when** Newell was about age 14. Keller's story inspires Newell's support of charities. SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

sional services like spa days, massage sessions and car/truck detailing, etc.

Companies will have their name, logo and a direct link to their website listed in the auction catalog next to the item they donate. To see items already donated, go to www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks.

The auction will be advertised to

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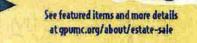


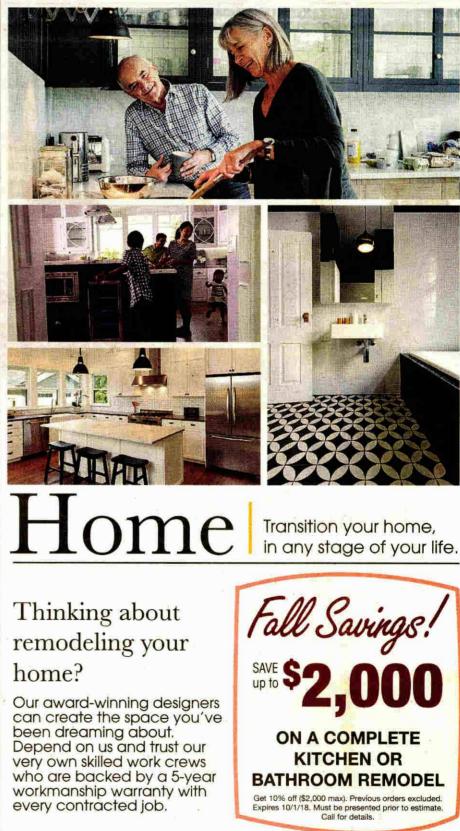
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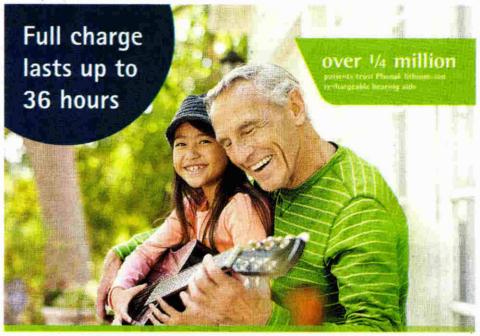
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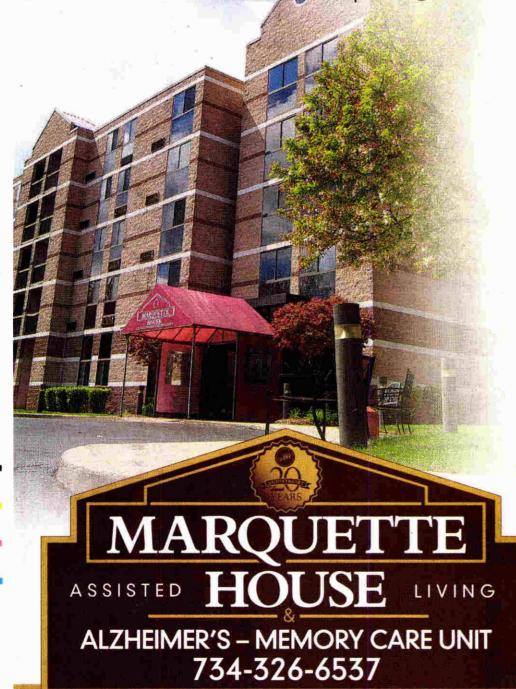
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### Kicker

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Lukomski's self-starting nature prompted the philanthropic endeavor, after having learned about Alex's Lemonade Stand during a Kohl's Kicking and Punting Camp in Milwaukee, Wis., over the summer.

"They did a speech about it (at the Kohl's camp) and introduced it to everyone. I was interested," said Lukomski, whose parents are Tanya and Scott Lukomski of Plymouth. "Every time I do a kickoff over 55 yards, someone will pledge a certain amount of money and then donate that money — or you can direct donate. So far, around four or five (have pledged) and 10-15 have donated."

After the camp, Lukomski and his mom approached first-year Salem football head coach Justin Reed about starting the fundraiser.

"It was an easy decision for me," Reed said, giving props to Lukomski for identifying a cause and going after it with purpose — the same way he attacks footballs placed on a tee.

"I think it's a great thing," Reed said. "The best thing about it is, it wasn't even my idea. It wasn't (an idea from) anybody associated with the football program. He kind of went on his own and he did it. He took initiative and that's the kind of guy he is.

"He's moved us forward and it's all about helping others. so it's a great thing that he's doing and we're excited for him to not only kick the ball far, but help others in the same process."

The \$2,000 fundraising goal is doable for Lukomski, the coach noted.

"In the high school game, we kick off from the 40," Reed said. "That's getting it down basically to the 5-yard line. I think if you're getting it close to the end zone, within the 5 or into the end zone is really your goal as a kickoff guy.

"It's a great kick, it's a good goal and it's an attainable one for him, too. He's got a really strong leg and he's a great kicker for us."

#### All about helping

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According to Reed, what Lukomski is doing is much more important than crushing a kickoff — although those always are welcome for any football team.

"I think it's about being other-cen-

"It's a huge motivation knowing that I could help someone's life."

#### Jack Lukomski

Salem junior kicker

tered," Reed said. "It's not about Jack right now kicking the ball. It's about him helping other people when he does.

"So to be able to do some things as a young man and as a young person right now in today's day and age and not have it be about yourself, I think that's a huge thing. I'm not surprised that he's doing it. It's something he went out and was interested in doing. It's infectious within the group."

Lukomski intends to keep his Kick It For Cancer fundraiser going when he's a senior and for as long as he can. That includes college football, if he is able to continue his career beyond high school.

With the way Lukomski is booming the ball this year, anything is possible. In addition to his kickoff duties, Lukomski is sharing time with senior Josh Gilmour in the field goal department.

"They just make each other better," Reed said about the Lukomski-Gilmour duo. "Two really good kickers back to back and it's a good problem."

#### Young visionary

Alex's Lemonade Stand is a national childhood cancer foundation dedicated to helping research into finding new treatments and cures.

Founder Alexandra "Alex" Scott, diagnosed with cancer before her first birthday, set up a front yard stand in 2000 when she was just age 4. She kept on setting up the lemonade stands and inspiring others to do the same.

When Alex died at age 8, more than \$1 million had been raised toward finding a cure for pediatric cancer. Today, that amount is more than \$150 million.

There are approximately 800 funded cancer research programs up and running at 135 institutions that are being helped by the charity.

To find Lukomski's fundraising page, type his name into the search bar at the top of the main page (www.alexslemonadestand.org).

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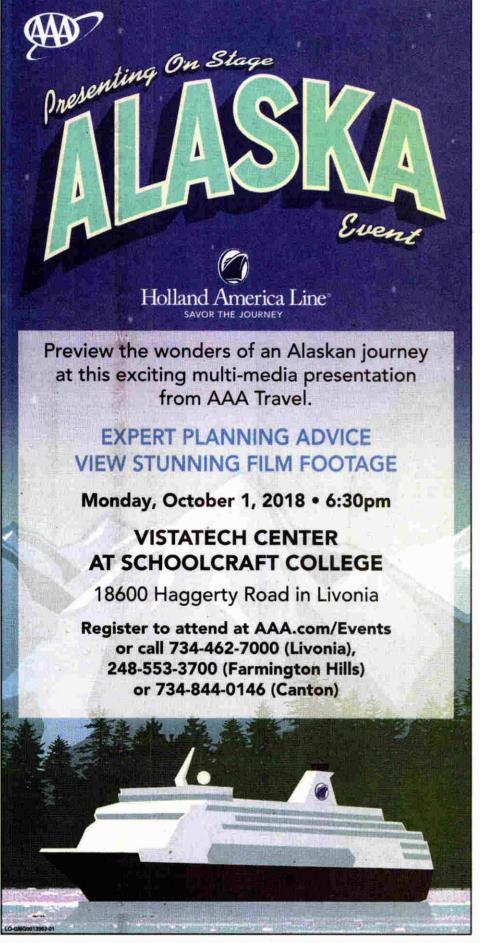
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Wayne Main Street will host its sixth annual Scarecrow Show in downtown Wayne. The dates are from Sept. 29 through Nov. 3, when scarecrows will be displayed on downtown streets. Through Monday, Sept. 24, community

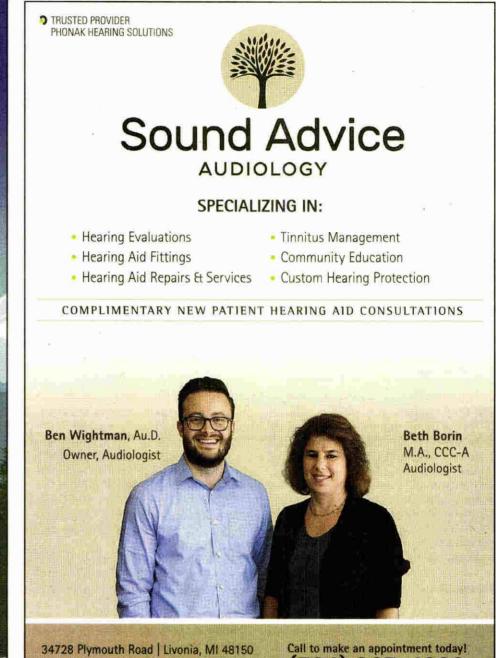
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members will be able to register to participate in this year's event by downloading an entry form online at downtownwayne.org/scarecrows or by registering in person at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square. The entry fee for this year is \$20 or \$15 for returning participants who already have a frame.

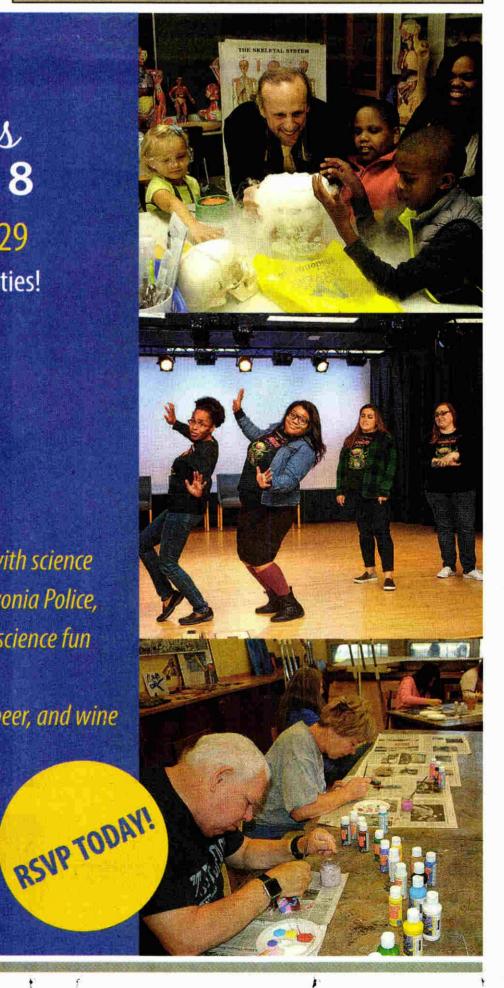
Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite scarecrows. Wayne Main Street will host a voting contest and reception in Derby's Alley, 34924 W. Michigan Ave-

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nue, 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, which will feature live music, as well as doughnuts and cider from the Dexter Cider Mill. The contest winners will be announced as well.

For more information, go to downtownwayne.org.

#### Infant massage classes

The Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, is holding a free five-week series of infant massage classes, beginning 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. The series is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services. This is being offered for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expectant parents are welcome to join as well.

Limited space is available on a firstcome, first-served basis and participants are asked to attend all five sessions. For questions or to register, contact Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary. org or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2847.

#### Yoga on the Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host a yoga session at its labyrinth 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

#### Free dental care clinic

Livonia Family Dental Center, 15939 Middlebelt Road, is hosting its fifth annual Dentistry From the Heart free dental care event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. This event is for adults ages 18 and over that do not have access to dental care or dental insurance.

Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. They may choose to have a filling, extraction or cleaning. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. The first 50 patients are guaranteed to be seen. Patients are encouraged to arrive early, dress appropriately as they may be waiting outdoors and bring chairs, blankets, water and snacks.

For more information, call 734-427-2222 or go to www.drglivoniadental. com.

#### Free shred day

Catholic Vantage Financial will host a free document shredding event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the credit union's Livonia branch, 36111 Five Mile Road. Iron Mountain is provider of the shredding services. For more information, email eteller@mycvf.org or call 734-432-0212.

#### Sweet Dreamzzz fundraiser

Sweet Dreamzzz will host A Night to R.E.M.ember, its annual fundraiser, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Plum Hollow Country Club, 21631 Lahser Road, in Southfield. The event will include a gourmet sit-down dinner, bidding in both the live and silent auctions and dancing.

Guests can expect to bid on sports memorabilia, hotel stays, gift certificates to restaurants, outdoor activities and museums, music/theater tickets, various outings and themed baskets.

Proceeds will fund sleep education programs for Sweet Dreamzzz, a nonprofit organization based in Livonia committed to improving children's health, well-being and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economically disadvantaged students and their families.

Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at REM.givesmart.com. For more information, go to Sweet Dreamzzz.org.

#### Mom2Mom sale

The Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a Mom2Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Early admission is \$2, \$1 after 9 a.m. and free at noon; strollers welcome. For more information, email newburgmom 2mom@gmail.com or go to Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewburgMom 2Mom.

#### Silent Auction at Elks

The Livonia Elks Lodge 2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, in Livonia is hosting a silent auction 2-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Winners will be announced at 10 p.m. and need not be present to win. Payment is by cash or credit cards; no checks. This event is free and open to the public.



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## **DSO trio kicks off** Fall "Noon Concert" series Sept. 26 at Schoolcraft College

Three members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) will perform a classical concert as part of the Noon Concert Series at Schoolcraft College Wednesday, Sept. 26 in Room 550 of the VisTaTech Center. The concert will feature DSO members Jeffrey Zook on flute, Sheryl Hwangbo on violin and David LeDoux on cello.

In addition, the fall Noon Concert series will feature a variety of performers in October and November, including:

> Oct. 10 - Dave Bennett Quartet Oct. 24 - Matthew Cochran, **Classical** guitarist Nov. 7 - Marcus Elliot Quartet Nov. 14 - Louis Nagel, Concert pianist

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## Vayne City Council at six after resignation

**David Veselenak** hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Yet another city council seat is vacant in Wayne, the second this year: The at-large seat occupied by former

Councilman Ryan Gabriel will remain open after he resigned earlier this month from the city's governing body.

His resignation was added to the Sept. 4 agenda of the city council and was approved 5-1 without comment. Mayor Gabriel Pro Tem Anthony Miller was the lone "no" vote to not accept the resignation.



In Gabriel's letter of resignation, he said he had had enough of the issues currently plaguing the council, appearing to allude to the issues surrounding a hostile workplace environment investigation that appeared to be leaked from the city council, among others.

"I held on long enough and I really am

off council," he wrote.

City Clerk Matt Miller said because Gabriel resigned within 90 days of a city election, his seat will remain vacant. Four seats on the Wayne City Council are up for election in November, the first such city election to happen during a national election. They were moved several years ago as a cost-saving measure, leading to the extension of several council members' terms.

Gabriel was first appointed to the council in 2015 and his term was originally scheduled to expire last year. His term was extended one year with the moving of the election and shifting of the city to wards. His name does not appear on the Nov. 6 ballot, where he would have ran for the Ward 5 seat, Miller said.

#### Flurry of activity

His resignation took place one meeting after another council member attempted to resign. Councilman Tom

tired of the games being played on and Porter had offered his resignation before the Aug. 21 city council meeting, telling his colleagues he was upset over the apparent leaking of the confidential hostile workplace document.

> "When this original report became public, I became rather disturbed that one of my colleagues or someone sitting up on that raised platform had so little thought for our city that they released it," he said. "If I find out who made those public, I will splash it all over the world. I promise you. This has affected me greatly."

> His resignation was denied, with all members of council except Gabriel voting to turn down his request. Porter later appeared at the Sept. 4 meeting.

> In addition, city attorney Breeda O'Leary-Brassfield of Fausone Bohn also resigned from working for the city at the Sept. 4 council meeting. The city opted to contract with the Giarmarco, Mullins and Horton law firm out of Troy on a temporary basis.

> It's been a flurry of change of the council's makeup in recent months. For

mer Councilman Christopher Sanders was recalled in May and lost his seat to fellow Councilman Jeremiah Webster. Councilman Kevin Dowd was appointed in June by the council to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Webster, which expires in November. Dowd's name does not appear on the Nov. 6 ballot, according to a Wayne County unofficial candidate list.

Sanders was also recently kicked off the Nov. 6 ballot after a lawsuit determined he was ineligible after altering a required affidavit of identity and receipt of filing form.

Up for election are four seats: the mayor's seat, which is an at-large seat: and council seats representing the 4th, 5th and 6th Wards, the first time those wards will have specific seats on the council. Miller said those elected to the council will take their seats Nov. 12, less than a week after the election.

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#### **Patricia Anne Williams**

ESTERO, FL - Patricia Anne Williams 87, of Estero, FL died Monday, September 10, 2018. Patricia was born on April 26, 1931 in Detroit, MI, the only child of the late James Carroll and Elizabeth Margaret (neé Wilde) Wallace. Preceded in death by her late husband Earl Raymond



Williams (June 28, 1998), Patricia, now at peace, will join her parents and husband at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

Patricia enjoyed her vibrant lifestyle and dear friends at American House Senior Living Communities Coconut Point, FL since 2017. Prior to American House, she lived in Fort Lauderdale, FL since 1986. Patricia loved her business career, as evidenced by her dedication to one company for 38 years (Metalworking Lubricants Company, Birmingham, MI) and later in Fort Lauderdale, as a business office manager (Point of Americas Residences) until her retirement at age 83.

Patricia is survived by her two loving daughters, Jami Williams Corbett of Marblehead, MA, Randi Williams and husband, Dale Watchowski of Birmingham, MI and three granddaughters, Kathryn Elizabeth and Margaret Patricia Corbett and Elizabeth Wallace Watchowski.

To sign her guest book or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome. com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Bonita Springs, FL.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to make a donation in Patricia's memory please consider: Boston Humane Society (Boston, MA) or Pope Francis Center (Detroit, MI), our family thanks you.

#### **Charles William Drys**

**CANTON** - Charles William Drys of Canton, formerly of Livonia, MI, and Tampa, FL, died September 15, at the age of 93. He was born in Dearborn, to Carl and Minnie Drys. Chuck is the beloved husband of the late Shirley Drys, who died in 2016. Chuck is survived by his two loving children



Kathleen (Joe) Garrett, and Greg (Rose) Drys, his precious grandchildren David (Wendy), Jennifer (Randy), Jeff, Michelle, and Tom, and 5 dear great-

#### **Marilynn Mistele Dickerson**

ANN ARBOR - Age 97 years 11 months passed away 28 Aug 2018. She was born in Detroit, the daughter of the late John Wilfred and Edith Mae Hahn Mistele. Dorman B. Dickerson Jr, her husband of 41 years, predeceased her in 1983. Survivors include her children: Dorman B Dickerson III of Ann Arbor and Diane Good, widow of Charles H Good, of Chelsea. Three grandchildren: Jacquelyn Sullivan, of Carp Lake, D B Dickerson IV and J. Randolph (Stephanie Pickering) Dickerson of Farmington. Two especially great grandchildren: Julia and Michael Sullivan II, also survive as well as two sisters, Shirley Ann Duskey and Carolyn Jackson.



Marilynn graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit and Wayne University where she was a member of Delta Gamma Chi and Kappa Delta sororities. Active in the American Association of University Women since 1958, she served on the boards of Birmingham and Ann Arbor branches. She was an AAUW Michigan Division historian and wrote a history in celebration of Michigan Division's 50th Anniversary. Ann Arbor branch honored her with a named AAUW fellowship.

Marilynn was the family historian, tracing her family into the early 1700s in Europe and her husband's family to the 1600s in the southern colonies. She belonged to Historical & Genealogical Societies in Oakland, Washtenaw Co. MI, Boone Co. IN & VA.

In Birmingham/Bloomfield she was a columnist and feature writer for the Eccentric. Active in all her children's activities led to duties with PTO, Southfield Jr. Symphony, Boy & Girl Scouts, Wing Lake School and BHHS. Her Birmingham Branch AAUW experience let her "hit the ground running" transitioning to A2 in 1969.

In Ann Arbor she was an early docent for Kempf House and worked on committees for Cobblestone Farm. She also was Secretary of the Ann Arbor Bicentennial Commission. Marilynn worked on AAUW Used Booksales for over 50 years and would appreciate memorial contributions made to the scholarship program of AAUW Ann Arbor branch PO Box 2806 Ann Arbor 48106.

Visitation Sunday 9/23/18 3:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 Muehlig Funeral Chapel 403 S Fourth Ann Arbor, MI. 48103. Memorial Service Monday 9/24/18 11:00 Kirk in the Hills 1340 W. Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI. 48302

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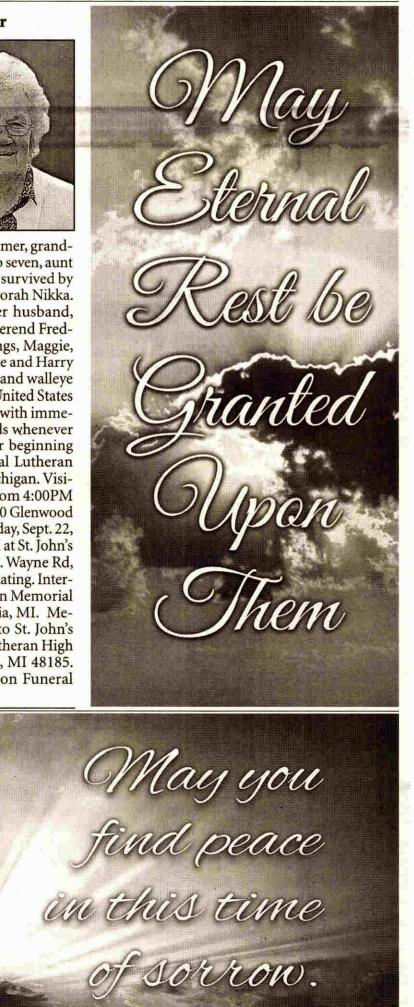
#### **Dovie Elizabeth Casmer**

- - Dovie Elizabeth Casmer (Simpson) passed away at age 94 on September 13, 2018. Born November 13, 1923 in Readyville, Tennessee to John and Eather Simpson (Williams). Dovie was the loving wife for 66 years to Harry, the mother of Sharon (Gentry) Yearout, Mark

(Carol) and mother-in-law to Sue Casmer, grandmother to seven, great-grandmother to seven, aunt to several nieces and nephews, and is survived by her loving caregiver of four years Deborah Nikka. Dovie was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Casmer (5/2014), her son, Reverend Frederick Casmer (4/2018) and her siblings, Maggie, Marion, Cecil, Robert, and Paul. Dovie and Harry enjoyed many years fishing for perch and walleye in Lake Huron, traveling around the United States to Alaska and Arizona, and gathering with immediate and extended family and friends whenever possible. She was an active member beginning in the 1960's at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Westland, Michigan. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd, Westland, MI. Lying in State Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 9:00AM until service at 10:00AM at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2602 S. Wayne Rd, Westland, Pastor Craig Birsching officiating. Interment following at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, 35667 W Eight Mile Rd, Livonia, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Huron Valley Lutheran High School, 33740 Cowan Rd., Westland, MI 48185. Questions contact Symonds-Madison Funeral Home at 847-741-1128.

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grandchildren.

Chuck proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He returned home from the war and married Shirley Crook. Together they enjoyed nearly 70 years of marriage. Chuck also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. Chuck was an avid traveler venturing to Europe, Alaska and many other destinations. Chuck is greatly loved and will be deeply missed.

Visitation for Chuck was Monday, September 17, from 4-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. His Funeral Service took place Monday, September 17, at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.



#### Jay R. Bruce

**GRAND FORKS, ND** - Passed September 18 in Wayne, MI at the age of 70. He leaves to his memory Loving wife Wendy; beloved children Josh (Angela), Ryan (Leigh), Kelly, Dodi (Bill) Piotrowski, Angela (Thomas) Porter and Melissa (Crystal) Patterson, proud Grandfather



of 11 and beloved brother to Vivian (Wes) Rydell and Nina (Mark) Larson as well as special friend to David Ober and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Annell Williams and Robert Bruce. After an honorable service to the US Army Jay Bruce earned his certification as a commercial electrician and finally retired to Michigan to be near his children. Services will be held September 23 at Husband Family Funeral Home in Westland, MI (734)331-3349 Visitation 1-5pm and Service at 5pm.



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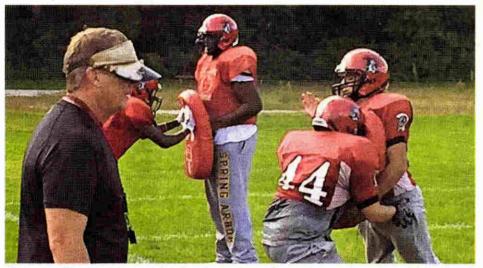


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## Sports

## C'ville varsity season in limbo



Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish (left) conducted practice Wednesday with JV-level freshman and sophomore players. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Games against Robichaud, Thurston called off

#### Brad Emons

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The remainder of Livonia Clarenceville's 2018 varsity football season appears to be hanging in the balance.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy confirmed Wednesday that the Trojans will forfeit upcoming road games against Western Wayne Athletic Conference foes Dearborn Heights Robichaud (Sept. 21) and Redford Thurston (Sept. 28).

The reasons for the cancellations are because of injuries and lack of available players and depth at the varsity level. Clarenceville dressed just 18 players, including a kicker, and finished with only 12 due to injuries in its most recent game, a 46-6 loss Sept. 14 at Romulus.

"We had 18 vs. Romulus and when five get hurt ... do the math, then it's kind of a problem," Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "We don't have any seniors now. This is really a problem that's kind of been building for a long time. The kids are great. The kids are doing outstanding and they're doing everything that we're asking them to do. I know it's hard, it's doing whatever ... but we started something, we're going to

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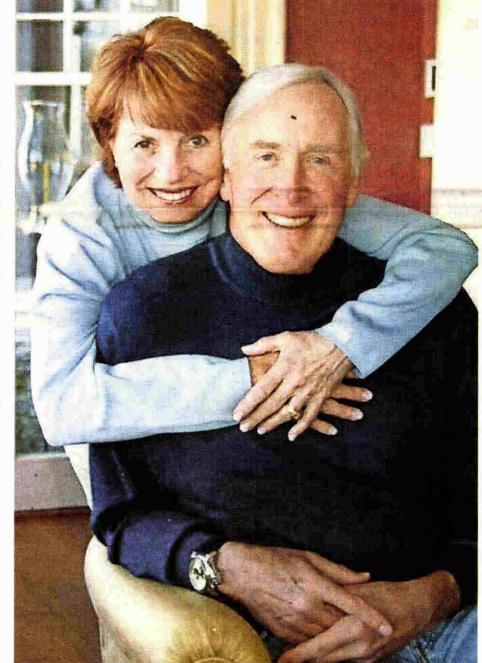
Cranbrook to honor acclaimed Heisman Trophy winner

#### Marty Budner hometownlife.com

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Long before he entered the financial world, before he become a brigadier general in the U.S. Army and shortly before he earned a Rhodes Scholarship and captured the Heisman Trophy, Pete Dawkins was a student-athlete at Cranbrook High School.

Dawkins will tell you how much the exclusive prep school from where he graduated in 1955 helped shape his amazing life story — so much so that he still maintains a close affiliation with the Bloomfield Hills institution, both as a proud alum and generous financial donor.



#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

### Ex-DCD star will enter state's Sports Hall of Fame

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Kate Sobrero-Markgraf was a starting defender on the U.S. Women's soccer team in three different Olympic games, winning two gold medals and one silver. She was a member of the 1999 U.S. National Team that captured the World Cup and placed third on two other occasions.

Yet the 1994 Detroit Country Day graduate, to this day is hesitant to use the term "world-class player."

"I can't even use those words, to be honest. I just feels silly to me," Sobrero-Markgraf said. "When did I feel I deserved to be playing on those highlevel teams? Probably during the 1999 World Cup, when it was, like, 'I don't know if I could do this.' Then all of a

It's a relationship the 80-year-old Dawkins cherishes dearly.

"Cranbrook played a big, big part of my life. Kind of a critical part," Dawkins said. "So I've always been thankful for having had the opportunity to go there. Pretty remarkably, our class has stayed in touch through the years.

"We have had reunions every five years since we graduated and we still get a very large turnout who fly in from Australia, London, Sao Paulo. It's been really remarkable," he added. "Many of us still have a great fondness about the place and remember the role it played in our lives very prominently."

Cranbrook administrators plan to honor their distinguished alumnus Friday, Sept. 28, prior to the school's homecoming football game on the Thompson Oval against visiting Detroit Loyola. Kickoff for is at 7 p.m.

They'll celebrate the 60th anniversary of Dawkins's 1958 Heisman Trophy season, when the versatile halfback helped lead Army to an undefeated record (8-0-1) and a No. 3 national ranking.

Dawkins will be present for pregame ceremonies, which include a reception at the Performing Arts Center, a chitchat with the current team and an onfield ceremony to officially retire his No.

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Pete Dawkins, shown with his late wife Judi, has had a remarkable life that was greatly influenced during his days at Cranbrook High School. ELLIOTT TRUMBULL

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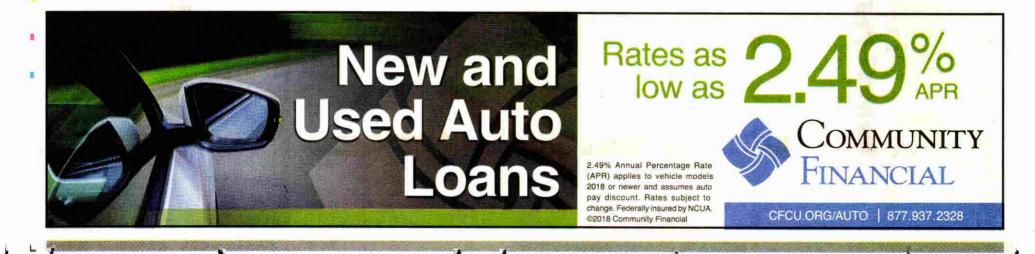
**Pete Dawkins** 

Cranbrook graduate and Heisman Trophy winner

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Kate Sobrero-Markgraf (right) played three years of varsity soccer at Detroit Country Day before going on to become an international standout with the U.S. Women's National Team. FILE PHOTO



## Shpilband extends stay at Novi Ice Arena

Two-time Olympians Chock and Bates relocate training to Montreal

#### Brad Emons

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World-renowned ice dancing coach Igor Shpilband has reached a new eightyear agreement to continue his training program at the Novi Ice Arena through the year 2026.

The city of Novi and the Suburban Sports Group made the announcement Sept. 13.

Shpilband first brought his expertise and ice dancing teams from all over the globe to train at the Novi Ice Arena in June 2012. Since that time, 17 ice dancing teams that have trained with Shpilband and his staff in Novi have gone on to represent their country at the last two Winter Olympic Games in Sochi (2014) and Pyeongchang (2018).

"I have been living in Novi for 12 years and (training) in the Novi Ice Arena for the last six," Shpilband said in a press release. "In that time, Novi has become home for many, many skaters from all over the world. We look forward to building an even stronger relationship and understanding (of ice dance) within the city of Novi and Novi Ice Arena and are looking forward to the next eight years."

Since he arrived in the U.S. in 1990 and began his coaching career, the Moscow-born and former World Junior champion (1983 with former partner Tatiana Gladkova) has trained skaters at



Ice dance coach Igor Shpilband (right) with 2018 U.S. Junior champions Anthony Ponomarenko and Christina Carreira.

both the junior and senior level who have represented more than a dozen different countries, including the U.S. Canada, South Korea, Great Britain, Russia, Hungary, Germany, France, Lithuania, Estonia, Israel, Azerbaijan, Taipei, Italy, Poland, Ukraine and the Czech Republic

The 54-year-old Shpilband has 10 full-time ice dancing teams, representing five countries, under his tutelage this season, along with other teams that share their training time in Novi. He is currently coaching Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko, the reigning U.S. Junior National champions and silver medalists at the 2018 Junior Worlds.

"The city of Novi is proud to host Igor and his teams for another eight years," said Jeff Muck, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service. "Igor has put the city on the map numerous times since 2012 and we are thrilled to continue our relationship. We look forward to celebrating the hard work and dedication of his teams on the international stage over the next several years."

This past year, former Italian ice dancer Pasquale Camerlengo joined Shpilband's ice dance coaching team.

Camerlengo was as a national dance champion, two-time Olympic team member and world competitor, who has now coached and choreographed programs on the World and Olympic stage.

"We are very pleased to have a longterm agreement in place with Igor and his ice dance team," said Erik Carlson, general manager of the Novi Ice Arena. "It is a unique situation to have worldclass ice dancers and future Olympians training right here in Novi. We look forward to cheering them on at all of their world events for years to come."

Most recently, Shpilband coached two-time Olympians, six-time U.S. medalists and two-time world medalists Madison Chock, a Novi High grad, and Evan Bates of Ann Arbor. The pair took ninth in the 2018 Olympics and fifth in the 2018 World Championships last March in Milan, Italy.

Chock shortly after underwent surgery to remove loose bone fragments in her ankle and, in late May, the two announced they were relocating to Montreal to train with Marie-France Dubreuil, Patrice Lauzon and Romain Haguenauer.

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#### **AMATEUR GOLF**

## Livonian Bartnick captures GAM senior men's crown

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Bolstered by a hole-in-one, David Bartnick of Livonia came from behind Sept. 11 to capture the 32nd Golf Association of Michigan Senior Championship at Battle Creek Country Club.

Bartnick, 59-year-old owner of DB Communications in Livonia, shot a closing 1-under 71 that featured a holein-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole of the Willie Park-designed course. He used a 7iron for the 157-yard shot. It was his third ace, but the first in competition.

"Perfect time to get it," said Bartnick, a Redford Bishop Borgess grad. "It was absolutely great to see it go in."



Westland's Matt Wiley, who shot 74, and Ann Arbor's James Landi who shot 75, tied for third at 147.

Bartnick, who started the day three shots off the lead and finished second by five shots last year to Craig Adams of Spring Lake at Muskegon Country Club, came back this year wanting a chance to win his first GAM title.

"The course played very hard," said Bartnick, who played basketball at Northwood University. "There was not going to be a 66 like last year. In talking with some of my competitors, I knew that getting anything under par, and it didn't have to be very far under par, was going to give you a chance to win it."

Rick Herpich of Orchard Lake shot 5under 67 in the first round for a sevenshot in the super senior division and held that lead through the second round with 73 for 140. ior champion who shot 69 to close at 147, was second. Ann Arbor's David Gordonshot 76 for 148 and third, while Mike Sequite of Marshall shot 75 for 149.

Herpich, who is 65, retired and competed in the super senior division this year for the first time, said he had never had a seven-stroke advantage before.

"It was a new experience and I found out it's not easy paying with the lead," he said. "You try to follow up a great round with a good round and you play conservatively. I was pretty solid today, though. Yesterday was seven birdies and two bogeys and I putted really well. Today, I just kept it in front of me and kept the lead."

A field of 156 golfers, 105 playing for the senior title for golfers ages 55 and over, plus 51 playing in the super senior division for golfers ages 65 and over, played two rounds over two days.

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Bartnick's 71 left him at 1-over 145 for the tournament, one shot better than Mike LeBarre, a Battle Creek CC member who shot 74 for 146.



Livonia resident David Bartnick is the Golf Association of Michigan senior men's champion. GREGORY JOHNSON

Canton's Mike Fedewa, the 2007 sen-

## Hall

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#### sudden, I was fine.

"I was playing well and enjoying it and I freaked out and was feeling, like, I can totally do this," she said. "So at that point, I knew I could handle it. But I don't think I could ever call myself 'world-class' though."

While Sobrero-Markgraf downplays her international soccer status, the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame certainly recognizes her exceptional skills and achievements on the pitch. She will be one of eight people inducted into that prestigious body Sept. 28 at the Motor City Casino Hotel Soundboard in Detroit.

The other seven members of the Class of 2018 are former NBA champion and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice graduate B.J. Armstrong, college and Olympic

- basketball champion Daedra Charles-Furlow, high school and college basket-
- ball coach Charlie Coles, football star T.J. Duckett, college quarterback Cullen Finnerty, Detroit Lions All-Pro star Rob-
- ert Porcher and longtime Detroit Free Press sports writer Mick McCabe.
- Sobrero-Markgraf is thrilled to part of the newest group.

"It's incredible. Michigan has produced some of the best athletes for high school and those that go to college and beyond, I think," Sobrero-Markgraf said. "And to be included among the people who are currently being inducted, as well as past inductees, is a huge honor.

"It's something I didn't really think about growing up. I really didn't pay any attention to that stuff," she added. "But then, as you get involved in sports and then retire, you start to see these things as it happens to friends that you played with, then all of a sudden you find out — I found out on Twitter — that you've been nominated and it's very exciting."

#### All-state at Country Day

The former Bloomfield Hills resident attended Bloomfield Hills Middle School and then landed at Detroit Country Day, where she played soccer with the Yellowjackets for three all-state varsity seasons. Country Day captured the 1991 Class B state championship during her freshman year under head coach Greg Thompson.

Although she did not play high school soccer as a senior, she dearly values her prep days at Country Day.

"At Country Day, we had a top program and I got to play with some of the best soccer players in the state," said Sobrero-Markgraf, who also played with the vaunted Michigan Hawks club program. "Country Day just pushed you, athletically and academically. So those self-imposed barriers that we put on our own abilities, you just can't do that there and survive.

"So with some great coaches and great teachers, I was learning the strategies to push through those self-imposed limitations," she added. "That ended up being a life skill that I've learned through sports and also by going to some fantastic educational institutions that propelled me to where I ended up professionally."

Sobrero-Markgraf went on to play college soccer at Notre Dame, where her career continued to blossom. During her four-year career with the Fighting Irish, she was a three-time All-American and was named Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the 1995 NCAA championship team. She was the Big East Conference's Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 and finished her college career as a three-time national champion.

Sobrero-Markgraf began a fruitful 12year career with the U.S. National Team in 1998, finishing in 2010 with 201 caps, just the 10th female player to reach the 200-cap milestone.

#### Now calling from the booth

Sobrero-Markgraf went on to play professional soccer in the Women's United Soccer Association for the Boston Breakers (2001-03) and in the Women's Professional Soccer league with the Chicago Red Stars (2009-10).

"When you put it all together, you think, 'Wow, that's amazing.' But when you think about it yourself, I don't think anyone who has goals and then achieves them and then they set another goal that's a little bit higher, you're always in that process of trying to achieve another thing," Sobrero-Markgraf said. "It's just how I'm very goal-oriented. So looking back on someone else's career, you think it's pretty incredible. But with mine, it's, like, 'Whoa, that's a lot of work.'

"My role has always been to figure out what the team needs and to refine your skills the best you can to help that and fit where it's needed and to control what you can control. I think I learned that very early on. I learned how to play through a lot.

"Looking back, did I think I'd end up

where I was going to be? No. I didn't think anyone did, because I was kind of small," she added. "But then everything just kind of clicked my senior year (in high school) and freshman year in college. And from there, I was always that player you could count on."

Sobrero-Markgraf is currently a soccer analyst for ESPN, where she worked the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup and the 2012 London Olympics. She has also worked college games for the Big Ten Network.

Sobrero-Markgraf, 42, lives with her husband Christopher and their three children, Keegan and twins Carson and Xavier, in Whitefish Bay, Wis. She works as a counselor for Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

"I'm going to come back and all my family will be there, at least the ones who are old enough, and my kids will be there," Sobrero-Markgraf said. "So they can see what mommy used to be like.

"Honestly, it's just a way to say thank you to all of my family," she added. "Trust me, it's great and I feel very honored, but I'm more excited that I get to share this with the people who drove me to everything and paid for everything."

The MSHOF's Class of 2018 was selected by a statewide group of veteran sports journalists, select college and professional sports administrators, MSHOF members and a public online vote ultimately approved by the hall's board members.

Tickets are available for the induction ceremonies starting a \$25 via the MSHOF website at: www.mshof.org.

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## **Northville rules Top 50 Invite in Battle Creek**

#### **Brad Emons**

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It was billed as a preview for this year's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state championships.

The Top 50 Invitational Sept. 15 at the Bedford Valley Golf Club featured a majority of the state's top teams hoping to get a feel for the Battle Creek course, which will host the finals Oct. 19-20.

The top-ranked Northville Mustangs managed an early morning fog delay and used quality play throughout their lineup to record an impressive team score of 306 to win their seventh tournament in seven tries this season.

Plymouth was runner-up with 322, while Clarkston took third with 323.

"We accomplished what we came here to do today and I was happy with our approach and effort," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "There is still a lot of golf to be played this season and we know there are some areas we need to clean up if we hope to achieve our goals this season."

Nobody could match the round of two-time Miss Golf Anika Dy of Traverse City West, who carded 6-under 66 to earn medalist honors.

But Northville's super sophomore Nicole Whatley, who was part of a foursome of some of the state's best, placed runner-up with 2-under 70.

"I felt like I was just playing with three friends and having a good time on the course," Whatley said. "I know that I have the potential to compete with these girls on every shot and my mindset never really changed throughout the whole day."

Although Whatley made long putts, one for eagle on the par-5 fourth hole and one for birdie on No. 18, she felt her putting wasn't up to par.

"I missed some very easy putts and even three-putted a couple times," she said. "I feel like my irons were on fire today, hitting lots of greens."

Cronin wasn't surprised, however, by his top player's success.

"Nicole had a tough tournament last week, but she has tremendous grit as an athlete and I could see it all week in her



Northville's Nicole Whatley shot 2-under 70 to take second place in the Top 50 Junior Invitational at Bedford Valley Golf Club. DEBBIE STEIN

preparation and play," he said.

Whatley also had the same take. "Playing so well this week has been a

real confidence-booster and practice is what is going to set some good rounds into motion for the postseason," she said.

Also earning top 10 finishes for Northville were senior Mariella Simoncini (ninth, 77) and Katelyn Tokarz (10th, 78).

"Although birdies were tough to find, our strength as a team this season has been playing for pars and both Katelyn and Mariella recorded 11 on their round today," Cronin said. "Tokarz had it rolling early, playing the front nine in 2over par (38). Katelyn was making quality contact with the ball all day and, when she does that, she sets herself up for success."

Meanwhile, Cronin also praised his captain's ability to keep battling.

"Mariella didn't have a great start to the round – 3-over after four holes – but her mental approach is so strong," he said. "She just stays with it."

Northville's fourth scorer, Sufna Gill, shot 81 to tie for 15th as the junior had to scramble a bit when her early drives weren't finding the fairways. But she managed to card a solid round with some good work around the greens.

"Sufna is a talented player who has the ability to find a way to score even when her full game isn't working," Cronin said.

Northville's fifth player Sedona Shipka added 84 to place 20th.

"I thought Sedona did a great job of managing the day," Cronin said. "She went out in 44 and came back in 40. Her strong finish was capped by an impressive birdie on 14. It was fun to watch."

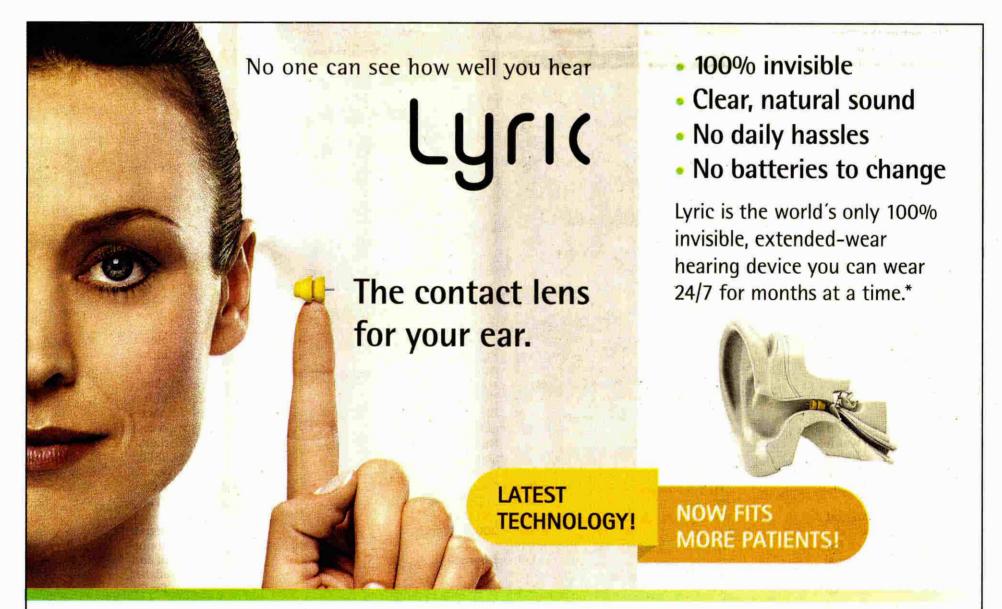
Plymouth was paced by Shae Zydeck, who took eighth with 75. She was followed by Bridget Boczar (tied, for 10th, 78), Grace Boczar (tied for 18th, 83) and Rachel Stipel (tied for 23rd, 86). Marie Sullivan added 88.

Livonia Franklin placed seventh with a 348 total, led by Sophia Wydonik, who tied for 13th with 80. She was followed by Sophia Cueva (87), Stephanie Cueva (89) and Olivia Napier (92) and Sandreena Cueva (92).

Churchill, 15th overall with 417, was led by Halena Harris (tied for 13th, 81); Emma Grodek (97), Rachel Parrelly (106) and Paige Melcher (133).

Bloomfield Hills' top finisher was Lizzie Pierce (tied for 21st) with 85.

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### Dawkins

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#### 19 jersey.

"What an honor it is for Cranbrook and Cranbrook athletics to celebrate such a great man like General Pete Dawkins at this year's homecoming football game," CK athletic director Steve Graf said. "To have a Cranbrook alumnus who not only made a huge impact on our community when he was a student then went on to have such an illustrious career and made a positive impact on our country ... and became a member of that elite fraternity of Heisman recipients, this couldn't be more special to each and every member of the Cranbrook community past, present and future."

Dawkins is looking forward to the honor.

"It's very, very nice and I'm flattered by it," Dawkins said. "'It'll bring back many, many warm memories. It's very kind of them to do this."

#### Life shaped by Cranbrook

Dawkins was born in Royal Oak, where he grew up with an admittedly mischievous side to him.

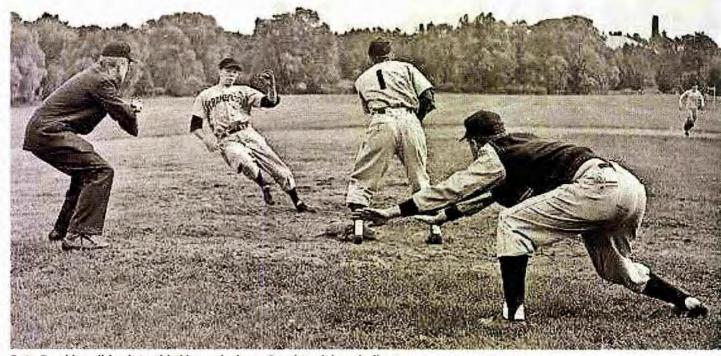
Because he had a tough time in the city's public school system, his mother, who had a career involving child development, decided to put him into a private setting at Cranbrook. Dawkins is forever grateful for that decision.

"My mother, who had a great influence on my life, was a great believer in the importance of education," Dawkins said. "She and my father had graduated from the University of Michigan and she recognized I was not doing well — that the (Royal Oak) school was not a good school and she needed to get me on a different trajectory.

"So she went on her own and showed up at the offices at Cranbrook and petitioned for them to get me a scholarship. Now, they couldn't figure out why I was a good candidate for a scholarship, having poor grades and to some degree subordinate issues, but she was unrelenting. They tell the story that finally the way I got into Cranbrook was they said, 'It was a lot easier just to let the kid in than to put up with this woman who keeps badgering them.' I think it's slightly hyperbolic, but not entirely untrue.

"And to be perfectly candid, I was not well-prepared when I got to Cranbrook. I think it may not be in the official records, but I think I actually flunked out the first semester," he added. "But it was such a caring faculty and such a success-oriented place that they decided that, for some reason or another, there was some value and potential. Then that second semester, I sort of got it. And then, in a remarkable way, it turned my life around."

Not only did he clean up his act, but he went on to become one of the school's most outstanding athletes.



Pete Dawkins slides into third base during a Cranbrook baseball game. COURTESY OF CRANBROOK



Dawkins





Pete Dawkins and one of the Cranbrook football teams coached by Fred Campbell. COURTESY OF CRANBROOK

#### plays.

Dawkins believes that novel approach to football is what helped him win the Heisman, as sports writers around the country came to watch the Cadets play. Ultimately, that led to a lot of publicity for Dawkins.

"It was a very different era of football then," said Dawkins, the class president as a senior. "I had a string of good fortune but, in my senior year, I was certainly not a prime candidate for the Heisman, I'll tell you that. We had a small group of extraordinary athletes on that team, but we didn't have any depth.

"So coach Blaik had an idea. We had a very, very good receiver. His name was Bill Carpenter. The logic that led to this significant development in football is that he was good enough that, if we split him out 30 yards away from the rest of the pack and if the opponents tried to cover him man-for-man, we would throw the ball to him every play for the entire game.

"His belief is that no one would be successful at that, so the opposing teams would have to cover him with a man-and-a-half. So the lonesome end gave us a significant advantage," he added. "And that played a significant role. The sports writers became infatuated with this new strange formation and they wrote about it. In truth, it's the genesis of the wide formations that are widely used in the NFL today." Dawkins remains the last of three Army Heisman Trophy winners. The previous two winners were the legendary Felix "Doc" Blanchard, an assistant coach when Dawkins played, and Glenn Davis. They won the coveted trophy back-to-back in 1945 and 1946, respectively. "Not many Heisman winners come from a losing team," Dawkins said. "So I was fortunate to be on a winning team, which contributed to it as well. It's a great fraternity to be a part of. It really is quite a special thing."

would be," he added. "I've always believed that there were great similarities between the camaraderie and the spirit of elite organizations and what develops in their regard for one another and their commitment to protect and support one another. And I've always felt that much of my life was spent in sports and the military and I was the beneficiary of the spirit that emerged from both of those parts of my life."

Dawkins retired from the service in 1983 and swiftly took up civilian life as a businessman. He even dabbled in politics. Dawkins expertly worked his way up the corporate financial ladder like a halfback looking for running room down the field. He also lost a U.S. Senate race in 1988 in New Jersey.

"Cranbrook prepared me for all of this. It really put me on quite a different pathway and I became a very accomplished student after I left Cranbrook," Dawkins said. "I was fortunate to go to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, which was another remarkable experience for me.

"Then, later on, when I was in the army, I got a Ph.D. at Princeton. I was the first one to be granted a Ph.D. at the Woodrow Wilson School," he added. "So a lot of things in my life developed and

Dawkins played football and baseball and excelled in both sports. He would be greatly influenced by math teacher Fred Campbell, an ex-marine, who coached both teams. He also played club hockey as a talented three-sport athlete.

As it turned out, Campbell was responsible for Dawkins's first trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Campbell took Dawkins on a road trip comparable to current recruiting visits — one weekend to learn about the school and meet famed football head coach Earl "Red" Blaik.

"Fred Campbell was a tough disciplinarian, but as many of those people are, was so kind-hearted," Dawkins said. "He had a massive influence on me. He decided, on his own, that West Point was the right place for me. So he took me there."

However, football is not what got Dawkins into West Point originally. It was hockey.

One of Dawkins's Cranbrook buddies, Larry Asbury, who was a year older and also a day student, attended Army to play hockey. Asbury put in a good word about Dawkins to Army hockey coach Jack Riley, the respected mentor who later would lead the 1960 U.S. Olympic hockey team to the gold medal.

Riley went after him and the rest is history.

"The footnote to the story is that I got into West Point because of the ice hockey coach, not because of the football coach," he said. "I had to apply for an appointment, but it was too late in the year and all of the principle appointments had been given out. So I was a qualified alternate in the pool. The guy who plucked me out of the pool was Jack Riley.

"Larry and I had played hockey together, so he persuaded the hockey coach to pick me up," he added. "I played four years of hockey there, but that, ultimately, led to my good fortune with the Heisman."

Pete Dawkins was a captain of Cranbrook's baseball team in 1955. COURTESY OF CRANBROOK

#### Famed for football

While he enjoyed hockey, Dawkins made his mark on the gridiron.

Dawkins was a quarterback at Cranbrook who transitioned to running back at Army. He played three years for the Cadets (1956-58) and made an impact of epic proportions. The 215-pounder not only ran the ball with authority, but was an adept receiver.

Over his career, Dawkins, finished with 1,123 yards rushing with 16 touchdowns and logged 719 receiving yards with six touchdowns for 1,842 combined yards and 25 total touchdowns.

As a senior captain, Dawkins won the Heisman Trophy after compiling 428 yards rushing with five touchdowns and 494 receiving yards with six touchdowns. He scored four touchdowns in the opening game against South Carolina, which caught the attention of college football fans.

While they may not seem like gaudy numbers now, at the time they were among college football's best.

During his senior season, Blaik developed what was called the lonesome end formation, the direct forerunner of what are now wide receiver sets. Previous to that, college formations were tight to the vest with mostly running Dawkins also won the Maxwell Trophy as college football's player of the year and was a consensus All-American as a senior.

#### Laudable military career

Dawkins graduated from West Point in 1959, electing to pursue academics rather than professional athletics.

Dawkins expanded his education as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he studied for three years in the fields of philosophy, economics and politics.

After Oxford, Dawkins went straight to the military, where he would carve out a laudable 24-year career.

Dawkins served time in Vietnam and Korea, as well as in military bases across the United States as an officer. His final duty was in the Pentagon.

"I really enjoyed my 24 years of the army. It was a very turbulent time going through the Vietnam war," said Dawkins, who spent a lot of time with parachute units from the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. "I moved 21 times in 24 years, to give you a sense of how chaotic that period was.

"But I was always impressed by the soldiers of these elite (airborne) units and how similarly they were bonded together, like one of the top sports teams I'm still very fortunate. But all the roads go back to Cranbrook and the role it played in changing both my outlook and aspirations, as well as what I learned."

#### **Retirement not in vocabulary**

The word retirement is not part of his vocabulary.

Dawkins, whose wife Judi died in February 2107, continues to keep active as he heads into the octogenarian phase of his life. In fact, he will head to Cranbrook next week on the heels of a European trip.

His main residence is in Vail, Colo., he has a winter home in Naples, Fla., and an apartment in New York.

"I'm failing retirement," Dawkins said.

Dawkins's Cranbrook legacy is constant. Each year, he returns to his alma mater to deliver a pair of prestigious awards named in his honor.

The Frances Miller Dawkins Award, named after his mother, is an excellence in teaching award presented annually to one of the Cranbrook Kingswood's top teachers. He also hands out the Dawkins Award, presented by the Boosters Club, which recognizes dedication to athletics.

"I come back a lot, because 14 years ago, I created the award in my mother's name and in remembrance of her role in getting me into Cranbrook," Dawkins said. "I thought one of the most remarkable things about Cranbrook and the thing that affected my life the most was the teachers. I had proposed to the school to name the award in my mother's name and it would present a very sizable check to the winner every year. It is to recognize what the teachers do."

And the upcoming ceremony will recognize what one of Cranbrook Kingswood's favorite sons achieved 60 years ago.

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### **C'ville**

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#### finish it."

Murphy said the Trojans will proceed with a scheduled JV game Thursday, Sept. 27, at Thurston.

"Against Romulus, we lost five to six players in that game," Murphy said. "Two or three were against Romulus' starters, but other two or three were against their backups, so I don't feel like it was a competitive imbalance that all the injuries happened. It was because it was the game of football, which is a fierce game."

Clarenceville, with an enrollment of 551, is the smallest member in the eightschool WWAC. The largest is Crestwood (1,424), followed by Thurston (1,098), Garden City (1,080), Redford Union (947), Romulus (796) Dearborn Heights Annapolis (708) and Robichaud (608).

"It's taken a big toll," Irish said. "Nothing against the guys or the other opponents, it's just that we're the small guy. Like I said, it's different for baseball, track, soccer, those kind of things. Kids aren't getting physically hurt. In football, you're going to have injuries regardless of whoever you play, but when you play bigger teams and you have a small number, it's just called subtraction. We're subtracting down and we don't really have a lot of guys."

Going into Friday's scheduled game at Robichaud, the Trojans are 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the WWAC. Other losses have come against Dearborn Heights Annapolis (16-14), Redford Union (40-6) and Macomb Lutheran North (38-22).

Injuries, not ineligibility issues, are currently plaguing the Clarenceville football program.

"This has been a snowball for about the last eight years ... when we joined the Western Wayne (Athletic) Conference," Irish said. "For other sports that can be found, you can void in wrestling, you can not have a 100-meter guy, but I need a right guard. And so when it comes to numbers, with the amount of kids that are coming out and when we're getting beat by the schools that are three or four times bigger than us, all right, I don't blame a lot of kids who don't want to come out."

During Tuesday's practice session, 24 players were suited up, with a majority being freshmen and sophomores.



Workers are expected to install the new synthetic field turf field this week at Clarenceville's David B. McDowell Field at Tim Shaw Stadium. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Clarenceville started the preseason with 18 freshmen and 18 upperclassmen. Clarenceville graduated 23 seniors from a year ago, but has only five juniors this fall.

"I've got two guys on concussion protocol, I've got a kid who is at the doctor right now for an MRI on a knee," Irish said. "I've got another sprained knee. That's just not counting injuries as well. We have a beautiful facility coming in and doing those things, but I want to look out for safety first and then take it step by step from there."

Ironically, Clarenceville's David B. McDowell Field at Tim Shaw Stadium is currently undergoing a \$3 million-plus renovation project that is scheduled to be ready by early next month.

This week, final touches were being made for a newly installed synthetic turf field to replace the longstanding grass surface. Also part of the project is a repaved parking lot, a new stadium entrance and a new on-site storage facility. Renovation of the concession stand and home team locker room facility is also expected to be completed soon.

"The hope is to be healthy and ready by homecoming to open up the stadium against Crestwood," Murphy said. "Homecoming is a big thing here. We have a parade, it's a big community and a lot of alumni come back. We're hoping to be ready for that night."

But he cautions it all depends on the status of the varsity team.

"I would say that if varsity players don't get healthy quicker and some of the JV kids don't improve enough to play in a varsity game, the varsity could be in jeopardy for the season," Murphy said. "We're trying to play all our JV games and build the program."

Clarenceville's final three games will be at Garden City (Oct. 5), the homecoming game against Crestwood (Oct. 12) and the home finale against Madison Heights Bishop Foley (Oct. 19).

"There's nothing illegal about canceling games, but my thing is and I've always told these guys first, is that I want them to be successful and their safety is my No. 1 priority," Irish said. "So as long as I can do those two things, I think I'm doing a good job as a football coach."

During the late 1990s and early 2000s, Clarenceville football was thriving.

Under coach Greg Hudkins and led by former Penn State standout and sixyear NFL player Tim Shaw, the Trojans reached the Division 6 state semifinals in 2000 and placed runner-up to Jackson Lumen Christi in the 2001 Division 5 state championship game.

In 2013, under coach Ken Fry, Clarenceville made a run all the way to the MHSAA Division 6 state semifinals before losing to Grand Rapids West Catholic. The Trojans finished 11-1 overall and captured the WWAC Blue Division title.

The is the second stint as Clarenceville varsity coach for Irish, who is a physical education teacher in the district.

From 2005-09, he guided the Trojans to a 24-23 overall record. His 2008 squad finished 9-2 and reached the second round of the Division 5 playoffs. In 2010, he stepped down to take the Waterford Mott job. He returned in 2017 to replace Fry and went 2-7 last season.

But since the 2014 season, Clarenceville has gone 8-32 overall.

"I think football, in the media right now with concussions and things like that, scares some kids and families off from playing," said Murphy, a former Clarenceville assistant football coach himself. "But I also think we're just in a cycle right now of kids who haven't played much football in their lifetime ... it's not a bad crop of kids, but we just don't have a stable of football players right now in our hallways (who) played it much. We've had two back-to-back junior and senior classes that just haven't had many football players. And we've known that. We've had these two classes that have been small going back to middle school, so we haven't been able to find those kids to make up that void of players."

Whether its under a JV or varsity schedule, the plan is to finish the season.

"We're going to play JV and that's our thing, too," Irish said. "But my thing is, again, I'm not going to put a freshman on the varsity field. I don't think that's fair to the kid, I don't think it's safe for the kid. I did it last year and, by the grace of God, nobody got hurt. In this day and age of suing, liability, all that kind of stuff ... I like my job, I like my house. I don't want to get sued over something that could be avoidable."

So what does the future hold for high school football in general?

"Club sports are so big now and high schools have smaller programs ... kids now have other opportunities to do a lot of different things," Irish said. "Football, in particular, you practice all the time. Kids don't want to practice all the time. They want to have that instant gratification and have those things. It might be the sign of the times. I'm kind of a dreamer and hope that football never dies, but we're trying our best to keep it alive."

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

#### AGENDA **Zoning Board of Appeals** October 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) **33000 Civic Center Drive** Livonia, MI (734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-07-26 (Tabled on July 10, 2018): 6 Mid Plaza, LLC, (Ramiz Naman) 27013 Hampstead, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, seeking to maintain the storage of recreational vehicle(s) and construction equipment including trailers in the exterior parking lot, on property located on the south side of Six Mile (29423) between Oporto and Middlebelt, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-08-34 (Tabled on August 28, 2018): Stephen Schifano, south side of Grove (34639) between Fairlane and Riverside, seeking to maintain a privacy fence, erected without a permit, which creates a double fence (chain link fence adjacent) and not obtaining the neighbors permission.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-10-41: Sarah Stovall, north side of Orangelawn (38556) between Norman and Knolson, seeking to erect a six-foot-tall privacy fence on residential property without being able to obtain the adjacent property owners approval. This is required for all privacy fences placed on a common property line.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-10-42: Dominic/Michael Soave, 33521 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152, on behalf of Lessee China House Inn (Mike/Anna Chen), 33602 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to operate a dine in restaurant with forty-four customer seats in a commercial plaza on property located on the north side of Seven Mile (33602) between Farmington and Norwich, resulting in deficient parking spaces.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-10-43: Ronald/Mary Trotter, east side of Hubbard (15910) between Five Mile and Myrna, seeking to construct a detached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area. The existing shed is to remain.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature. Publish: Sunday, September 23, 2018 Livonia Observer

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#### City of Livonia - 09/05/18 1,856th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Bahr, White, McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, and Toy. Absent: None.

**#313-18** Approved minutes of the 1,855th Regular Meeting of the Council held 8/20/18. Audience Communication

Dan West, Chamber of Commerce, spoke re: luncheon to be held 9/13/18 at Schoolcraft Community College.

Kathy Bilger, resident, spoke re: Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra starting 60th season. Several items were received and filed for the information of the Council. #314-18 Approved block party request for 9/22/18 from 3 pm-10pm on Grandon, between Harrison and Brentwood.

#315-18 Approved block party request for 9/15/18 from 1 pm-10 pm on Woodring, between Orangelawn and West Chicago.

#316-18 Approved and recognized Clarenceville High School Homecoming Parade to be held 10/12/18.

#317-18 Approved award of bid for #12 green and #13 tee box at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. #318-18 Waived sealed bid process to upgrade 911 system to Session Initiation Protocol SIP) for Police Division.

#319-18 Accepted Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement from SS Detroit, LLC for development of Simply Self Storage at 11960 Farmington.

#320-18 Approved sidewalk waiver for new home at 15104 Lyons.

Ayes: White, McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly and Toy.

Nays: Bahr and Kritzman.

#321-18 Approved sidewalk waiver for new home at 18071 Floral

#322-18 Approved waiver use petition for full-service restaurant, China House Inn, at

33602 Seven Mile. (Petition 2018-06-02-14) #323-18 Approved modification of 30-seat max seating requirement for restaurant in C-1

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zoning districts for China House Inn. (Petition 2018-06-02-14)

#324-18 Approved referral of site plan petition for remodel of commercial strip center (LA Plaza) to Committee of the Whole. (Petition 2018-06-08-06)

#325-18 Approved referral of amending Ordinances re: general licensing procedures to Law Dept. for amendment of entire fee schedule.

#326-18 Accepted Grant of Easement for 20-foot public utility easement for sanitary sewer at 29691 Seven Mile. (Sewer "A")

#327-18 Accepted Grant of Easement for variable-width public utility easement for water main at 29691 Seven Mile. (Water Main "A")

#328-18 Accepted Grant of Easement for variable-width public utility easement for water main at 29691 Seven Mile. (Water Main "B")

#329-18 Accepted Grant of Easement for variable-width public utility easement for water main at 29691 Seven Mile. (Water Main "D")

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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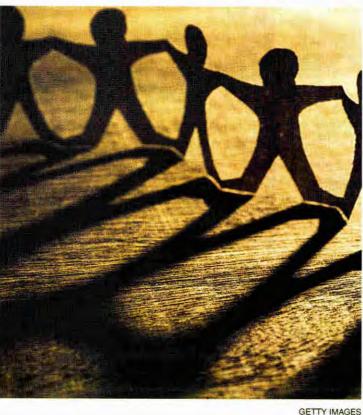
## Why you should keep your network small

BY KATE LOPAZE THEJOBNETWORK.COM

hen it comes to your professional network, the more the merrier, right? After all, more people means more chances for connection, word-of-mouth opportunities, etc. Sounds great in theory, but in reality, it might surprise you to learn that experts are recommending that you scale back your network and keep a smaller, more nimble group of people as your inner circle.

There's some debate over what that number actually is evolutionary psychologist Robin Dunbar famously did a study and determined that 150 is the magic number of maintainable social/professional relationships in anyone's life. The reality is that there's probably no rigid number for each person's professional network, but your limit should be where you can reasonably maintain a professional relationship with someone.

If that sounds counterintuitive to you, here are some of sons you should think the re



back to your kindergarten class. Can you remember the names of all 20 or so kids, or do you remember just a small subset of friends or particu-

larly memorable kids? Our brains are conditi to keep the most important information and discard the rest, and our social relationships tend to follow suit. You want your network to be people who are the most relevant to your career growth and goals - not necessarily every

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An unwieldy network of connections might be a symptom that you have trouble letting go or don't want to risk hurting anyone's feelings. Realistically, professional network "breakups" are easier than other kinds of social pruning. The stakes are low if you stop following someone on Twitter or remove them as a connection on LinkedIn.

If you don't find someone's insights useful or are not likely to ever have a conversation with them again, why keep them kicking around in the social media ether? You don't need to be obvious or mean about it or make a dramatic announcement about how you're making cuts. Plus, it's unlikely your co-worker "whyyyyyyy?" message aftergetting about as much out of

#### It gives you more bandwidth for long-term professional growth

and finding your people. You want your interactions with your network to be mutually beneficial - not a chore or a one-way transaction for either of you. If you're hitting up someone in your network only when you're sniffing for an opportunity, then your calls/texts/ emails are likely to start going ignored. On the other hand, if you put time into getting to know someone, you both get the benefit of each other's expertise and a deeper knowledge of what each person has to offer.

When it comes to your network, remember: Better, not more. There's no prize for the number of LinkedIn connections, or the most "likes" on your latest professional rant on social media. You should be surrounded by people who know and support your goals, and vice versa - not hundreds of people who sort of know your name from scrolling through a newsfeed. You'll find that your professional life, and your personal one as well, will be all the better with these higher-quality relation-

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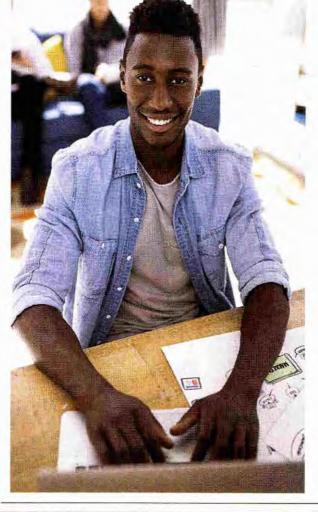


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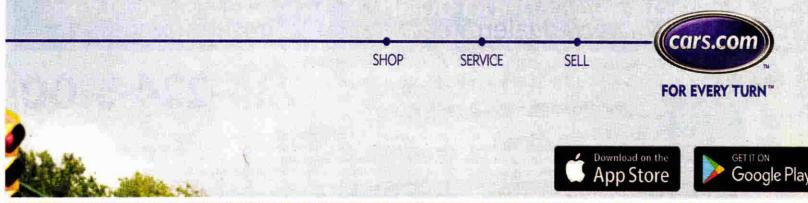
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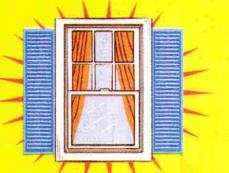
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