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Oral arguments set for January

Hearing continued in case of prisoner's death

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Oral arguments are scheduled for January in the case of three former Westland public safety employees charged in the death of a prisoner a year ago.

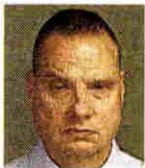
Former police Sgt. Ronald Buckley and former paramedics Leah Maynard and Matthew Discosola are each charged with involuntary manslaughter and misconduct in office in the death of William Marshall, who was in custody last December when he went into convulsions in the city's police lockup.

Following testimony in 18th District Court that stretched over parts of two days and included video of Marshall

from inside the jail, Judge Mark Plawewski told attorneys Tuesday to file briefs in the case and scheduled arguments for Friday, Jan. 18, in district court.

Marshall, 35, was arrested the morning of Dec. 10, 2017, on suspicion of driving with a suspended license and marijuana and

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Buckley



Discosola



Maynard



Demonstrators in front of the Westland Police Department in January protest the death of William Marshall, who died of cocaine toxicity last December while in police custody. A hearing for three former city employees charged in the case will continue in January. FILE PHOTO

LETTERS TO SANTA

Children: We've been good this year!

Area youngsters took advantage of one last opportunity to let Santa know what they wanted for Christmas.

Here, largely unedited and in their words, are their special requests.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring my sister a game cod osmo prizes and for me to I wid wot to have a BrB dremhos. Have a nice trip.

Love,

Brinley Sinclair

P.S. Do not frgit to giv cassidys pre-sits! Wake me fer a hug please!

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring my sister a I-Phauy. Hey big guy i no you dot come to my house but I would love a PS4. Have a safe trip.

Love, your friend

Mohammad Khater

P.S. I would like to spray my sister with a seltzer bottle.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring my mommy a new purs? Have a safe trip!

Your friend,

Sydney Smith

P.S. How are you? Can you please bring me a lols?

P.S. I will lev you cookies.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you please bring my mom a Blacis an bring my clas a now pencil sharpener. an bring my Dad a gof balls an bring my sister Emily a baby doll an a baby stolle with a baby botol an pease can you giv me a Burbie Dream House. Have a safe trip.

Love,

Kate Hanet

P.S. Hav a safe trip an your raein deer.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring my dad a iphone and me a iphone?

Love, your friend

Cedric Banks

P.S. take a vacation

P.S. I will leave you vanilla cake.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring an Xbox fer my brother? I would love a



Six-year-old Robert Marra wonders what he wants for Christmas from Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

shiopkins set. Have a safe trip.

Love, your friend

Brynn Sherenco

P.S. Haf a safe trip.

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph?

Can you please bring my dad a X-box? I would love a transformer! Have a safe trip.

Love, your friend

Jacob Stafiej

P.S. I wil leve Ruldolph sum carrots.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please bring my cousins a present? I would love PS4

game? Have a safe trip.

Your friend,

Aiden Rustemi

P.S. I will leave the reindeecal oatmeal!

Dear Santa,

How are you. Can you please bring my mom a hair comb. I would love a Barbie life in a dream house. Have a safe trip.

Love or your friend,

Sahasra Yenugula

P.S. I would like a 5 LoLs.

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Wayne chief to become Northville's top cop

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Alan Maciag, a 20-year veteran of the Wayne Police Department and its chief since 2014, is to become the next police chief in the city of Northville.

His appointment was formally announced during Monday's Northville City Council meeting and Maciag introduced himself to council members. He'll wrap up his career in Wayne on Friday and assume the Northville job on Wednesday, Dec. 26.



Maciag

"This is an honor for me and a privilege," Maciag told council members. He called Northville a "great community" and said its police department has an excellent reputation.

Maciag will succeed former Chief Michael Carlson, who retired at the end of July after more than 20 years with the department. Northville Capt. Dustin Krueger, who has been the acting chief since Carlson's departure, will step back into his previous role, which includes administrative, training and patrol duties.

Maciag, who lives in Grass Lake, began his police career in Wayne in April 1998. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Michigan University, a master's degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University and attended both the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, training programs for top-level law enforcement personnel.

"He's got a lot of really good experience, great background. Really into

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Death

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cocaine possession. He went into convulsions while in the police lockup and was eventually taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The Wayne County medical examiner's office later determined Marshall died of cocaine toxicity.

Buckley, the police watch commander on duty at the time, and Discosola and Maynard, who were paramedics, are accused of failing to provide Marshall with proper medical attention despite his pleas and calls from others in the lockup to help him.

Buckley, 54, Maynard, 36, and Discosola, 32, were all charged in October. Buckley was fired from his police job the same day; Maynard and Discosola had previously left the city's employment.

The circumstances surrounding Marshall's death triggered protests and calls for police reforms and city officials have met with civil rights activists who say they are monitoring the police department.

The city in May agreed to a multi-million-dollar settlement with relatives of Marshall.

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Maciag

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community policing," City Manager Patrick Sullivan said. "It seems like he'll be a really good chief and a really good fit for the community."

Maciag will be paid \$95,000 a year. Sullivan chose Maciag from what he said was a good field of candidates, five of whom were assessed by Empco, a company that specializes in testing applicants for public sector jobs, particu-

larly in public safety. Maciag was the high scorer in an Empco assessment, Sullivan said.

"It's nice when you have a lot of applicants. It speaks well of the city," Mayor Ken Roth said.

Though Wayne, with a population of about 17,000, is about three times Northville's size, Maciag said both cities have a small-town feel and that leaving Wayne will be bittersweet for him.

But "it was a job I couldn't pass up," he added.

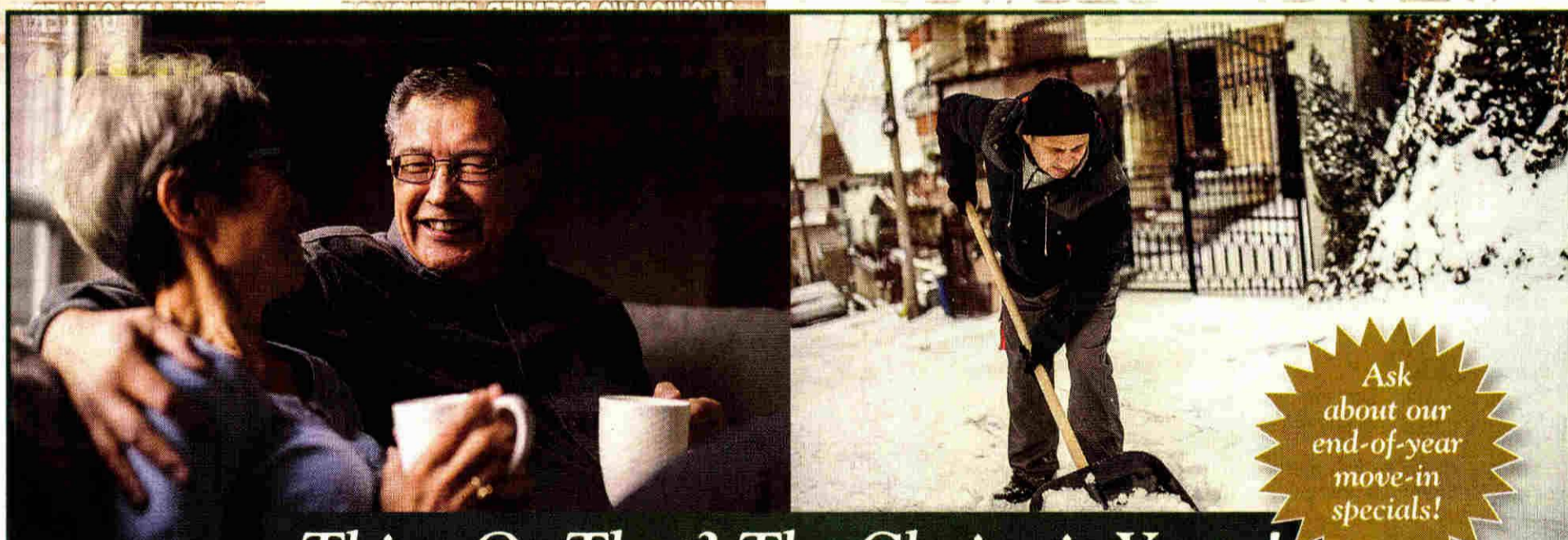
Policing, Maciag said, "is the best job in the world."

What keeps him motivated?

"Getting out there, working with the community, solving problems," he said. "It has its challenges, certainly, but I still love it."

The Wayne City Council was expected Tuesday evening to name Lt. Ryan Strong the interim chief while the city searches for a permanent replacement for Maciag.

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How are you big guy? Can you please bring my baby sister some superherogirls? I would love some Match-amals.
P.P.S. I frgot ot tel you to give my mom a prl neclis.
Love,
Reese Glassman
P.S. Please give my dad a now whtch. I love you!
Dear Santa,
How are you. Can you please bring my brother xbox games. I would like a ps4 and ps4 games. Have a safe trip.
Your friend,
Crosby Boutell
P.S. I will leave carrots for your reindeer!
Dear Santa,
How are you. I would love a I fone and a nitedoe swich.
P.S. I also have a pupe for my brother.
Love,
Ethan Fong
P.S. I will leave you hot cocoa. Love you.
Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring my mom a plant? I would love a lol doll? Have a safe trip.
Your friend,
Lana Yahya
P.S. I will give you hot cocoa.
Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring me a massv T-rx. My sistr will love a prettyest prizes! I love you Santa!
Eli Bruning
I love you big guy! I would like a hug from you.
Dear Santa,
How r u doing? Kan u bfred a 100 lol to my sistr Kate-lyn? Kan you bre a car for Jonathan and cold you beg me a PX 47.
Your friend,
Robert Mendal
P.S. Can you bring my sistr a pet pupe?
Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Can you please bring the toys I want. I would love a lol. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Chloe Hall
P.S. Can you bring my sister a lol. P.S. hav a safe trip with your reindeer.
Dear Santa,
How are you?! Can you please bring Max a squishy toy! I would love a light bright! Have a safe trip.
Your friend,
Patrick Phillips
PS Would you like hot co-co!
Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring me slim in Pla-



Sisters Cadence Swickard, 8, and Brianna Swickard, 13, spend a little time with Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

do. I wal like it. Hav a safe trip.
Your friend
Shresta Angajala
P.S. You are funny!
Dear Santa,
How are you. Can you please bring a doggy? I would love for you to bring Jack a cat. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Benjamin Johnson
P.S. I want gams
Dear Santa,
Are you great? Can you please bring my mom a new car and my baby a new toy car. I would love a toy dog and a microphone. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Hannah Antony
PS I will give you cookies and chocolate milk with marshmallows.
Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring me a cmputr, fon and chrohs. I wil love it.
Fly saf.
Your friend,
Tala Ramlawi-Kahlout
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you excited for Christmas Eve? I've tried to be very good this year. I have a pretty big wish list. My mom wnts a lot of ingredeens. My dad would like a watsh and new shoes. My baby brother wants a new baby toy. My sister wants a barbey toy. I really want a car that I can get in to it and drive it. I can't wait for you to come to my house. Have fun dolivering presents.
Love,
Abdullah Alajahel
Dear Santa,
Hi! Do you think Christmas is fun? I was trying to be

good this year. I have a big wish list this year. My mom wants flawsr. My dad would like a CD. My sistr wants a toy laptop. I want a doll has. My grandma wants a flower. I cant wat until Christmas.
Love,
Sandina Angajala
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you working vary hard for christmas? I've tried to be vary good this year. I have a pretty big wish list. My mom wants a grumpy cat tee shert. My dad would like a Xbox4. Maddox wants a new pasafire. I really want the new hot weels grog. I can't wait until cristmas. Have a really good Christmas.
Love,
Lennox Butkin
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you giteg the rander rite for root to fli?
I've tried to be very good this year. I have a pritty big wish list. My mom wants a art splis. My dad would like a noow desc. Jackie wons a woke tocea. I really want a megledon tooth. Can't wait until Christmas! I am go-gew to lev milk and coces.
Love,
Jacob Taelman
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you excited for cookkys? I have ben very good this year. I have a pritty big wish list. My mommy wints penet bud balls. My dad would like a fitbit. Cavin wans bord games and ben ten wach. I really want a stik box. I will leve melk and cookkys.
Love,
Cameron Daniel
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you excited for Christmas eve? I wold like 3 LoL under ramms. and some BerB dals. I've tried to be very good this year. And I have a pretty big wish list. My mom wold like a chapter book that is one of her favorites. My dad wold like a gam. My sister Zoey wold like a rel cat. I can't wait until Christmas. I will leve cookies and I will lev carit for the rander.
Love,
Noelle Barrett
Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you icsaidid to eat cocis in crismus. I've tried to be very good this year. I have a pretty big wish list. My mom wants a biotifol dras. My dad would like a soks. My brudur wents a skarf. I really want a toy digur. I am icsaidid for you to come to my home. I wil giv you cocis.
Love,
Kush Bhardawj
Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa are you redey to fly? I've tried to be very good this year. I have a pretty big wish list. My mom wants a now pupey. My dad would like a jacket. My brother wants a lago set. My sister wants a brbey. I really wont a now gict hed. Can't wait until Christmas.
Love,
Dominique Morris

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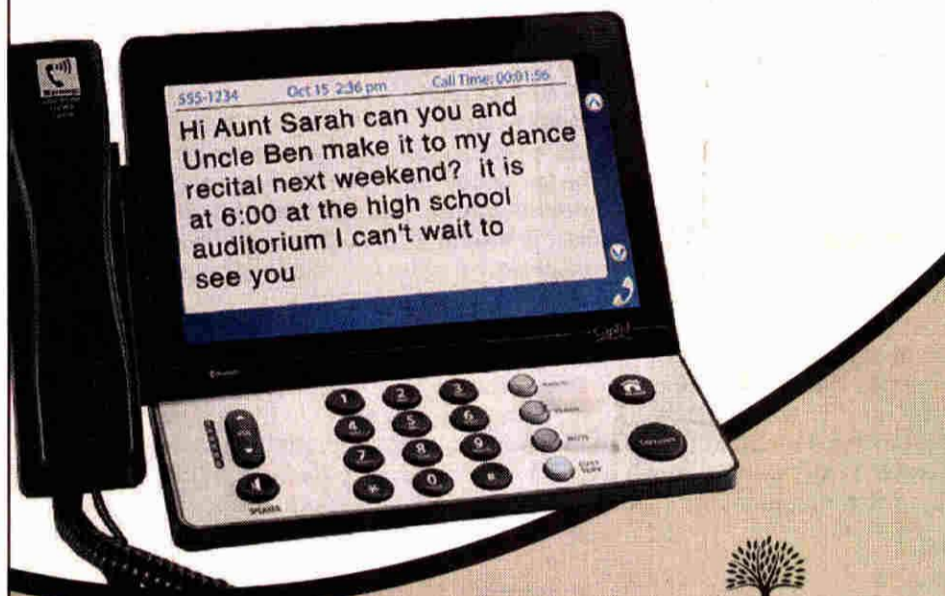
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Three Cities club announces annual exhibition winners

The Three Cities Art Club has announced the winners of the seventh annual Open Call for Artists Exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall

2018-19. Juror Jean-Paul Aboudib selected 60 pieces out of 81 entries to be exhibited and, as judge, selected the following artist's works of art to win prizes:

In the drawing, painting and mixed media category: First place — "Cause She Said So: by Alga Washington; second place — "Aztec Chief" by Kay Masini; third Place — "Winter Morning" by Tim O'Keefe. Honorable mention — "Shoes in the City" by Peggy Kerwan and "Homestead" by Sharlene

Welton. In the photography category: First place — "Retrospection" by Megan Daugherty; second Place — "Window to the Grand Tetons" by John Middlestead; third Place — "The Climb" by Megan Daugherty. Honorable mention — "Chicago" by Allen Brooks and "Desert Driftwood" by Gwendolyn Roth.

The prizes were \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, \$50 for third place and \$30 gift certificates to D&M Art

Studio for honorable mention.

Mayor William Wild selected "Haunted Eyes" by Jon Lange as winner of his \$100 Wild About Art Award.

The exhibition which continues through Jan. 24 at Westland's Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren. Contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or via email at marilynmeredith@wowway.com for more information or to purchase a work of art.



Pictured are winning artists (from left) Peggy Kerwan, Gwen Roth, Megan Daugherty, Jon Lange, Kay Masini and Allen Brooks, juror/judge Jean-Paul Aboudib, Tim O'Keefe and Alga Washington. John Middlestead and Sharlene Welton were also winning artists.

Pharmacy company comes to Plymouth, looks to hire

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Remedi SeniorCare, a growing pharmacy provider for long-term care facilities, has opened its first Michigan location in Plymouth.

Already serving more

than 70,000 residents in 30 states, Remedi serves long-term care facilities, such as skilled nursing centers and assisted living communities, with a patented Paxit medication dosage packaging system that officials say combines innovation and technology to improve services for patients and

care providers.

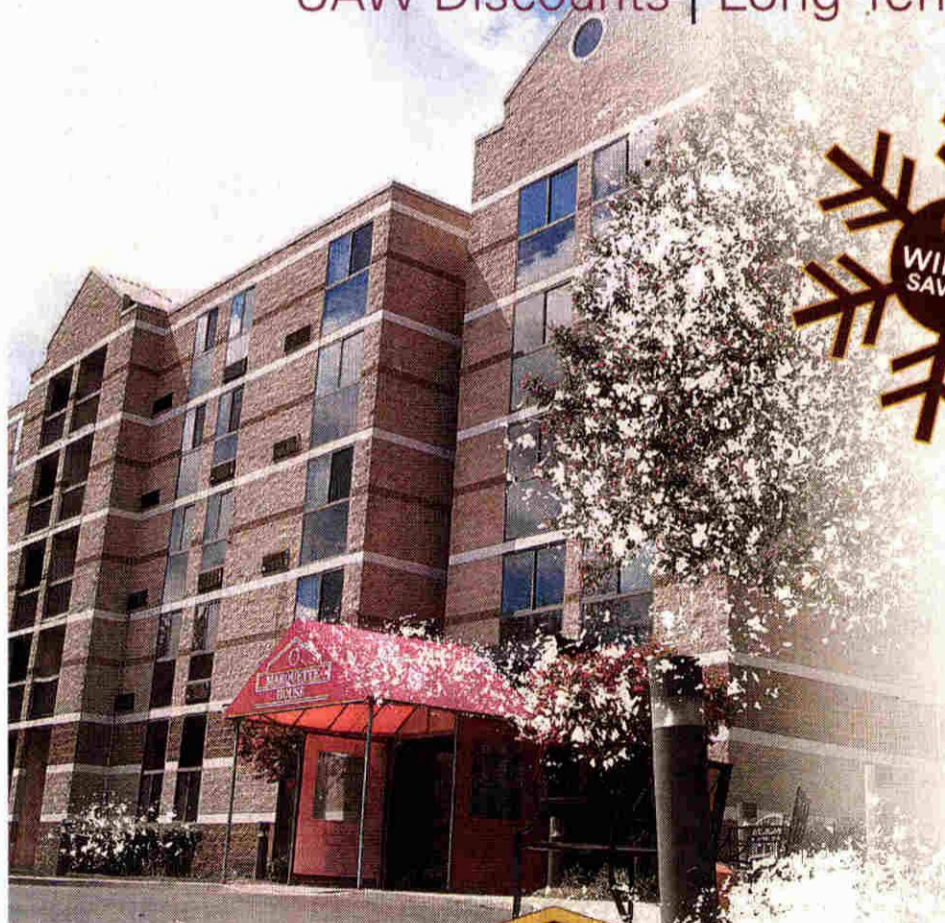
Remedi has expanded its geographical reach by opening a facility at 14700 Helm Court. Based in Baltimore, Md., the company celebrated Dec. 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Plymouth. Jeffrey M. Stamps, Remedi Senior-

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Company and local officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Remedi SeniorCare in Plymouth. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Company

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Care president and CEO and a registered pharmacist, said the company has the ability to provide institutional pharmacy services to more than half the nation.

"Paxit is in high demand among our current and prospective customers and we continue to expand to support that demand," he said. "Remedi SeniorCare remains committed to our customer-focused approach and to expanding our geographic scope as an innovative and technology enabled pharmacy service provider."

Remedi is billed as an industry innovator that is transforming the long-term care service model. As the exclusive provider of the Paxit medication administration system, officials say the company is providing cost-effective and highly accurate pharmacy "med pass" medicine-dispensing services to long-term care facilities.

The Plymouth location brings services closer to home for Michigan patients, who previously were served by other facilities, such as in Ohio. The Plymouth facility employs 45 people and is poised to hire more, such as certified pharmacy technicians.

"With the addition of brick and mortar in Plymouth, we are excited to expand our reach in that area," Amanda King, director of marketing, said during a telephone interview.

On the assisted living front, company officials say Paxit technology is improv-

ing quality and continuity of care — a critical element, they say, in electronic health record-enabled communities.

"Paxit's unique unit-dose packaging, organized by med pass time, increases accuracy, efficiency and safety in the med pass process, while reducing waste and cost for our skilled nursing and assisted living customers, their residents and families," Stamps said.

Officials say Remedi SeniorCare's local management team of registered pharmacists, including Dan Lohmeier, general manager, and Andrew Byrnes, pharmacist-in-charge, brings knowledge of the local market, having serviced the long-term care community in Michigan for decades.

"The combination of known pharmacy leaders and our state-of-the-art technology establishes the perfect platform for serving the Michigan assisted living and skilled nursing communities," Lohmeier said. "Our customers have been waiting for Paxit and we are delivering on our promise."

Through the Paxit dispensing system and proprietary MyRemedi web portal, the company serves more than 70,000 residents and, with its technology enabled pharmacy services, allows customers to achieve higher levels of accuracy and quality in medication delivery. Officials say it also reduces unnecessary waste and cost.

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Reverse mortgage not best option for this circumstance



Money Matters
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Q: I need your help. About five years ago, I retired. At the time, even though the money I had was not enough to retire, I was planning on receiving an inheritance from an elderly aunt. Unfortunately for me when my aunt died, she had very little left over. Because I inherited very little, I realized I have to make some adjustments. My solution, since I'll be turning 62 in January, is to do a reverse mortgage. I figure with the money from the reverse mortgage

and me taking Social Security at 62, I can get by. What do you think?

A: On the whole, I have no problem with reverse mortgages. They can be a very effective tool for seniors. In your situation, I probably would not recommend one.

A reverse mortgage allows someone to access the equity in their home to use during their lifetime. The advantage of a reverse mortgage is that you don't have to make payments during your lifetime. It is only after

death or if you decide to sell the home that the mortgage comes due. Seniors can effectively increase their cash flow by doing a reverse mortgage.

In calculating how much money you can borrow in a reverse mortgage, one of the factors is your age. The older you are, the greater amount of a reverse mortgage you can obtain. When someone gets a reverse mortgage at age 62, they can't borrow nearly the amount if they were in their 70s or 80s. My fear is if you do a reverse mortgage now, it may limit your flexibility in the future.

How a reverse mortgage works is that, as

I believe a reverse mortgage makes sense for older seniors who need additional resources to stay in their home. I am not a fan of reverse mortgages to be used to fund vacations, grandchildren's college education or to loan money to children.

time goes on, your mortgage balance gets higher and higher. Since you're not making a mortgage payment, interest is accruing and added to the balance of your mortgage. If years down the road you decide to move, your equity would be reduced dramatically because of the accrual of interest. By doing a reverse

mortgage, you will lose flexibility and I think you are too young to lose flexibility.

I would consider potentially going back to work, full time or part time. I recognize that it is probably not something you want to do, but it's something to consider. I think the strategy of getting a reverse mortgage

and taking your Social Security is going to cause you problems in the future. In today's world, you need to make sure you have a rising income the rest of your life and I'm not sure your strategy would allow that. My advice would be to look for a job and delay your Social Security until you receive your full benefits. I think following this strategy will allow you to have much greater flexibility in the future.

I believe a reverse mortgage makes sense for older seniors who need additional resources to stay in their home. I am not a fan of reverse mortgages to be used to fund vacations, grandchildren's college education or to loan money to children. A reverse mortgage is best used for seniors who need to increase their income so they can enjoy a comfortable retirement.

One last note: you should never ever depend upon inheritances. You never know how much someone is going to be worth at the time of their death and you never know if you're actually going to be inheriting money. I always tell people to never rely or depend upon an inheritance; rely only on your own resources.

Good luck!
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Theresa Marie Covington

PLYMOUTH - Theresa Marie Covington of Plymouth, died December 19, 2018. She was 94 years old. Theresa was born in Bay City, Michigan to Floyd and Philomena "Minnie" McCracken. Theresa was the beloved wife of the late William Covington who died in 2006. Theresa is survived by her loving children Janet (the late Dennis) Smith, Nancy (Norm) Schreiber, William (Debra) Covington, Theresa (fiancé Albert) Covington, Barbara (Jeffrey) Ziel, Mary Covington, James (Becky) Covington, Thomas (Irene) Covington, and Beth Covington. Theresa is also survived by 15 cherished grandchildren and 11 precious great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her 4 siblings.



Theresa was a lifelong Catholic and a member at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church since 1956. She was active in many church and civic organizations. She often volunteered for community service and received a State of Michigan award honoring her generosity to her neighbors. Theresa will be especially remembered for her caring and concern for family and friends, her selflessness, her faith, her love for large family gatherings, and her wonderful sense of humor. Although she disliked boats, she loved the lakes of northern Michigan. Theresa's favorite activity was watching any Detroit or Michigan college sporting event. Her Sunday night routine was saving the sports schedule from the weekly tv guide. Theresa was deeply loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Friday, December 21, from 2-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170 with a Rosary Service at 7pm. Her Funeral Mass will be Saturday, December 22, at 12pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, 48170. Memorial donations in Theresa's memory may be made to Mt. St. Joseph, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the National Ataxia Foundation. Envelopes will be provided at the Funeral Home.

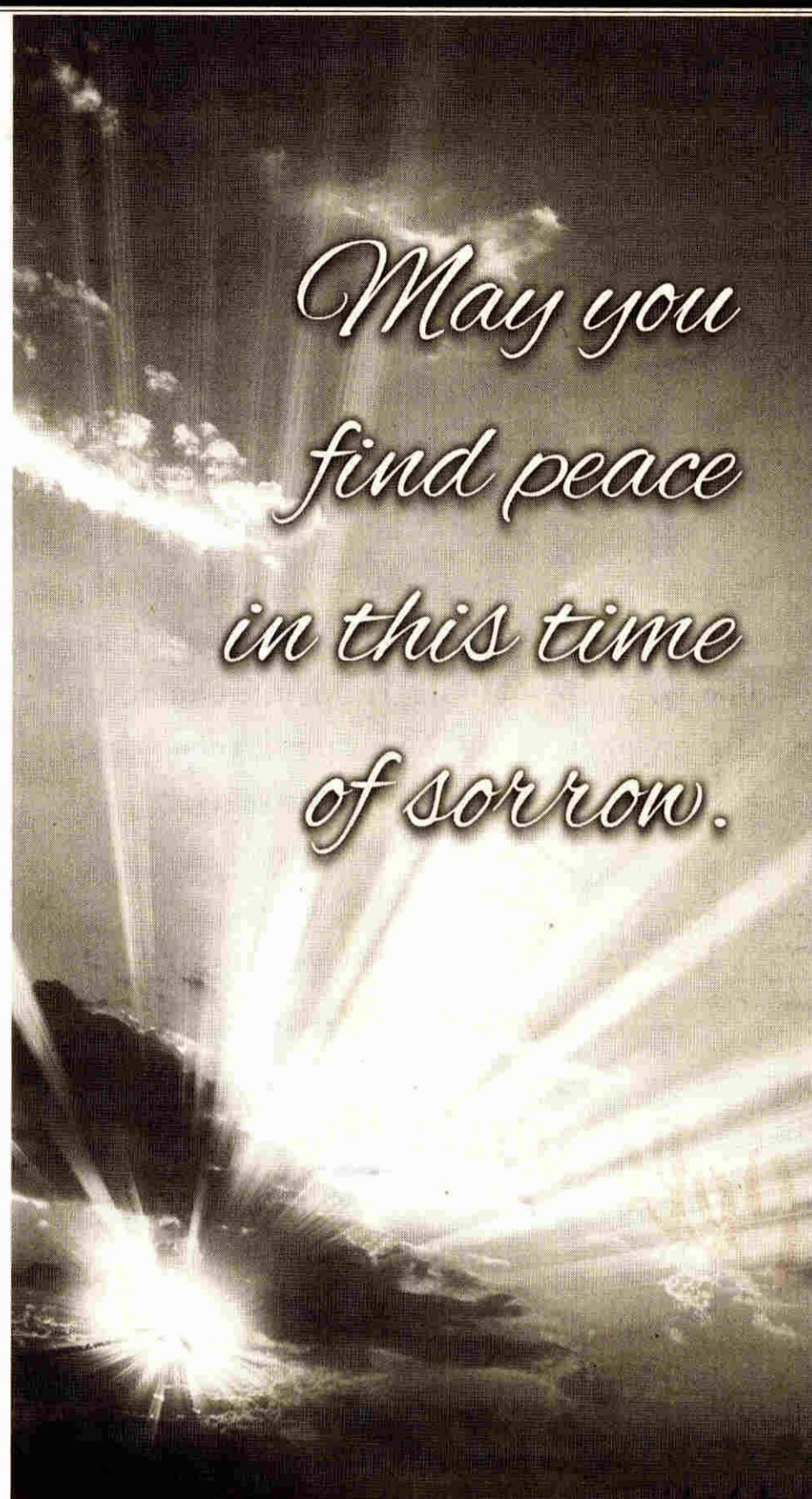


Michael Brent Webb

DETROIT - Michael Brent Webb, age 73 passed away December 18, 2018. Michael was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 26, 1945 to his parents Ezra Dale and Cora Helen (nee Oglesby) Webb. He is predeceased by parent and his siblings Jerry and Dolores (Tom) Bainbridge. Michael is survived by his sister Marcella (the late James) and sister-in-law Judith. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:30am until the time of service at 12:30pm. Kaul Funeral Home 35201 Garfield, Clinton Twp. www.kaulfuneralhome.com



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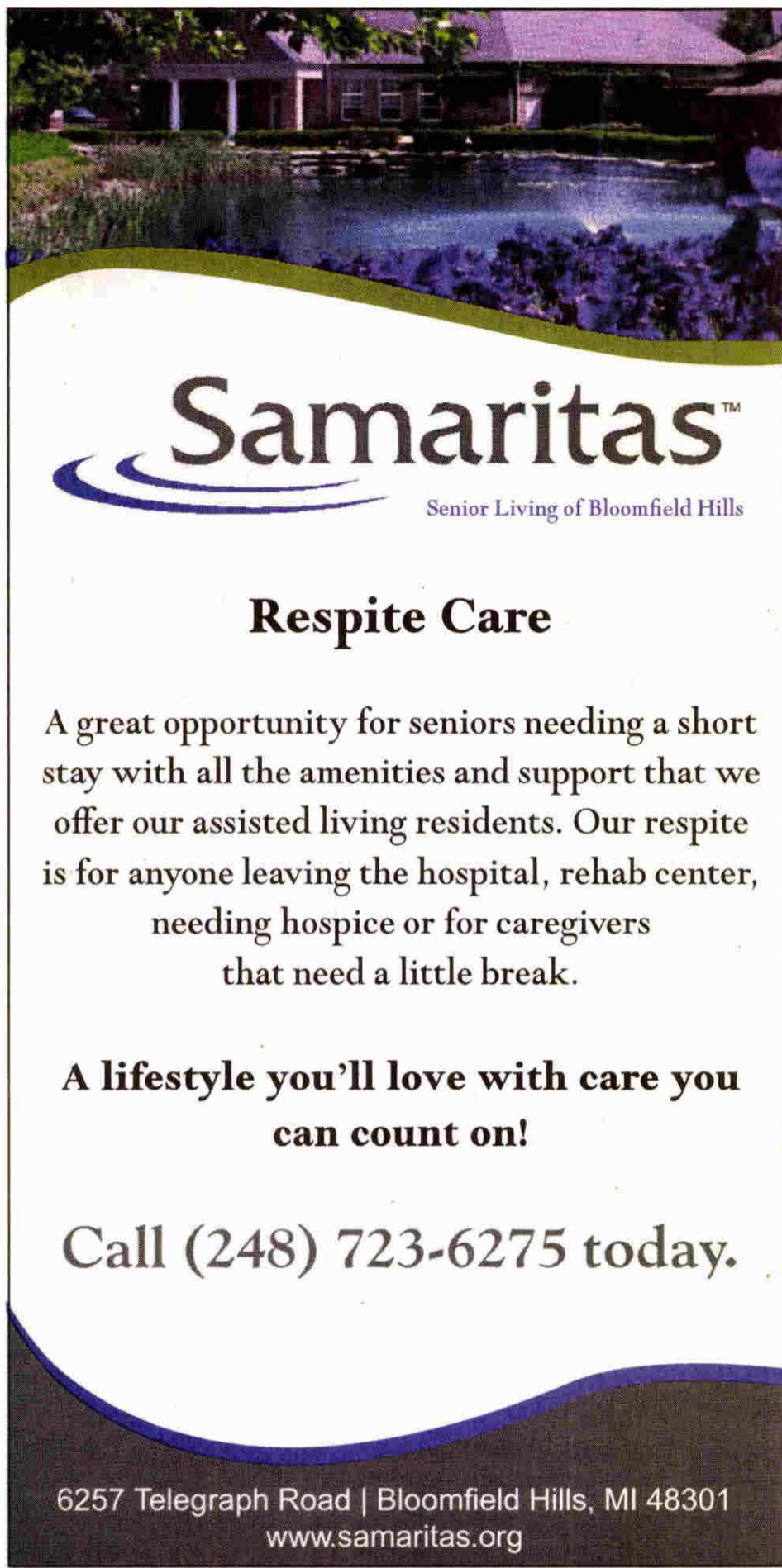
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For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Livonia New Year's Eve party

Livonia Parks and Recreation will host its annual family New Year's Eve party at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The event includes food, swimming, rock climbing, dodge ball, crafts, face painting, dancing and a balloon drop to celebrate the new year.

Tickets are \$7.50 for Kirksey Recreation Center members, \$10 for Livonia residents and \$13 for non-residents. Tickets are available at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at www.livoniaparks.org. All attendees over age 1 must have a ticket.

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

New exhibit at Livonia library

The Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, in Livonia is hosting an exhibit through December on the Potawatomi Nation, Native Americans that populated Livonia and its surrounding areas before the Europeans came. The exhibit was curated by Livonia historian Joe Neussendorfer.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meet and greet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. The program will include a guest speaker who will talk about protecting, preserving, restoring and enhancing Belle Isle.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

The Livonia Neighbors and Friends group will hold its own version of "The Antique Roadshow" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. Donna, a representative from The Towne Peddler, will be on hand to appraise items brought in by members.

The group is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round.

For more information, go to livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

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. Jan. 8, 15 and 22 are the next series dates (due to the New Year's Day holiday).

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

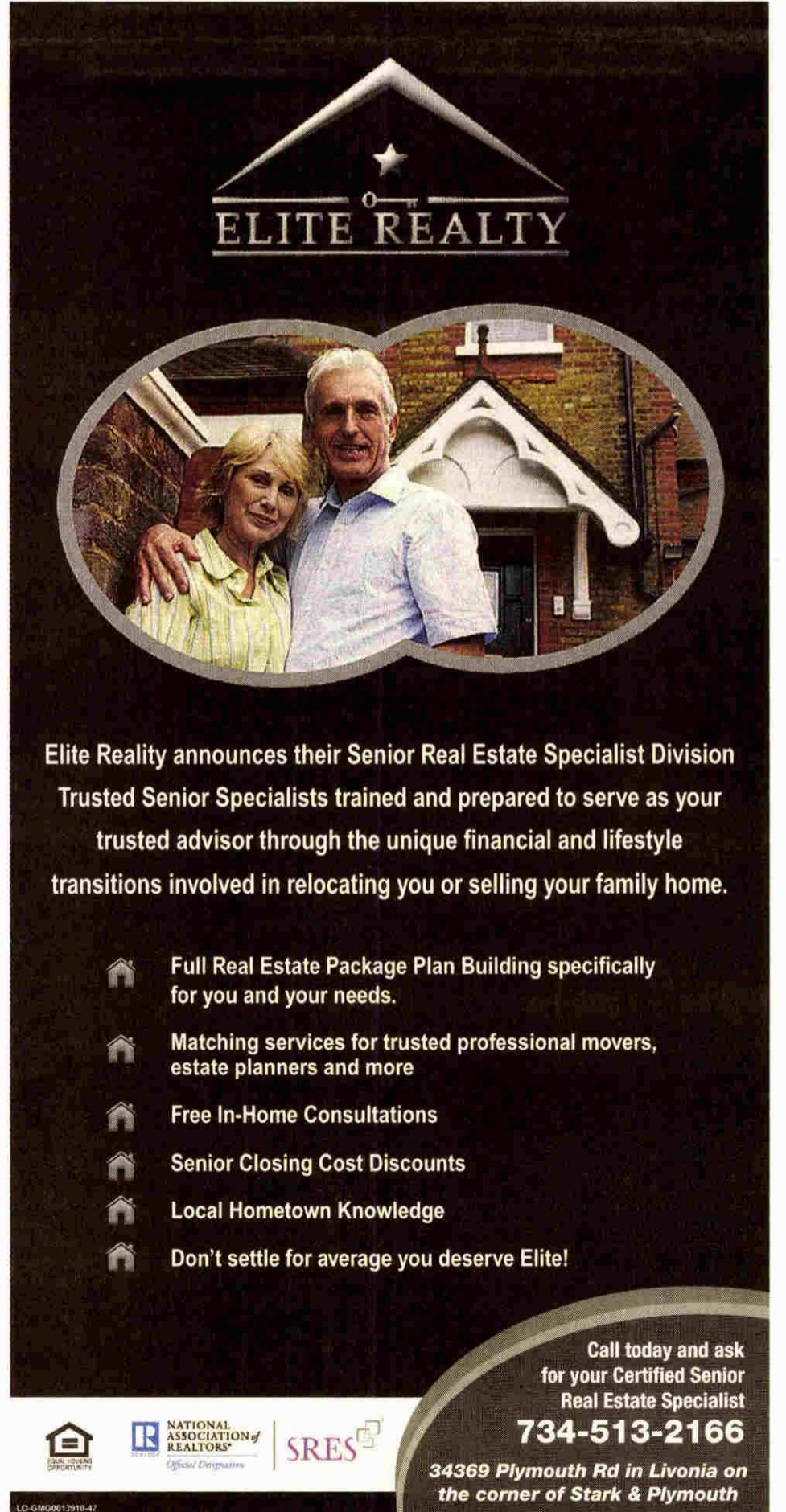
Hines Park town hall

The Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, will host a town hall meeting on the genesis of Hines Park 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. For nearly 90 years, Hines Park has been and still is a popular destination for residents and visitors alike. Get a glimpse at the parkway's past, its present situation and what's in store for its future.

Artist presentation

Artist, photographer and activist Ben Shahn will be the subject of a presentation at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Wendy Evans, an art historian, will give a slide presentation on the life of Shahn who was born in 1898 in Lithuania and came to the U.S. in 1906.

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Herstein takes over North Farmington

Former Harrison assistant will take Herrington, too

Marty Budner
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Jon Herstein has shed the title of football assistant coach. Call him head coach now.

The longtime Farmington Harrison assistant was named Monday the new head coach at North Farmington. He takes over for Bob Chiesa, who had the job for two years.

"I'm excited to take over the position," Herstein said. "I want to restore some of the traditions of the North Farmington program and build upon the school spirit. I love working in this community and living in the area. I love Farmington Hills.

"I'm familiar with the Farmington

schools and the community, so I feel this is a nice transition and a way to keep giving back," he said. "I'm looking forward to bringing some of the traditions and coaching styles we had at Harrison over to North."

His position disappeared with the closing of Harrison High School after this current school year.

The Farmington Public Schools district decided to repost fall coaching positions internally. Herstein is a long-time FPS employee as an adapted physical education teacher who works at six different schools, including North Farmington.

Chiesa did not work in the district and Herstein's Farmington Education

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Harrison assistant coach Jon Herstein (left) was officially named North Farmington's new football head coach Monday. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

JUNIOR HOCKEY



Salem alum Tyler German is learning the ropes as a rookie with the Metro Jets junior hockey program in Fraser. METRO JETS

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY



A staunch supporter of high school hockey in Michigan is Ryan Ossenmacher, head coach for the Salem Rocks and Team Michigan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

For more players, college dream starts in high school

Tim Smith
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A few years ago, high school hockey showcases in southeast Michigan might garner a cursory glance from junior and college scouts.

But nowadays? Events such as the day-long MIHL-KLAA smorgasbord of prep pucks at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia are the places to be for those scouts. They fill notebooks and file reports with information that connects the dots between high school and — maybe someday — Division I college hockey.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Howell hits 3-pointer to slip past Plymouth

Brad Emons
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When it comes to shooting the 3-pointer, Howell is never bashful.

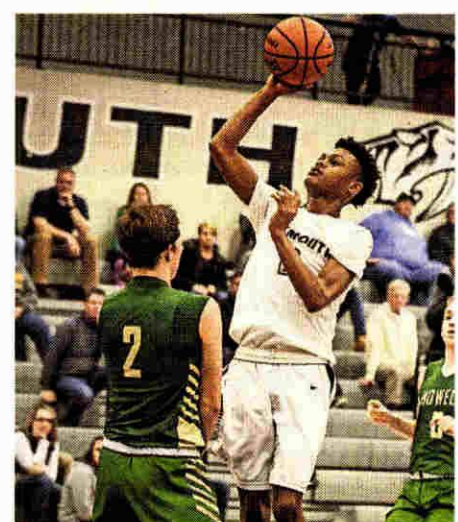
"We like to get open shots, so if that happens to be a lot of threes, then will take a lot of threes," seventh-year Howell coach Nick Simon said. "If it's layups, we'll take layups. We're definitely ready and willing to shoot it if they're there."

The Highlanders needed all 10 of their 3-pointers, including the game-winner from Kip French with only 15.4 seconds left, Dec. 18 to beat host Plymouth, 44-43, in the KLAA West Division boys basketball opener for both teams.

With the victory, Howell evened its record at 2-2, while Plymouth fell to 3-2.

After Howell took the one-point lead on French's triple, Plymouth

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Plymouth's Bryce Amison (right) shoots the floater over Howell's Luke Russo. MICHAEL VASILNEK

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young Country Day a team in transition

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Reload after reload. Success upon success.

That's the story of Detroit Country Day's girls basketball team. The Yellowjackets simply use the regular season as a warm-up to the state tournament.

Country Day enters the 2018-19 campaign as the two-time defending state champion. They Yellowjackets have captured 22 consecutive district and regional championships.

It's an impressive streak.

However, DCD's situation is a bit different this season and that streak could be in jeopardy. This year may prove to be a rebuild rather than a reload.

DCD was hurt by the graduation of standouts Kaela Webb and Maxine Moore. Other players elected not to return or transferred, while another's eligibility was used up studying overseas.

An overall inexperienced and youthful squad could provide some anxious moments for longtime DCD head coach Frank Orlando, whose team is 1-2 after its first three games.

While Orlando has three returning starters who were members of the past two state title teams, he will be missing the normal depth which makes the Yellowjackets an annual state-ranked power.

"This year, we're going to have to work at becoming a team," said Orlando, beginning his 37th season at Detroit Country Day. "We have three players that know everything and are good play-



Frank Orlando (second from left) is beginning his 37th season as Detroit Country Day's girls basketball head coach. This year's team will be led by senior captains (from left) Jasmine Powell, Adrian Folks and Maddie Novak. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ers, but we don't have a full complement of players that can contribute to winning. I think with time, though, that they'll develop into a good team."

A trio of experienced seniors

DCD's experience centers around college-bound senior tri-captains Jasmine Powell, Adrian Folks and Maddie Novak. The rest of Orlando's team consists of just two other players from last year, followed by a group of varsity rookies.

Powell, entering her fourth varsity season, senses it might take some time for this team to find its chemistry. She is quick to point out that it's still possible to generate another strong season with some hard work and smart play.

"Country Day has always been good," Powell said. "This is kind of the first year we have to build from the ground up. I feel like every year I've been here, we've always had a root to our team. But this year, it's kind of like we're going to struggle a bit."

"I think, though, with the talent we

have I think we can be really good," she added. "We just have to make sure we play as a team. We have to be disciplined and smart with our play."

Folks sees potential and a team that continues to grow.

"I think we're doing the best we can and we are a team that doesn't give up," Folks said. "A lot of teams are underestimating us. I think we should prove them wrong. It's not like we don't have the talent. We definitely have the talent to do

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Players

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"I emailed most of the teams in the North American Hockey League (about the Dec. 15 MIHL-KLAA Hockey Showcase) and I've heard back from quite a few of them," Salem head varsity hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "And they're, like, 'We're going to be there' or 'We can't make it this weekend, our schedule doesn't line up, but would love to know more about these guys.'"

"It's not a secret anymore."

Ossenmacher is waving the banner for the outstanding, exciting and compelling brand of hockey now being played in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and other high school leagues across Michigan.

More and more, those scouts are not needing such enticement to know that some potential standout talent is being groomed in high school hockey. At last year's MIHL-KLAA showcase, Fairbanks Ice Dogs scout Jon Frantti (who resides in metro Detroit) got a good glimpse at then-Plymouth senior defenseman Drew Garby.

Frantti sent the report. Garby subsequently was on the Ice Dogs' radar and made the 2018-19 team. He is thought to be the first Plymouth-Canton Educational Park alum (including Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools) to make the direct jump to the NAHL (a Tier II junior circuit based in the United States, one tier below the United States Hockey League).

But current Alaskan Garby is just the tip of the high school-to-juniors iceberg. Another Plymouth player, forward Jack Chumley, is playing this winter for a Junior B team in Canada.

Moving on

Other KLAA products are finding post-graduation roster spots in lower junior leagues, such as the United States Premier Hockey League, where the Fraser-based Metro Jets play. One of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League goalies that Chumley now faces is Livonia Stevenson alum Will Tragege, who is with the LaSalle Vipers.

"We've had 15 guys move on to play juniors (from Salem) in the last 10 or 11 years," Ossenmacher said. "Most recently, Tyler German from last year. Tyler played for us the last two years and he is currently playing for the Metro Jets."

"It's a really good junior program, it's got a really good track record of moving guys to the next level of juniors."

German is a forward with physicality, skill and intelligence.

"Yeah, it's a lot of fun. It's definitely a lot faster pace and kids are bigger and stronger," German said following the Jets' 4-3 win Dec. 15 over Pittsburgh. "It takes a while to get used to that. But once you get going, have a couple games in, it's a lot of fun. And it's awesome being part of such a great group of guys,



Current Ferris State hockey player Dominic Lutz (at right in this 2014 file photo) is shown during his Livonia Stevenson career vying for a loose puck with Salem's Jason Newel — who went on to play for the Metro Jets after high school. BRIAN QUINTOS

too."

Just like his Salem days, German practices all week with the Jets and plays games each weekend. There are postgame meals and plenty of talk about paying their dues — and maybe even playing college hockey down the road.

Through 25 games, German has 11 points. He was held scoreless in the Pittsburgh game. He learns with every skate, just like he did at Salem.

"I think just try to keep working on the little things, get stronger, handling the puck, take it to the net more," German said. "Just have to sharpen up on the little details, then make a difference out there."

"It's a process. A lot of people think it's a race, but it's a marathon."

Nothing's a given

German said he was steered in the direction of the Metro Jets by another former Salem stalwart, high-scoring forward Matt Schaumburger (who played for the Jets in 2017-18, when the team was in the NA3HL).

"(Schaumburger) was the captain my junior year on Salem," German said. "I was just looking for another step in that direction (college), to develop my game more."

He knows he has to keep working and that he likely will need to prove himself for two or three seasons in order to get an opportunity to move up in the multi-tiered junior ranks or play for a D-I college.

Nothing is a given. There are no promises.

And those hard truths are repeated every season by veteran, accomplished high school coaches such as Ossenmacher. Hockey players know they won't go directly to college the way top football and basketball players do.

For the vast majority, it's all about hard work — and patience.

Consider forward Dominic Lutz, a

2014 Stevenson grad. He played two seasons with Topeka of the NAHL before beginning his college hockey career with D-I Ferris State University.

One step at a time is the solid choice for most.

"If you truly believe you're a NCAA college hockey player, you're going to have to be patient," Ossenmacher said, emphasizing that most high school players can expect to play a couple of years of juniors before even getting on to the radar of college teams. "Because unless you're one of those next-level talents, like a Dylan Larkin that can play at Michigan at 18 or 19, you're going to be 20, 21 when you enroll as a freshman."

"So if you're not patient and you're not willing to play two, maybe three, years of junior hockey, it's not going to happen."

"If that's not something that you're bought into, then go to school, get life started. Even the best guys that go to play juniors and go play university, what you're looking at is to get a college education."

Opinions are changing

There still might be some people who carry outdated opinions about what Michigan high school hockey is about, that there simply aren't enough games or that the quality is poor. But the ice dam is beginning to thaw.

Junior teams and even colleges are realizing the value of guys having a schedule with several practices during the week and games each weekend — where there is time built in to keep up with homework, family life and still get in all the hockey work players need in order to improve.

"Right now, of the kids playing college hockey from the state of Michigan, over 30 percent of them played high school hockey at one point," said Ossenmacher, also longtime head coach of Team Michigan, a summer tournament squad composed of the state's best and

brightest prep players. "That's a significant percentage. If you were to go back 10 years ago, it wouldn't even be close to that."

"And so that's just continuing to build on what's a good model. Our high school model models college hockey. It's what it is. It's less games than some other places, but it's the weight training, tons of practice ice. It's the same reason why now you're seeing more guys in the NHL with college backgrounds."

Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento also scoffed at the idea that high school players in Michigan are not in demand.

"If you look across the state, countless high school players are getting the opportunity to play junior and college hockey, with some getting commitments in their senior year," Vento said. "When you look at the economics, along with the time factor and exposure, high school hockey is very attractive, which kind of makes it a threat to what many would consider the 'traditional' route."

"There are some great coaches in high school that work hard at what they do and really work at providing an environment for advancement to the player that wants to move on."

Success stories mount

And the proof is in the growing list of success stories.

"We just had Logan Neaton, the goalie from Brighton, who played for Team Michigan," Ossenmacher said. "He committed to U-Mass Lowell, which is where (current Winnipeg Jets goalie) Connor Hellebuyck played. We cut Connor Hellebuyck from the summer team."

"You've got two goalies at Michigan State, Spencer Wright and John Lethemon, who both played high school hockey (at Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Farmington, respectively). It was unheard of years ago to have guys who were committed to play college that were playing high school."

Ossenmacher cited defenseman Brendan Hill, a 2018 graduate of Catholic Central who this year is playing for Minot of the NAHL. Hill is committed to play Division I hockey for Lake Superior State.

Four players from Brighton's 2018 Division 1 state championship team — Neaton, Mr. Hockey winner Jake Crespi, Sam Brennan and Adam Conquest — have committed to play college hockey. And even the Park might soon be in bloom.

"For a team like Salem, for us, we got to get our first kid, that's the thing," Ossenmacher said. "We got to find our first one. And I think, honestly, it's somebody on this team, somebody on our current team, who will play college hockey."

Whenever that happens, whoever it is, that Salem alum will know the drill and be ready for the challenge ahead.

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Herstein

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Association tenure was a huge factor in the change. "There was a process the district decided to go through and they are going to use it for all the other sports, as well," Herstein said. "Years played a little bit of a role, but the fact that I was an in-district employee, teaching in the buildings and working with the kids on a daily basis, I think, played a vital role in the decision."

A Harrison tint to it

While a few of the current North Farmington assistant coaches will be retained, Herstein indicated the new Raiders coaching staff will have a decided Harrison tint to it, including his old boss.

John Herrington — the state's winningest head coach, who captured a state record 13 state championships — is slated to serve as the quarterbacks and running backs coach.

Dave Thorne, Harrison's defensive coordinator, will assume that same position for the Raiders. Billy Slobin (the strength and conditioning coach) and Eric Johnson (scout, special teams assistant) are other former Harrison coaches who will be part of the North staff.

"One of the things I'm really excited about is coming over here to continue coaching with some of the coaches I was with at Harrison," Herstein said. "I've got (Herrington) signed up to come on over. I want him to enjoy retirement, but I also want him to be involved here and right now I have him penciled in to work with our backs and quarterbacks."



Jon Herstein served a brief stint as a wrestling head coach in the Farmington Public Schools. FILE PHOTO

"Coach Herrington has been successful for many years and he's been my mentor and the person I've learned from. There will be a handful of guys retained from North Farmington, but most all of the coaches are coming from Harrison.

"I'm excited that we're able to keep the (Harrison) staff together. That's important to me and I value the camaraderie with the staff," he added. "There will definitely be a Harrison look to the coach staff, but we will all be wearing different colors and be saying, 'Go Raiders.'"

Herstein, a 2001 Fenton High School graduate, played football at Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. He played four years as an offensive lineman for the Warriors, serving as a captain his senior year.

Herstein's first high school coaching job was as an offensive line coach for two seasons at Birmingham

Seaholm under then head coach Chris Fahr. He also was an assistant coach for the Maples wrestling team.

In 2007, Herstein landed his job with the Farmington Public Schools district and accepted a position as an offensive and defensive line coach at Harrison.

A dozen years at Harrison

Herstein was involved with Harrison football the past 12 years, helping the Hawks land their last state title in 2010. During that time, Harrison had 10 playoff appearances while registering 100 victories.

Herstein said he plans to implement many of the Harrison football philosophies at North Farmington.

"It will be much like we did at Harrison, maybe a few tweaks here and there but, for the most part, a very similar route," Herstein said. "I don't want to say we're going to turn it into Harrison, because North has a lot of great traditions and they've done a lot of great things in the past."

"We're just kind of looking to build upon those traditions and create a great blend between North Farmington and what we did at Harrison. I think the kids are eager and take on these new challenges. All the responses I've gotten so far have been nothing but positive."

"It will be a great spot for kids to come and develop and train to become good football players and even better people," he added. "I'm just really, really excited for this. I think it's going to be a heck of a lot of fun."

Chiesa took over the North Farmington football program in 2016, winning two games in his first year and three last fall (3-3 in the OAA Blue Division).

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Country Day

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something. We just have to play hard and play to the best of our abilities."

Growing as a team

Powell, a talented point guard who injured her ankle in the recent loss to Columbus (Ohio) Northland, is expected to distribute the ball as she takes over the offense that Webb ran so efficiently last year.

The Minnesota commit is more than capable of scoring, as she led the team with 19 points in last year's state title game victory over Jackson Northwest. Last year, she averaged 12.5 points and a team-leading 4.5 assists per game.

Folks, a forward, also averaged in double figures last year. The Indiana State University commit resumed her hot scoring this season by hitting double figures in all three games — a high of 25 in the opening-loss to

Adrian Lenawee Christian — while averaging 21 points per game. She was DCD's second-leading rebounder last year.

Novak, another four-year varsity veteran who is committed to play at Stetson University, is a forward who is also expected to contribute at both ends of the court.

"Jasmine is a unique player who can score from the outside, can dribble and she just leads the team. Her whole emphasis is being a team player," Orlando said. "Adrian is a big girl, a good inside player, who can also shoot the 15-footer. She's really a very capable player who can help us. Maddie is a good player who is more of an outside threat."

The only other players returning from last year's team are senior Jamie Elam and sophomore Chelsea Abulu. Elam was one of DCD's top reserves last year, but Abulu did not receive much playing time.

The Yellowjackets play Dec. 27-28 against Port Huron Northern and Kalamazoo Central, respectively, as part of the Motor City Roundball Classic at Warren Lincoln.

"I really want want us to be a team that is going to

develop as the year goes along," Orlando said. "We're having a hard time right now finding the right way to play. But I hope by March, we'll be able to get it together."

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Howell

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called a timeout to set up a final play. Senior guard Bryce Amison found an opening and drove down the lane, only to have his shot blocked by Howell's Tony Honkala during the final seconds. Howell was able to grab the rebound and escape with the victory.

One option coming out of the timeout was to try to get the ball in the paint to 6-foot-7 senior center Ryan Berger, who led all scorers with 14 points.

"We were trying to get down low," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "We had a play set up for our big fella down low (Berger) and then we had the guy who set the screen coming off the screen for screener action, so we hoped for hitting on one of those two things. It was a clear lane to the basket and we just got our shot blocked. Risky play for (Honkala) to try and block the shot at the time, but he got it clean. The refs called a good game and it is what it is."

Cody Deurloo and Josh Palo led Howell with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Honkala chipped in nine and French added eight.

Howell attempted just two free throws all night, missing both, but 10 of the Highlanders' 17 made field-goal attempts came from beyond the arc.

"First of all, I've got to give a lot of credit to Plymouth," Simon said. "Plymouth is incredibly well-coached and they get after it defensively. They're as good of a defensive team as we've played all year, so lots of credit goes out to them and our guys came up and made some big plays at the end and we were able to pull out the victory."

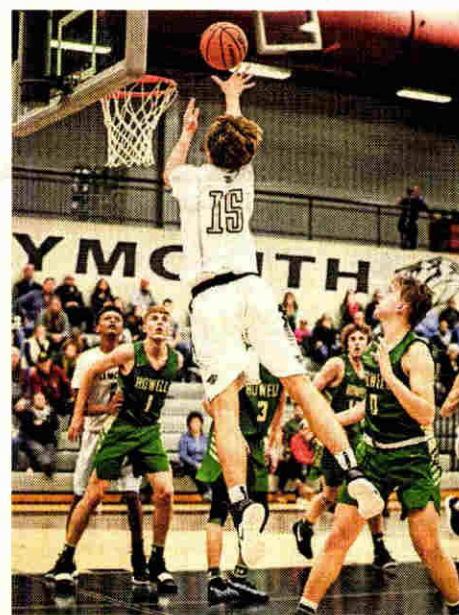
Brice Baumgart contributed eight points, while Devon Wisniewski and Amison contributed seven apiece for Plymouth.

After going up by five, 37-32, near the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats made just 1-of-5 field-goal attempts down the stretch and committed five costly fourth-quarter turnovers.

"We played really good defense, I thought, tonight and they shot one in that last possession," Soukup said. "We over-helped a little bit too much and we couldn't get back out to the shooter (French) and they got us by one. But I've got to credit my boys. They played really hard tonight on both ends of the floor. It



Plymouth guard Curtis Moore (right) looks for an opening as he's being chased by Howell's Dan Lewis. MICHAEL VASILNEK



Plymouth's Brice Baumgart goes in for the short runner over Howell's Jake Sargeant (left) and Josh Palo. MICHAEL VASILNEK



Plymouth's Devon Wisniewski (left) takes Howell's Kip French off the dribble. MICHAEL VASILNEK

was just a grinder game. It was an old-school slug fest, for lack of a better term, and we were just one possession short."

For Howell, it was pivotal win away from home.

"I told the guys, you look at Big Ten play, every single win on the road in the Big Ten is really, really difficult to get," Simon said. "So the same thing our conference. If you go on the road, especially if you have an hour-and-10-minute drive, it's going to be tough to pull out a victory and I'm happy we were able to do that."

Despite the loss, Soukup did find some silver linings.

"(Howell) are probably favored as one of the better teams in the league, so what does that mean for us?" Soukup said. "It will be interesting to see going forward. Does that mean that we can be considered in that echelon, too, or are we just going to be like a lunar eclipse? You see us every once in a while and play that well or don't see us for long stretches after that. We'll see what happens. But I like what I see from my guys tonight. Their fight was excellent. We did what we came to do tonight and we played our style, despite being down a little bit. We eventually wore it down and were one possession short."

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How to handle anxiety and stress in the workplace

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The world of work offers many challenges. We get to learn more about our passions and interests, as well as our strengths and areas for improvement, and it gives us opportunities to mature as we take on new responsibilities, gain professional satisfaction, and chart a course for our lifelong career journeys—all key factors in leading a happy and fulfilling life.

However—there's a flipside to the work coin, which includes the reality that work is not always fun and easy. In fact, for most of us, our work lives can be a serious and persistent source of anxiety and stress, and it's no small matter: It can affect all facets of our lives—not just our time spent at work—and can have lasting effects on our physical and mental well-being.

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA) recently conducted a survey regarding workplace stress and anxiety. Among their key findings:

- Employees say stress and anxiety most often impacts their workplace performance (56 percent), relationship with coworkers and peers (51 percent), quality of work (50 percent), and relationships with superiors (43 percent).

- More than three-fourths who say stress interferes with their work say it carries over to their personal life, particularly men (83 percent vs. 72 percent for women).

- 7 in 10 adults report that workplace stress affects their personal relationships, mainly with their spouses. Men (79 percent) report it affecting personal relationships more than women (61 percent).

- The main culprits of work-related



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stress are deadlines (55 percent), interpersonal relationships (53 percent), staff management (50 percent), and dealing with issues/problems that arise (49 percent).

Does this sound familiar? If so, and you're experiencing anxiety and stress resulting from work, you're not alone—and you don't have to suffer through it with no end in sight.

Be honest about it

When some of us feel the weight of workplace stress and anxiety, our first impulse may be to write it off as something else. We analyze the symptoms—everything from lethargy to sleeplessness to irritability and changes in mood and behavior—and make excuses. We say that we're just tired, or we're just feeling sick, or even that it's due to the weather. Basically, we do anything but acknowledge that our stress has a direct and obvious source—our jobs. We also

try to rationalize that it's only temporary, and that things will get better after this project or this "busy period," even though it often never does. The truth is, these attempts to rationalize and "explain away" our work stress and anxiety only serves one purpose—to prolong it and avoid confronting it. The first step in handling workplace anxiety and stress is to be honest about it. This empowering move will help you begin to deal with it effectively.

Diagnose the problem(s)

Workplace stress and anxiety is similar to other problems in life in that you need to fully understand the issues contributing to the situation before you can turn the tide and overcome it. When you're feeling the effects of work stress and anxiety, take a step back from things and give yourself the time to fully understand each and every individual source and symptom that is affecting

your life.

Often, a "one size fits all" solution to your workplace anxiety is ineffective when there are multiple sources at play. Once you see all of the sources clearly, you can start thinking about effective individual solutions for each. Often, just understanding the problems can alleviate some of the strain and propel you on the path to improvement.

Get help

Like other issues involving our jobs, we're rarely completely alone in having to deal with stress and anxiety. Help is available—whether or not you choose to ask for it and accept it is your call. Depending on the issues that are contributing to your stress and anxiety and your specific workplace dynamic, you may benefit from taking the direct approach—be open with colleagues or bosses regarding the issues in an attempt to come up with effective solutions. Also, don't forget that friends, family, and peers can be great sources of help and guidance here—especially if they've gone through similar situations. Also, don't count out seeking the help of a professional. Many workplaces offer help through counseling and guidance services (both in-house and/or outside), and you always have the option of hiring a professional for help, the cost of which may be covered by your insurance plan. The bottom line is that you're not alone here, and seeking help to deal with difficult issues isn't shameful or embarrassing—it's smart strategic thinking!

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- 1 Wall St. whiz
- 4 Capote, informally
- 7 Milky gemstones
- 12 "Avatar" actress Zoe
- 19 1,760-yard footrace
- 21 Juliet's lover
- 22 Big name in hair care
- 23 Puzzled
- 24 Shy around all of humanity?
- 26 Adorn big shopping centers?
- 28 Letters on an ambulance
- 29 Lavish attention (on)
- 30 "Bali —"
- 31 Prefix like "equi-"
- 32 More recent
- 33 Transport Kriss Kringle on a small, wheeled cart?
- 43 Middle name of Mozart
- 44 Yeats' "The Wild Swans at —"
- 45 Teen's skin woe
- 46 Brazil's — Paulo
- 49 Bulletproof vest material
- 50 Fastener holding a sleigh tinkler in place?
- 53 Foreman foe
- 54 Moo —
- 56 Address with dots in it
- 57 Tomahawks
- 58 Takes five
- 61 Rides that aren't new
- 67 Debt note
- 69 Rogers or Acuff playing percussion as a child?
- 74 Droid
- 75 Fait accompli
- 76 Blights
- 78 Kin of karate
- 81 Poker player
- 83 Sow, e.g.
- 85 See 10-Down
- 86 Reason you might give for not buying a china plate?
- 93 Mother of Rajiv Gandhi
- 96 Chatter
- 97 Hurry
- 98 False front
- 99 With dignity
- 100 Vacation in Italy's capital?
- 103 In accordance with
- 106 Profs' aides
- 107 Gigi's "yes"
- 108 Voting place
- 109 Fancy carp
- 110 Earliest tune that singer Billy ever wrote?
- 119 Far off driving one's Ford pickup?
- 122 Japanese massage
- 123 Divided into new districts
- 124 Hindu maxim collection
- 125 'Bama rival
- 126 Hypnotic states
- 127 "Let's roll!"
- 128 Purview of Gov. Cuomo
- 129 Dipso
- 7 Sea predator
- 8 Billiards
- 9 — nitrate (fuel additive)
- 10 With 85-Across, "Dig in!"
- 11 — Canals
- 12 Gossipy chatterer
- 13 Hoppy brews
- 14 Decree
- 15 Cellphone components
- 16 Cursor, often
- 17 "Affliction" star
- 18 Birch cousin
- 20 Deer cousin
- 25 Pianist John
- 27 Prefix with life or land
- 31 Big name in frozen drinks
- 32 Part of NBA: Abbr.
- 33 Capital of Senegal
- 34 Brunch dish
- 35 Luxuriant
- 36 "Bad" cholesterol, for short
- 37 Vocal vote
- 38 Chem., e.g.
- 39 Multitude
- 40 Yule drink
- 41 Not sound
- 42 Actress Langtry
- 46 Baseball's Red —
- 47 Pro
- 48 Go-aheads
- 50 Rightful deserts
- 51 They show certain transit routes
- 52 Actress Dern
- 55 Shanty
- 59 Tim of football
- 60 — Poke (candy)
- 62 "Do Ya" gp.
- 63 Lion lair
- 64 B-to-F run
- 65 Suffix with drunk
- 66 Wish undone
- 68 Sun or moon
- 70 "Yes, that guy!"
- 71 1,051, to Nero
- 72 Iroquois tribe
- 73 Per annum
- 77 Doesn't exit
- 78 Irish dance
- 79 Yankee land
- 80 Small dollop
- 82 Arboreal frogs
- 84 In the way a lass would
- 87 2011 Marvel Comics film
- 88 Problems for vain sorts
- 89 Snarling mutt
- 90 Chart buster
- 91 "Sorta" suffix
- 92 — -wee Herman
- 94 "— will not!"
- 95 Clunker
- 99 Adds abundantly
- 100 Swear by
- 101 C-worthy
- 102 Polloi lead-in
- 103 In two, say
- 104 Scatterer of seeds
- 105 City square
- 109 Patella locale
- 110 Certain bolt holder
- 111 Altitudes: Abbr.
- 112 Architect Saarinen
- 113 Drescher of "The Nanny"
- 114 Lashes (up)
- 115 Traffic clog
- 116 Redding of soul
- 117 Canadian fuel brand
- 118 Deep desire
- 120 Company abbr.
- 121 "— was saying ..."

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- BLUSTERY
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- CHILL
- COAT
- COLD
- DECEMBER
- DREARY
- EVERGREEN
- FIREPLACE
- FLANNEL
- FLEECE
- FRIGID
- FROSTBITE
- GALE
- GLOVES
- GUSTS
- HEATER
- ICEBERG
- ICICLE
- JACKET
- MITTENS
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- POLAR
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- SLED
- SLEET
- SNOW
- SWEATER
- WINTER
- ZERO

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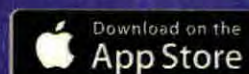
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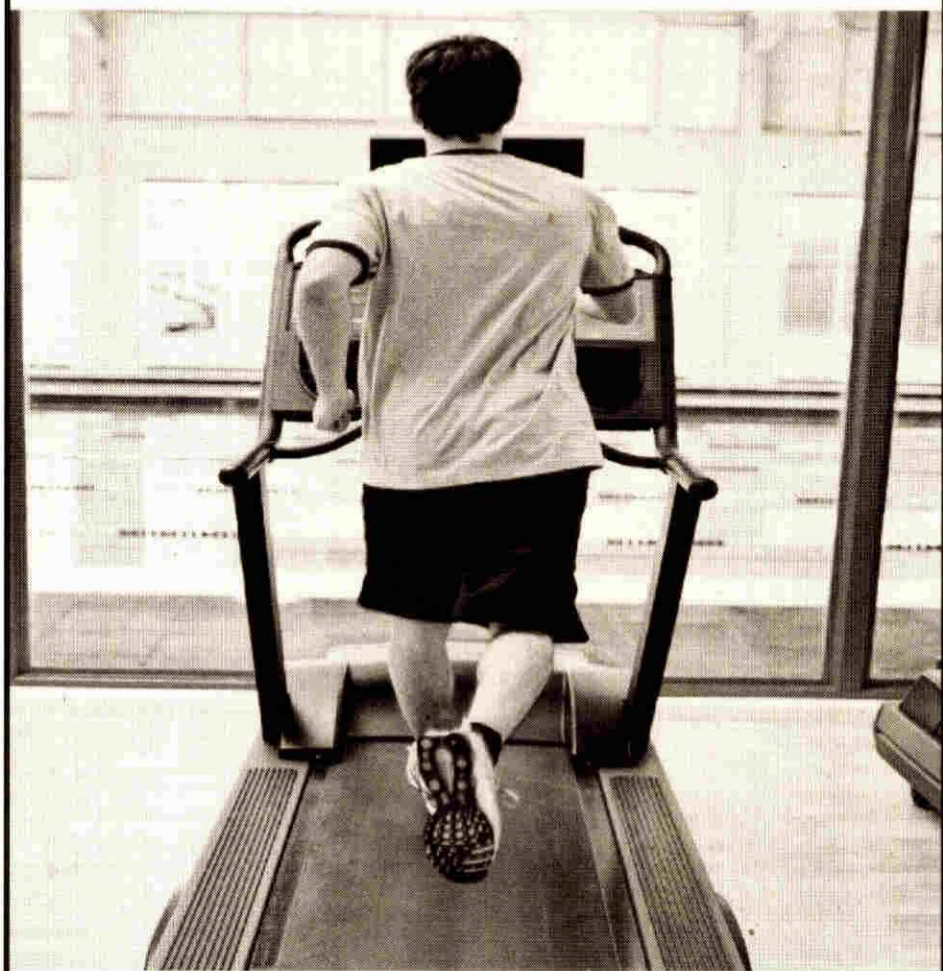
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City of Livonia – 12/03/18 1,862nd Regular Meeting Synopsis
Present: Bahr, White, McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, and Toy.
Absent: None.
 #411-18 Approved minutes of the 1,861st Regular Meeting of the Council held 11/19/18.
Audience Communication Residents spoke re: Planned Parenthood location on Farmington.
Several items were received and filed for the information of the Council.
 #412-18 Approved service agreement for cloud-based recreation management software and support for Parks & Recreation for five years.
 #413-18 Approved purchase of (1) John Deere 2025R utility tractor for Parks Section of DPW.
 #414-18 Approved purchase of (1) John Deere 1575 mower for Parks Section of DPW.
 #415-18 Approved purchase of (3) John Deere XUV turf vehicles for Parks Section of DPW.
 #416-18 Approved purchase of (4) John Deere turf vehicles for Parks Section of DPW.
 #417-18 approved purchase of (5) Toro Zero Turn Mowers for Parks Section of DPW.
 #418-18 Approved transfer of funds for emergency patching of Newburgh Road. (CR 130-18)
 #419-18 Approved amendment of contract with OHM Advisors for design engineering services for 2019 Asphalt Road Program. (CR 365-16)
 #420-18 Approved vacating of Water Main Easement 1A at Marycrest, 15475 Middlebelt.
 #421-18 Approved vacating of Water Main Easement 1B at Marycrest, 15475 Middlebelt.
 #422-18 Approved vacating of Water Main Easement 2A at Marycrest, 15495 Middlebelt.
 #423-18 Approved vacating of Water Main Easement 2B at Marycrest, 15495 Middlebelt.
 #424-18 Approved release of various bonds for Washington Park Site Condominiums.
 #425-18 Approved storm water facilities maintenance agreement for Menards for storm drainage system on Middlebelt.
 #426-18 Approved Haggerty Square Planned General Development Agreement re: waiver use petition for retail shopping center and multi-family housing at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty.
 #427-18 Approved 2019 City Council meeting schedule.
 #428-18 Denied sidewalk waiver requested for home at 9915 Wayne Rd.
 #429-18 Referred subject of Master Plan for sidewalks to Infrastructure Committee.
 #430-18 Approved petition to vacate sidewalk along 9386 Knolson, subject to petitioner removing sidewalk and fence running alongside said sidewalk.
First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) was given to an ordinance amending Sections 020, 030, 090, 110 and Repealing Section 120 of Title 9, Chapter 30 (Narcotics and Dangerous Substances) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
 #431-18 Referred subject of Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act and its implications to Committee of Whole.
 #432-18 Referred rezoning petition for property on west side of Farmington, between Norfolk Avenue and Eight Mile, to Committee of the Whole. (Pet. 2018-08-01-05)
 #433-18 Approved Haggerty Square Brownfield Planned for general development of retail shopping center and multi-family housing at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty.
 #434-18 Approved Haggerty Square Reimbursement Agreement for reimbursement of eligible costs re property developed at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty.
Audience Communication Residents spoke re: Planned Parenthood location on Farmington.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan M. Nash, Livonia City Clerk

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2018-10-01-09 submitted by Livonia Hotel Group, L.L.C., to rezone the property located on the west side of Victor Parkway between Seven Mile Road and Pembroke Avenue (19265 Victor Parkway) in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, from C-2 (General Business) to C-4-I (High Rise Commercial - Maximum 6 Stories).

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PETITION 2018-08-01-06 submitted by Cross Winds Court, to rezone the property located on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail between Norwich Avenue and Wayne Road (34417 Ann Arbor Trail) in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm - Minimum 1/2 Acre) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60' x 120' Lots).

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a fast-food restaurant with a drive through at the property located at the southwest corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt Road (parcel 35-016-01-0032-008) and 2205 Middlebelt Road (parcel 35-016-01-0032-309). Drive-through facilities for fast-food restaurants are a special land use in the CBD Central Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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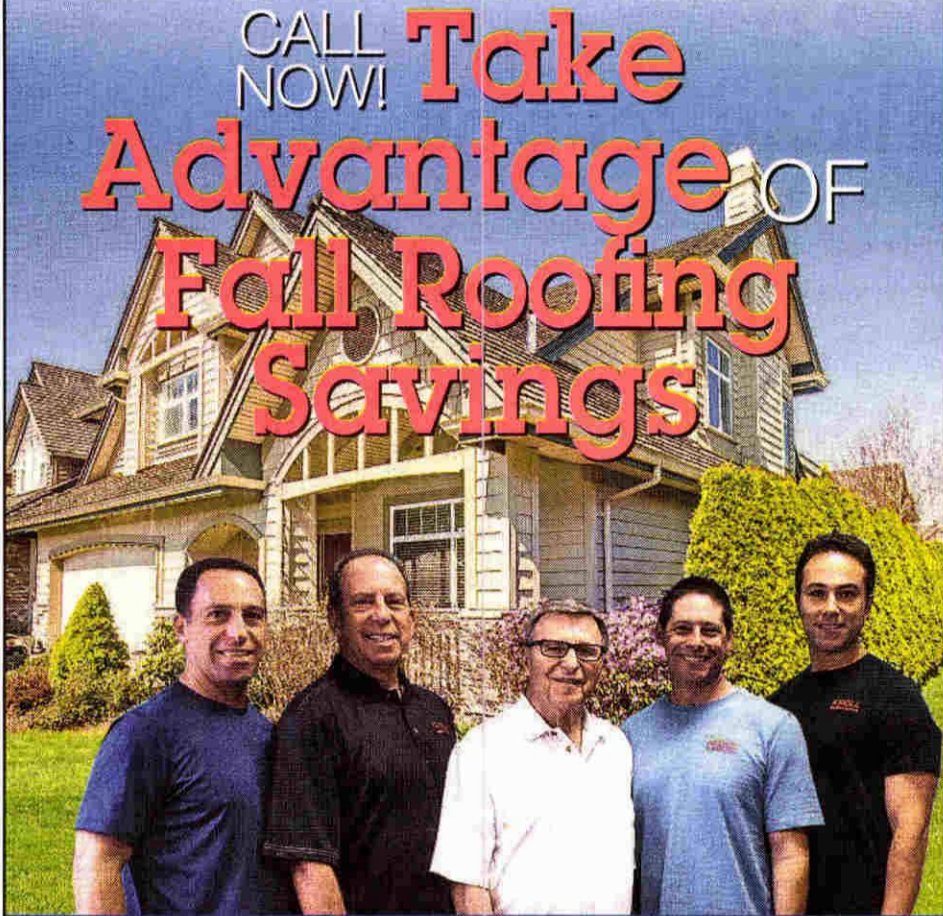
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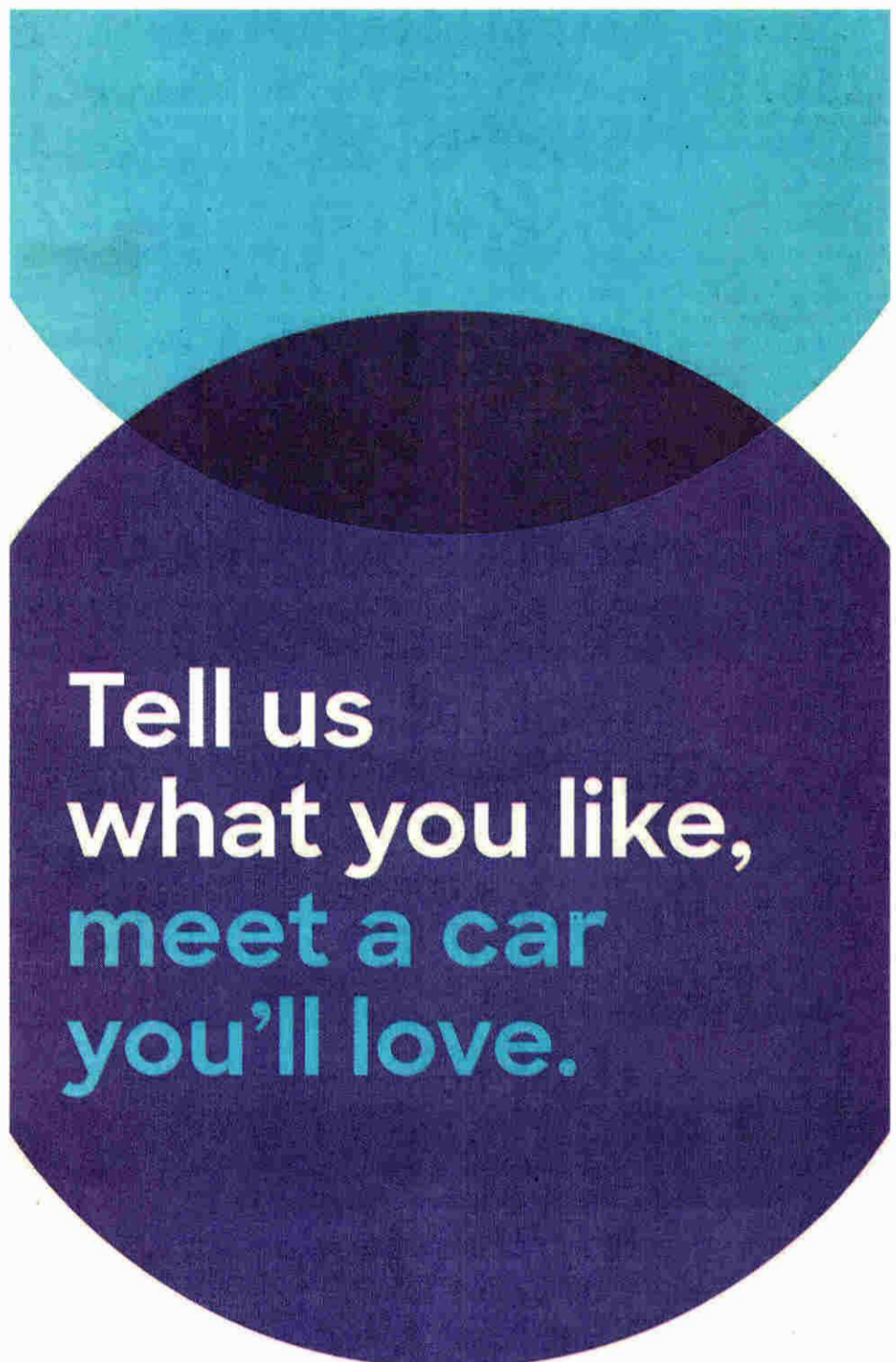
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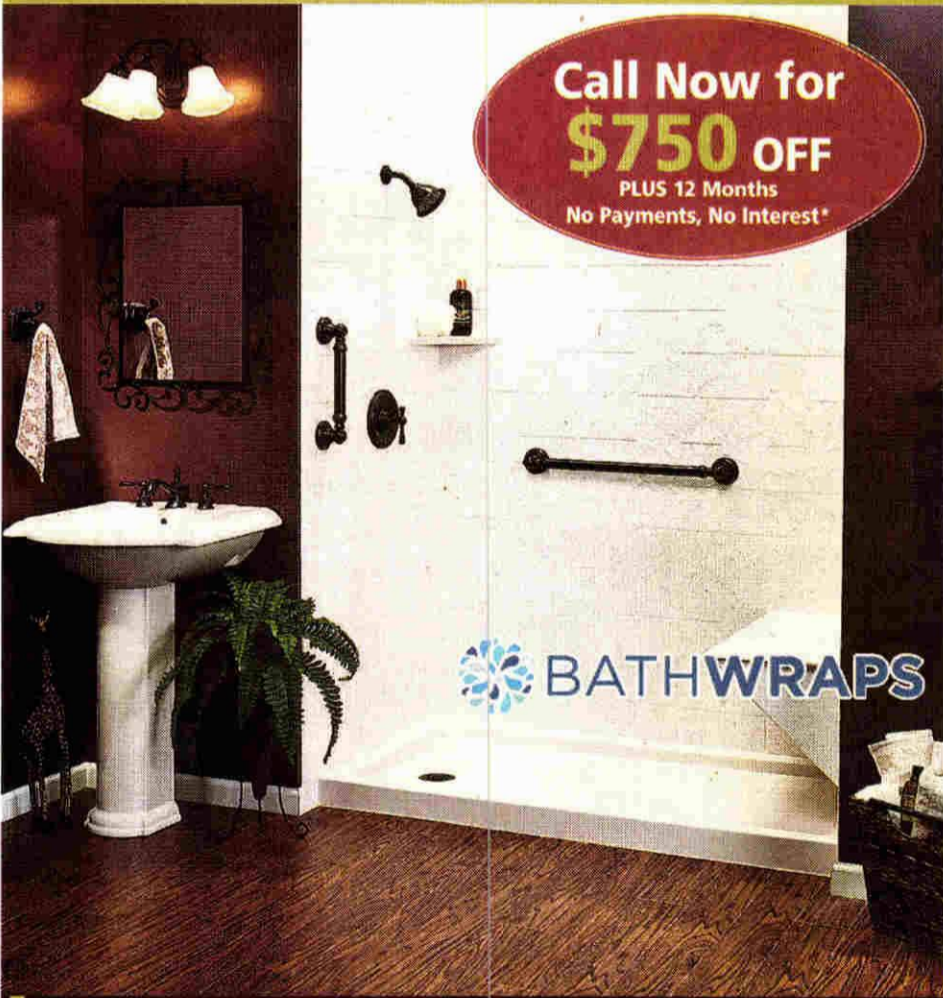
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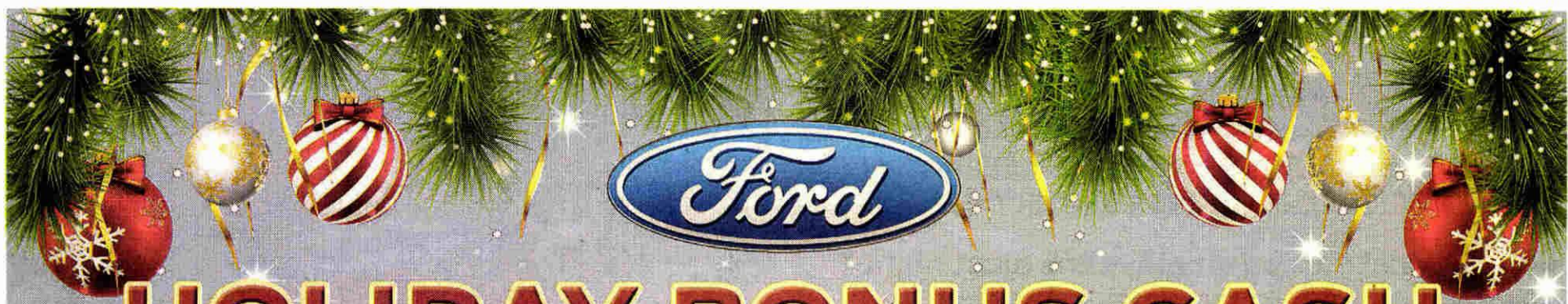
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