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## Police play Santa on Christmas Eve

Officers make traffic stops to give gifts, not tickets

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Police made an unusually high number of traffic stops in Plymouth on Christmas Eve.

But Officers Josh Carroll and Mark Farhat weren't writing tickets or even issuing friendly warnings.

Instead, they were stopping drivers who were ferrying young ones around on holiday outings or last-minute errands, then surprising the children with Christmas gifts — toys donated by

members of an area country club.

"We have everything from teddy bears to Barbies," said Carroll, a 14-year Plymouth Police Department veteran.

"Ultimately we're here to help people out, and if we can spread a little holiday cheer in everyone's life and give them some presents ... we're happy," Carroll added.

Officers on the job often are interacting with people who aren't at their best, Carroll said, so it's a boost for officers to have some happier encounters with

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Officers Josh Carroll, left, and Mark Farhat arranged a display of Christmas gifts on the hoods of their patrol vehicles Monday before heading out to hand the toys out to unsuspecting motorists and their children. MATT JACHMAN



Chuck Alkazan talks history of music at Pearl Sound Studios. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Hometown Life sports top 2018 stories

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Coaching topped the list of most-read stories in 2018. From Northville's new coach hockey to remembering legends, five of the top six most-read stories had to do with locker room leaders. Here are the Top 12 most widely read Hometown Life sports stories of 2018.

### Coach Brown to lead Northville hockey

**No. 1 — May 3:** When Gordie Brown was named the new hockey coach for the Mustangs it hit a nerve with readers making it the most read sports story on Hometown Life. Brown replaced Clint Robert when he stepped down after nine seasons. "Gordie is an outstanding coach who is well-respected throughout the area," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "We believe his knowledge, character and his ability to get the best out of his players will help our program continue to achieve at a high level year after year."



Gordie Brown

### Death of Novi legend Robert Smith

**No. 2 — Aug. 8:** Longtime Novi track coach Robert Smith died unexpectedly Aug. 7 at age 62. He guided the Wildcats to back-to-back MHSAA Class A boys cross country state championships in 1998 and 1999, along with Division 1 runner-up finishes in 2000 and 2006. (His '98 team captured the first MHSAA title of any sport at Novi.) It is no wonder his favorite quote when he coached came from Oprah Winfrey: "Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what you put into it."

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## The most read stories on Hometown Life in 2018

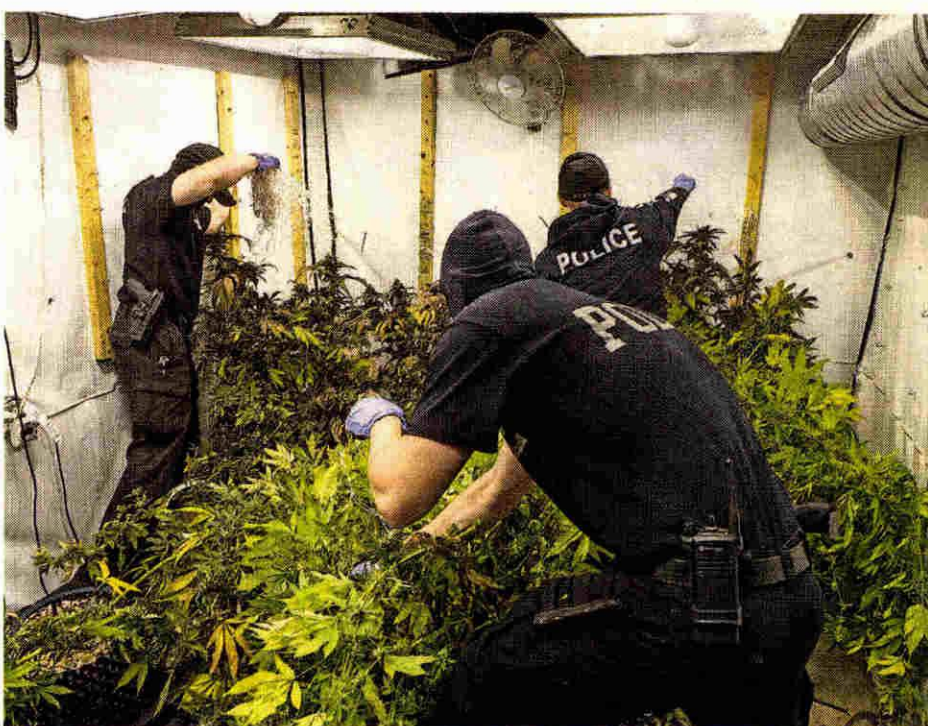
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At the beginning of the year, we dedicated four journalists to covering business and crime, responding to what we saw as a trend among Hometown Life readers. After nearly 12 months, the results would seem to confirm our hunch. Of the 12 top-read stories of 2018, eight were authored by these four staffers.

### Saying goodbye

**No. 1 — By Darrell Clem, April 16:** The popular Hayden's Grill and Bar at Ford and Lotz roads in Canton closed its doors for good April 15. Wayne County Business Reporter Clem's piece proved to also be popular, attracting more than 37,000 readers. "It wasn't one particular reason, just lagging sales over the years," said Megan Spencer, communications director for owner Spartan Pas-

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Officers dismantle the marijuana-growing operation during a pre November election raid. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# SURPRISE

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vilians.

Leo Dicks, on a stroll with his parents, was wary when he spotted Farhat and Carroll at their lookout station on Main Street. That is until a brand-new toy car, a Paw Patrol police cruiser, grabbed his attention. Younger brother Sawyer got a Teddy Bear.

"It's very festive, and it makes me excited for giving gifts later on," said Leo's father, Jeremy.

"This gives us an opportunity to be out there and give back to the community" and make a good impression on people, said Farhat, a seven-year Plymouth officer.

The gifts were donated by members of West Bloomfield's Pine Lake Country



Gustav Neubacher, 4, and his father, Tobias, pose for photos with Plymouth Officer Josh Carroll before Carroll and Officer Mark Farhat set off on a Christmas Eve gift-distribution assignment. The Neubachers were visiting Plymouth from Salzburg, Austria. MATT JACHMAN

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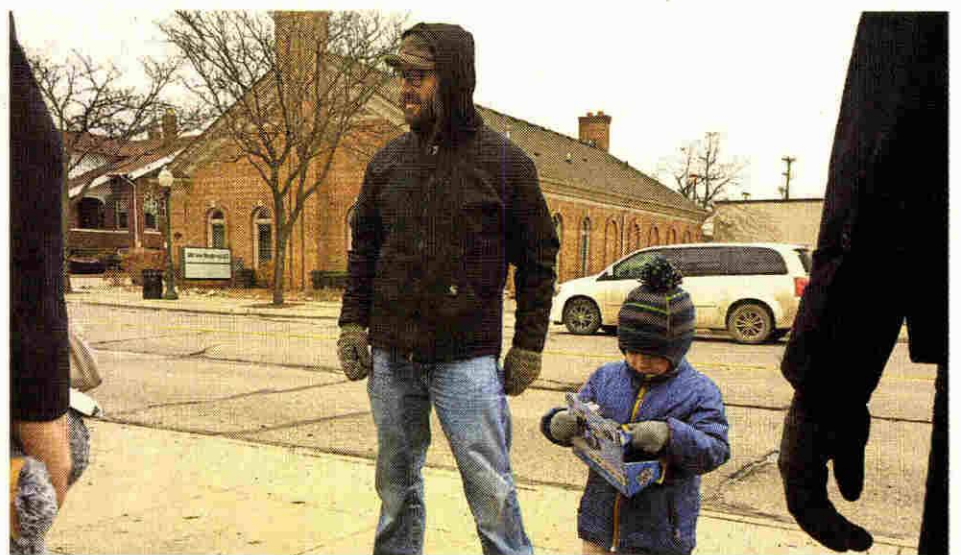
Club, where Farhat's father, Jamal "Jim" Farhat, was formerly the general manager and chief operating officer. The club hosts a Christmas brunch every year, Farhat said, and attendees bring in new toys to be donated to a cause in the area.

One year, he said, the club picked the Keego Harbor Police Department to carry out a similar operation. Monday marked the first time police in Plymouth had undertaken such a project, Carroll said.

Charles Lacasse admitted to being a little rattled when he was pulled over in front of City Hall. He was fine, though, after sons Joey, 5, and Ben, 2, were given some toys. "I think it's amazing," he said.

"It's awesome," said his wife, Beth. "I think it's a great Christmas surprise."

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Leo Dicks checks out his new toy — a Paw Patrol police cruiser — on Main Street in Plymouth Monday as his dad, Jeremy, talks to police. Officers Josh Carroll and Mark Farhat were patrolling for motorists with children in their vehicles and making "traffic stops" to surprise the kids with toys donated by members of the Pine Lake Country Club. MATT JACHMAN

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# STORIES

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abilities. "It's something a lot of restaurants are facing, especially with competition all over the place. It's a really tough game to be profitable in."

## Pearl Sound Studios

**No. 2 — By Ed Wright, May 21:** Not too far from Hayden's in Canton Township sits a grey cinder block building, a far cry from the fancy new buildings that dot the landscape along Ford Road, where this nondescript building sits near the intersection of Beck Road. But it is the magic that happens inside that drew the attention of nearly 31,000 readers who read Wright's masterpiece on Pearl Sound Studios. "Once invited visitors cross the threshold through the royal blue front door, they join a star-studded guest list that includes everyone from Soundgarden to Pop Evil and Eminem — celebrities who appreciate the privacy Pearl Sound offers while craving the high-tech recording genius owners Chuck Alkazian and Patrick Harwood use to electrify their clients' work," wrote West Communities Reporter Wright.

## String of thefts

**No. 3 — LeAnne Rogers, May 3:** Oakland County Public Safety Reporter Rogers wrote about a string of thefts at Brookedale Independent Living on Grand River in Farmington Hills and 27,000 viewers responded. Two residents filed separate police reports seven days apart in early May and, while taking the report, a third resident reported money missing as well during the same time period.

## Body found

**No. 4 — LeAnne Rogers, Dec. 3:** Rogers reported about the body of a man found in a wooded area near Kurtz Elementary in Milford. Later reports suggested that the man died of an unintended drug overdose.

## Stella's moving, or not

**No. 5 — Darrell Clem, Nov. 15:** Everybody who has eaten there loves the ever-present Bernese mountain dog of



Ann and Rick Stislicki are still searching for answers in their daughter's disappearance. The "#Find Dani" hashtag is still a prevalent presence in their lives. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A body was found outside Kurtz Elementary school. FILE PHOTO

Stella's Black Dog Tavern in Plymouth. When Clem first reported that the popular restaurant was moving to take the location of another longtime Plymouth eatery, Station 885 in Old Town, that story was a huge hit. We recently reported that after reaching a new agreement for a five-year lease at its current location on Fralick Street, owner Bob Ostendorf has revised plans and will keep the current Stella's location while opening a second location at 885 Starkweather Street.

## An empty birthday

**No. 6 — Brad Kadrich, March 1:** Danielle Stislicki's birthday passed in late February with her family and friends stuck in limbo, praying, waiting and hoping for some closure in the case of the missing Farmington Hills woman, who disappeared Dec. 2, 2016, and hasn't been seen since. Kadrich, who has followed the case since her disappearance, wrote a follow up March 1. "We are asking Facebook followers to do an act of kindness in recognition of

(Danielle's) birthday and share that she continues to be missing," said her mother Ann Stislicki of Fowlerville. "Our family will always continue to recognize her birthday, as many do when their loved one is no longer with them."

## Scorpions break in

**No. 7 — LeAnne Rogers, Feb. 26:** In February, charges were brought against a man in connection with the break-in and fire at the Scorpions motorcycle club in Lyon Township.

## Pot growing house

**No. 8 — Matt Jachman, Oct. 2:** A report on a police raid on a \$300,000 house in Livonia that had been transformed into a marijuana growing operation. The medical marijuana caretaker growing the crop was not charged. The homeowners agreed to pay back taxes and sell the home.

## Milford restaurant violations

**No. 9 — Sharon Dargay, Sept. 26:** It takes exacting details to prepare food safely and the process is taken seriously by county health inspectors. We started reporting priority violations from Wayne and Oakland county inspectors and making the list were the violations reported in August for Milford.

## That cable guy

**No. 10 — LeAnne Rogers, March 22:** Bring up the subject of cable TV and you are sure to hit a nerve. A story on a woman in Farmington Hills who called the police after her service was disconnected seven times proved to be a popular read.

## Cockroach in my soup

**No. 11 — LeAnne Rogers, Nov. 26:** In November, a woman called police to report a cockroach in her soup at a restaurant in Novi. Enough said.

## Chi-Chi's site

**No. 12 — David Veselenak, March 8:** Chi-Chi's in Livonia at the northeast corner of Schoolcraft and Middlebelt roads has been closed since 2004. The 3.5-acre site could be home to a new Aldi grocery store in 2019 bringing good news to Livonia residents.

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## Clarenceville cancels football games

**No. 3 — Sept. 20:** With mounting injuries and lack of players to fill in at the varsity level, the Trojans announced they would cancel two games in September. Ironically, Clarenceville's David B. McDowell Field at Tim Shaw Stadium was undergoing a \$3 million-plus renovation project scheduled at the time and was unveiled at Homecoming on Oct. 12 with a varsity soccer game as the football team was still unavailable.

## Coach Bernie Holowicki dies



**Bernie Holowicki**

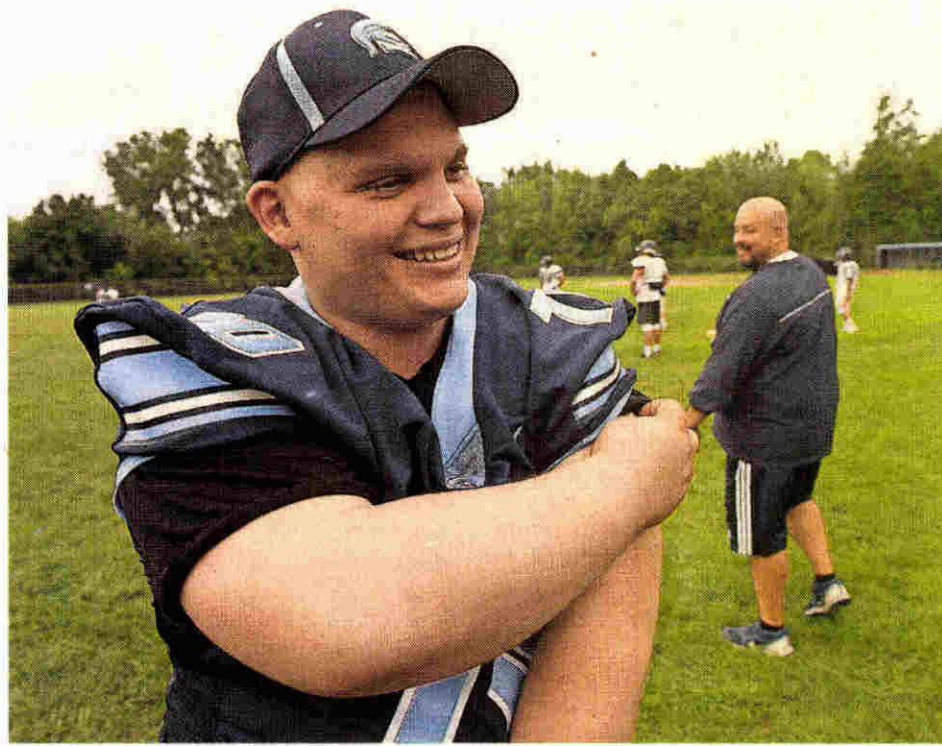
**No. 4 — June 13:** The Hall of Fame coach posted an impressive 612-216 overall record while coaching at Detroit Catholic Central (1971-1994) ranking him seventh all-time among boys basketball coaches in the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Holowicki died at the age of 86 in his Livonia home on June 13.

## Coach Kelbert suspended

**No. 5 — Oct. 5:** When Livonia Franklin's head football coach Chris Kelbert was suspended for two games in October the school handled the situation with class and professionalism. The Patriots' coach was suspended and placed on an administrative leave. "Chris is our head coach, Chris is in good standing, Chris made a mistake, and it is what it is," said Franklin A.D. Ron Hammye at the time.

## Jack Hughes viewed as top NHL pick

**No. 6 — Oct. 2:** Mesmerizing, quick, nimble and creative are just some of the words that aptly describe Jack Hughes, the 17-year-old forward playing for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The scoring machine is a definite draw at the rink in Plymouth and a possible No. 1 overall pick for the 2019 NHL draft in June.



**Ed Belea is a valued team member, according to Spartans Coach Randy Micallef.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**Jack Hughes skates with the USA Hockey team.** RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## Mourning Gregory Marx

**No. 7 — Oct. 10:** The Detroit Catholic Central community mourned the death of unanimous All-American defensive tackle at Notre Dame, Gregory Marx after he passed on Oct. 5 at the age of 68.

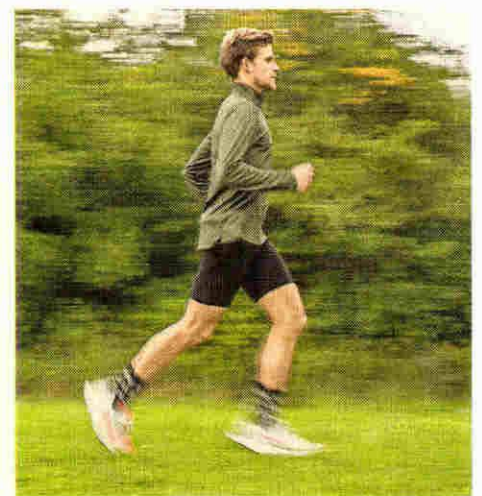
## The ultimate in Ironman triathlon

**No. 8 — Oct. 8:** "It's the Super Bowl of triathlon, for sure," said veteran triath-

lete Jimi Young, 48. "It's Boston Marathon times a thousand. It's probably that difficult to get in as well." The feelings of just one of 20 Michigan triathletes that headed to Kona for the 2018 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii.

## Brady Shelton makes NFL dream

**No. 9 — Jan. 26:** Novi High School grad Brady Sheldon might only have two



**Ryan Karr of Canton said that the time for the Ironman was now, before he marries and begins a family.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NFL games under his belt, but his journey to land a spot on the Oakland Raiders active 53-man roster is a lesson in perseverance. The undrafted free agent, an edge-rushing linebacker out of Novi and Ferris State University, made his debut on Christmas Day 2017.

## KLAA East football preview

**No. 10 — Aug. 2:** The much anticipated KLAA East Division football season featured five teams that reached the MHSAA playoffs in 2017 including KLAA newcomers Belleville, Dearborn Fordson.

## KLAA West football preview

**No. 11 — Aug. 2:** The annual football media day, held at Northville High School, gave 13 returning KLAA teams and three squads new to the circuit — Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson — an opportunity to talk about team expectations and hopes for the 2018 football season.

## Ed Belea fights cancer

**No. 12 — Aug. 21:** Livonia Stevenson senior Ed Belea heard the words, "I'm sorry Ed, but you have cancer," on May 7, and while he could not take the field with his Spartan teammates he led them out of the tunnel at Michigan Stadium Aug. 24 to to open the 2018 football season. A later story published Sept. 7 revealed that Belea was cancer free.



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# Want to rent your condo?: Consider this advice



**Money Matters**  
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**Q: For my work every year, I go to China for about three months. This year I'll be going in March and coming back in June. Every year I think about renting my condo out and this year I plan to do it. What I would like learn are the legal, financial and tax issues I will need to consider. It is my understanding that since I'll only be renting the house out short term, I don't have to worry about taxes.**

**A:** Let me first start with the tax issues. Unfortunately, if you do rent your property out for three months, there will be tax consequences. The way the tax law works is that if you rent your house for 14 days or greater, then there are tax consequences in that the rent is taxable to you. On the other hand, if you rent your house for 14 days or less, then the income is tax free. Keep in mind if you're renting your house for over the 14-day

period, then there are certain deductions that you would qualify for.

From a legal standpoint the first issue is whether you can even rent your property out or not. Many condominium associations in their bylaws have restrictions on short-term rental of property. In addition, some cities have rules that govern rentals of residential properties. Therefore, from a legal standpoint you need to review your condominium bylaws, as well as, any city ordinances.

Also from a legal standpoint, you are going to need a lease to memorialize the agreement between you and your tenant. After all, it's important to put in writing, the legal responsibilities of each party. For example, is the tenant responsible for utilities or is that the landlord's responsibility?

Since you will be out of the county, the question is who handles matters when you're gone? For example, if there is an emergency on the property, who is going to handle it? Whether you hire a management company or have a friend, there needs to be someone that has the legal authority to act on your behalf with

regards to the property.

From a financial standpoint there is no doubt that you want to make sure your property is protected from damage or theft, and at the same time that you're also protected from any potential liability claims. Therefore, before you rent your property, you need to have a discussion with your homeowner's insurance agent to determine if your current homeowner's coverage is sufficient. Some insurance companies require you to have an additional rider on your policy, while others do not. Either way, you should discuss this issue with your homeowner's insurance agent. Another financial consideration is simply what is a fair price to rent your property out? If your asking price is too high, you won't find a renter; or if it's too low, you're going to cheat yourself. Therefore, it is important you do some homework to determine a fair and competitive price.

Obviously, as a landlord, one of the key considerations is if your tenant has the means to pay rent. Furthermore, since you are trusting someone with

your home, it is important that your tenant is a responsible person and will care for your property. Therefore, it is important that you have some procedures in place to screen tenants. After all, if you get the wrong tenant in your property, it can become a nightmare.

The bottom line: As an owner of a property, renting it out can be financially very rewarding to you. However, it is important that you dot the I's and cross the T's to make sure that you do what is necessary to prevent a nightmare from occurring.

One last note — it's not a bad idea to talk to some people who have been a landlord and who do rent their homes out for short periods of time. The knowledge they have can be important to prevent you from falling into any potential pitfalls.

Good luck!  
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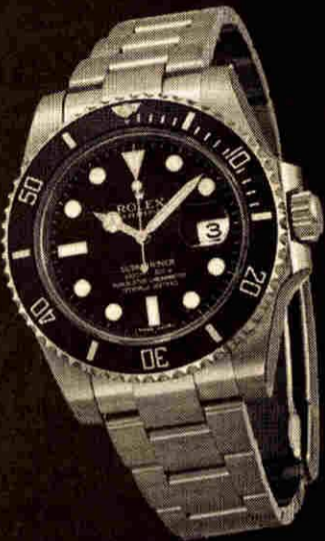


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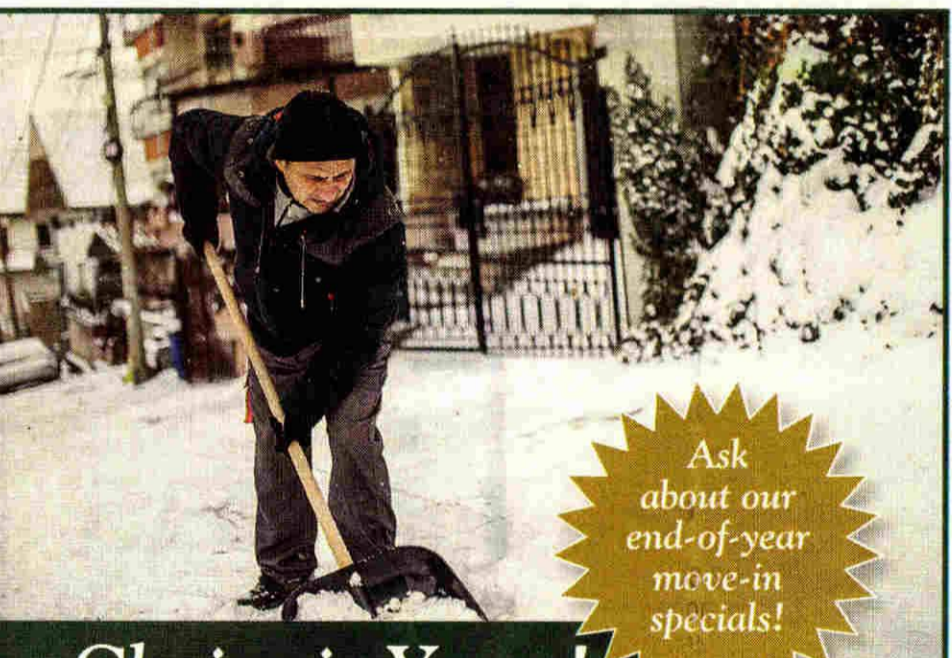
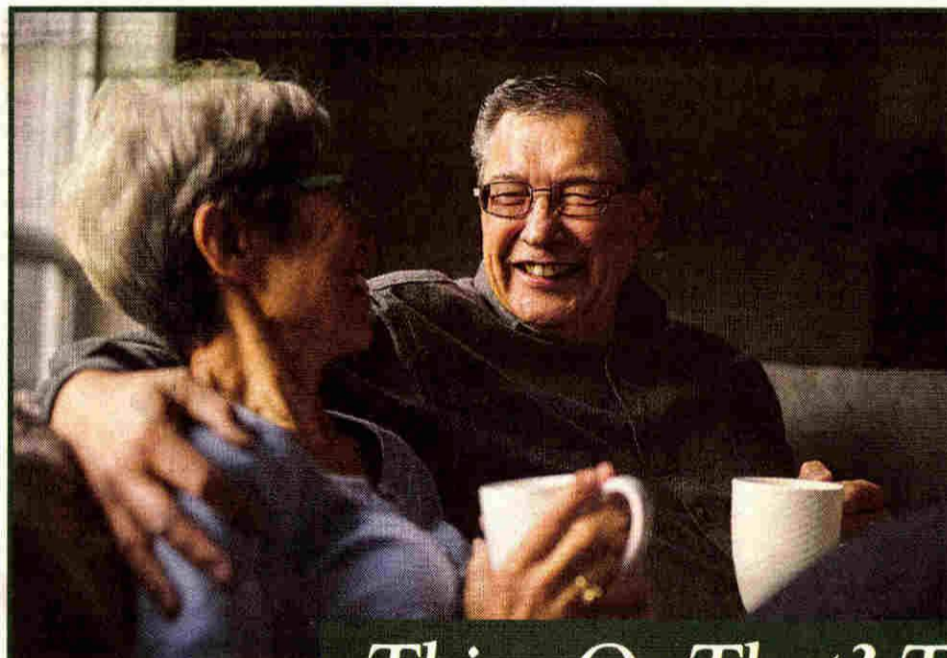


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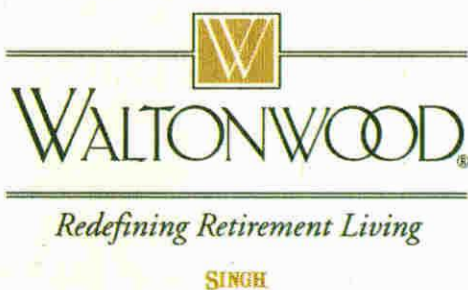
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# Lasik surgery-related suicides are happening

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A month before taking her own life Dec. 12, Jessica Starr, the WJBK-TV (Channel 2) meteorologist, shared that she was still struggling with complications such as dry eyes and blurred vision from her Lasik-type eye surgery in October.

"I do still need all the prayers and the well-wishes because it's a hard go," Starr, 35, a mother of two young children, said in a video on her public Facebook page.

The role that those complications played in Starr's suicide — if any — remains unclear, but her comments spawned nationwide headlines after her death and new attention to potential dangers of the popular eyesight procedure that has been available since the 1990s and is widely perceived as safe.

News reports and websites such as Lasikcomplications.com have cited nearly a dozen instances of Lasik patients who were driven to suicide by the unbearable pain and vision impairments that



Jessica Starr

followed their procedures.

The physical pain was often accompanied by the psychological regret of having opted for a roughly \$4,000 elective procedure that, if only they had stuck with glasses or contacts, wouldn't have been needed.

Starr said in Facebook posts that she had undergone a newer Lasik-like surgery known as SMILE, or small incision lenticule extraction. That procedure uses a different laser and eye-reshaping technique. SMILE was approved in 2016 by the Food and Drug Administration and was performed last year for the first time in Michigan.

SMILE procedures are "fundamentally the same" as Lasik and both are very safe, according to eye surgeon Dr. John Vukich, chairman of the Refractive Surgery Clinical Committee for the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

"Lasik is the most common elective surgical procedure in the world," said Vukich, who is based in Madison, Wis., and has personally undergone Lasik. "It is a procedure that has enhanced the lives of many many people, but like in any surgery, there is never a zero risk."

A detailed New York Times story this year about the potential dangers of laser eye surgery highlighted the Lasik-related suicide of a 27-year-old military veteran, as well as the sufferings of a Cleveland kindergarten teacher who needed a pain pump implanted in her abdomen for her constant eye pain and a Houston man who said he is "almost suicidal" because it feels like there is hot grease in his eyes 24/7.

Paula Cofer, who operates the Lasik complications website and runs a support group on Facebook for Lasik complications sufferers, told the Free Press in a phone interview that since the first media reports of Starr's death, her support group has been contacted by friends or relatives of four Lasik-related suicide victims.

"What they're not telling you is there are complications to this surgery," said Cofer, 60, who lives near Tampa, Fla., and who herself has had severe complica-

tions from a 2000 Lasik surgery. "If you were to inform patients of everything I personally believe they should be informed of, nobody would have the surgery."

She said the worst possible side effects — albeit rare — can be incredibly painful and ruin people's lives. Some complications may only emerge years after surgery because structures in the eyes were permanently weakened by the laser resurfacing.

"The typical (complaints) are chronic dry eye, eye pain, horrible night vision — people just get depressed," Cofer, said. "They're full of regret for having a surgery they didn't need in the first place. It's a combination of all these things going on and you're dealing with a surgeon who is telling you, 'Oh, you're a success. Your vision is now 20/20'" despite being in pain.

A study published last year that involved 574 participants and the FDA, the National Eye Institute and the Department of Defense found that less than 1 percent of the individuals reported difficulties performing their usual activities following Lasik surgery.

However, up to 46 percent of the participants who had no visual symptoms before surgery began having some visual symptom three months after surgery. And up to 28 percent of the participants who didn't have dry eyes before Lasik reported dry eye symptoms at three months post-surgery.

Still, more than 95 percent of all the participants were satisfied with their vision following Lasik.

Vukich, the eye surgeon, said that dry eyes is indeed a common side effect for some Lasik patients. However, those symptom almost always resolve after three months, he said.

Overall, significantly less than 1 percent of all Lasik patients will report bad experiences, he said.

"There have been 7,000 clinical studies published in peer-reviewed journals and the patient-reported satisfaction rate is 96 percent or greater," Vukich said.

He added, "Literally millions of people's lives are enhanced. It is so safe that when something does happen, it causes a lot of attention."




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Gordon W. Draper of Livonia shows his copy of the Observer as he stands by the lion statue in the ski resort town of Ifrane, Morocco. This Moroccan lion was unfortunately hunted to extinction by the Romans, who took them for gladiator battles in the Colosseum. Draper took a three-week tour of the kingdom, his 132nd country. If you have a photo of you on vacation with a copy of the Observer, email LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

## Lotto ticket worth \$25K a year still unclaimed

**Tanya Wildt**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It's almost been a full year since someone won a \$25,000 a year for life Lucky for Life prize, but it's still unclaimed, according to the Michigan Lot-

tery. That could be a problem next week once the ticket expires on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. The winning ticket was purchased at the Picnic Basket Marketplace at 49471 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. It matched the five white balls drawn Jan.

1-15-18-25-31-35. Jan. 1 is a holiday, that's why the winner has until 4:45 p.m. Jan. 2 to claim the prize. If they do, they'll have the choice of annual payments for a minimum of 20 years or life, whichever is greater, or a one-time lump sum cash payment of

\$390,000. Contact the Michigan Lottery Public Relations Division at 517-373-1237 if you have the lucky ticket. If the prize goes unclaimed, the money will go to the Michigan School Aid Fund.

## Lack of snow could set record for metro Detroit

**Frank Witsil**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Fortunately— or unfortunately, depending on your perspective — snowfall for Detroit in December this year has been especially light, about a tenth of an inch, weather watchers say. That ties with 2014, No. 2 for December with the second least amount of

snow. But, don't rejoice — or despair — just yet. "We did have a bit of a mild stretch here," National Weather Service meteorologist Sara Pampreen said Thursday. "But, we will go back down into the normal cold going into the New Year." Thursday highs were in the low 40s, with Friday's highs in the low 50s and about a half-inch of rain. Saturday, how-

ever, it was predicted to cool off with highs in the low 30s. Sunday would be in the mid-30s. Normally, Pampreen said, the total December snowfall in Detroit is about 7.7 inches. The record for least snow was set in 1889, which was completely snowless, according to weather service records. Meteorologists began tracking snowfall in 1880. Michigan weather can be challenging to predict. Northwestern winds in November

arrived about a month earlier than normal leading to a cold spell and a lot more early snow, meteorologists said. In 2013, a snowstorm from Dec. 31 to Jan. 2, dropped 11 inches. The heaviest snowstorm in Detroit, according to the weather service, was in the spring, April 6, 1886. In a single day, nearly 25 inches of snow fell. Most likely, Pampreen said, winter will be back. "But," she added, "people are going to want to enjoy tomorrow's warm temperatures."

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**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](http://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](http://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.

**Camp Swoosh in the Snow**

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering Camp Swoosh in the Snow, scheduled Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 2-4, for youths ages 6-11. Activities include swimming, rock climbing, games, relay and obstacle courses, weekly themed projects and more.

For more information, call 734-466-2900.

**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 <http://livonianighborsandfriends.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 11 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](mailto: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 United States in 1906.

This free program looks at a variety of his work, including photographs taken during the Great Depression, frescoes he painted on public buildings and illustrations for magazines and books.

**W-W Distinguished Young Woman**

The next program orientation for the Wayne-Westland Distinguished Woman program is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne. Any high school junior girl, who attends a high school in Wayne or Westland, may register at any time. Go to [www.distinguishedyw.org](http://www.distinguishedyw.org) and click on "Apply Now."

The Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman Program will take place Friday, March 8.

**Parent Night at Wayne HS**

Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, will be hosting an eight-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information for the 2019-20 school year at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community Schools district school to attend.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and more. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the counseling department at 734-419-2215.

**Friends used book sale**

The Friends of the Westland Public Library will conduct a used book sale Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 7-10, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (preview sale), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday (bag day, \$4 per bag).

**SouthernCare Hospice volunteers**

SouthernCare Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks, to

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The next volunteer orientation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at 17900 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. For more information or to apply for an interview, call 734-522-0069.

**Livonia Towne Club meeting**

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

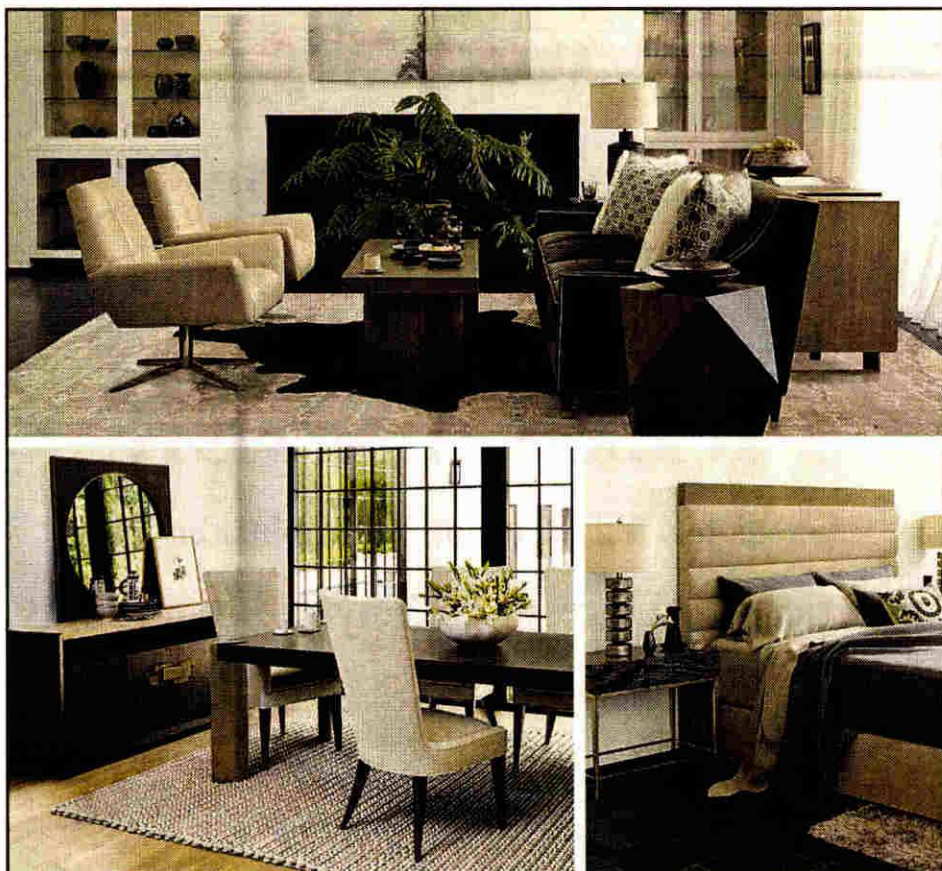
**Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support group**

The Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support group meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, in Garden City. The meetings include speakers and open table talk meetings. Donations are accepted.

For more information, go to [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com) or call 734-981-2519.

**Memorial Day parade planning**

The Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Council will be holding planning meetings for next year's parade, which will be held Sunday, May 26, 2019. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of most months at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/veterans.parade.council](http://www.facebook.com/veterans.parade.council) or call 313-576-7268 or 734-355-4569.



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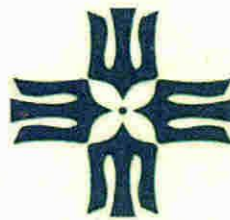
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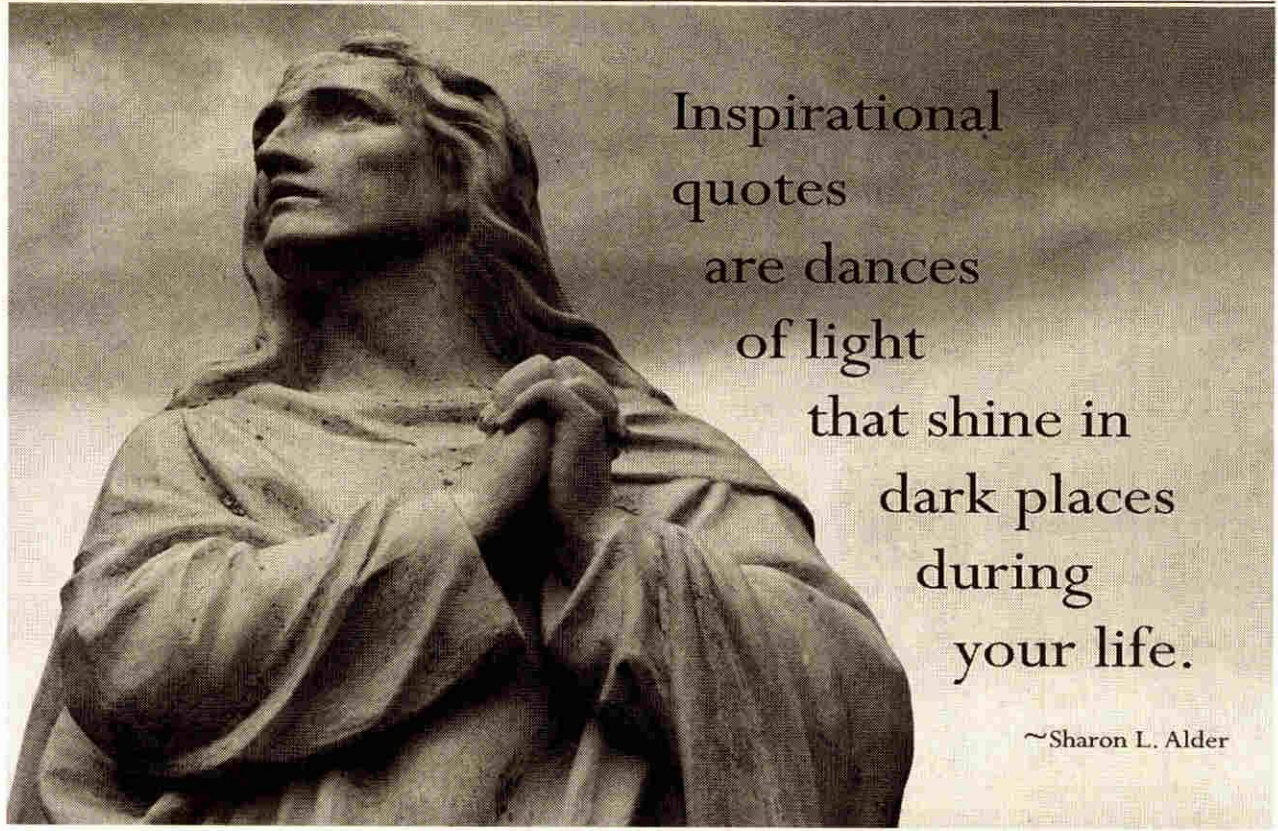
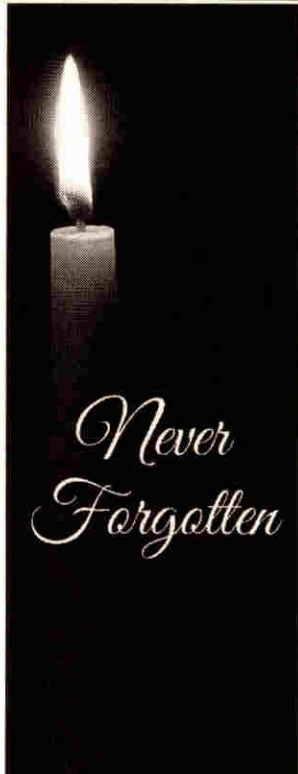
# Obituaries

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## William H. Prowse

LIVONIA - William H. Prowse, age 79, of Livonia, passed away on December 25, 2018. Beloved father of William J. (Andrea) and Jeffrey (Melissa). Cherished grandfather of William Jr., Emma, and Madison. Loving brother of Karen. Visitation Wed, Jan 2, from 5-9pm at Harry J Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral service, Thurs Jan 3 at 12pm (in state at 11am) also at the funeral home.

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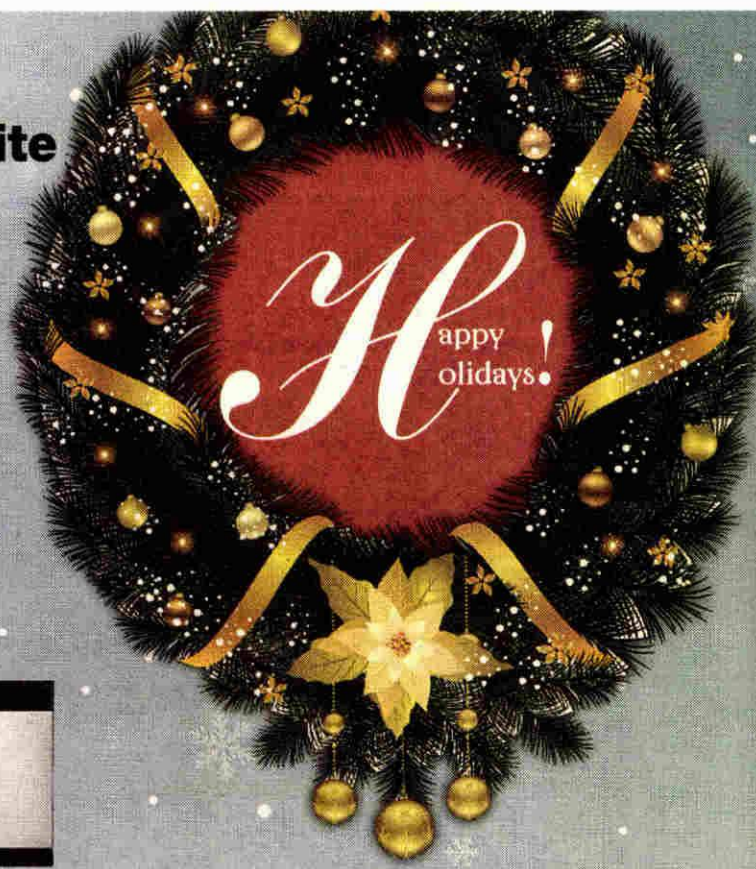
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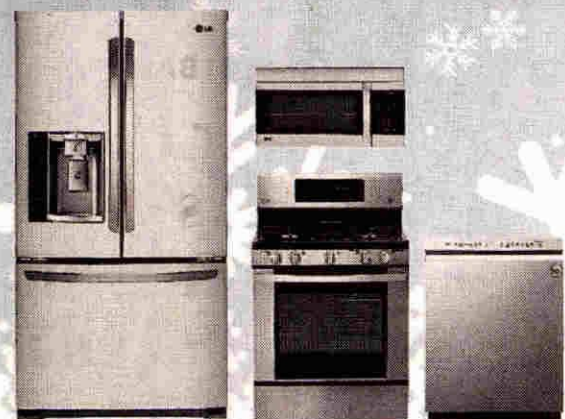
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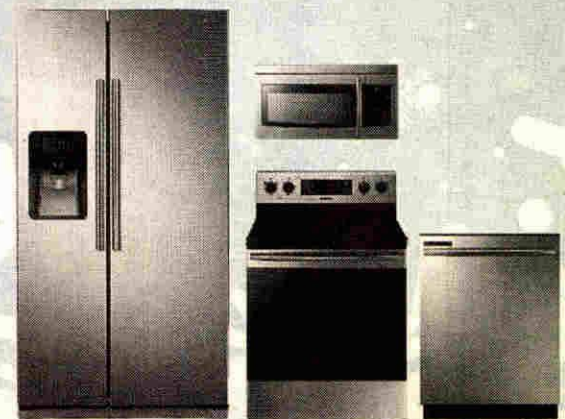
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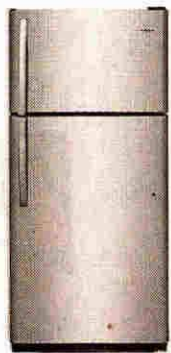
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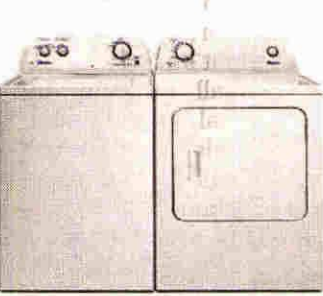
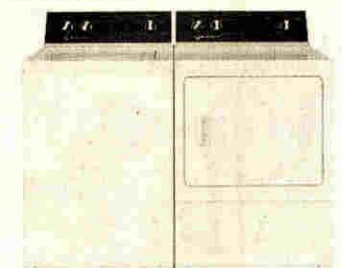


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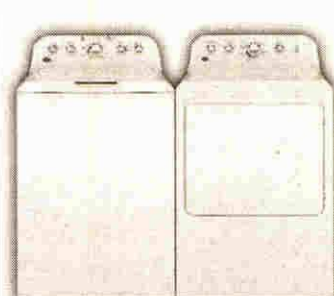


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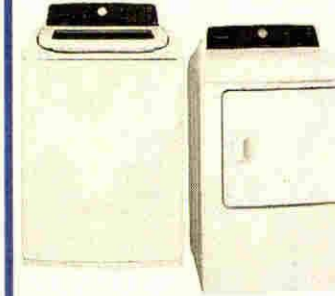
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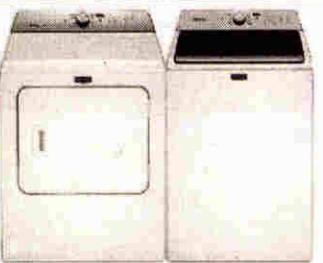
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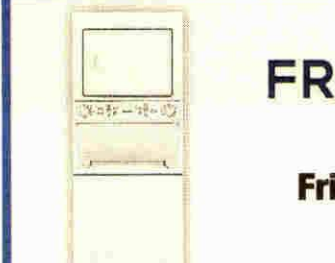
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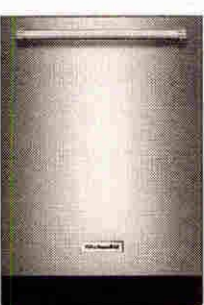
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# Sports

PREP HOCKEY

## Salem wins goalie battle, 2-1

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**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

One night after a tough loss against Plymouth, the Salem Rocks wondered if the Arctic Edge just wasn't their rink as they trailed the host Canton Chiefs most of Dec. 22 matchup.

They dominated the shots on goal category, but as the third period began Canton junior goalie Jaxon Taylor frustrated them at every turn.

And then Salem senior forward Colin Goleniak banged home a rebound during a 5-on-3 power play to finally solve Taylor. And Goleniak scored again with time running out in overtime to give the Rocks a 2-1 victory.

"We talked in between periods about, you can be happy with your shot total," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmacher, whose team (now 5-4-1) was ranked third in Division 1 as of Dec. 12. "But the reality is if you shoot the puck from outside the dots and you've got nobody in front it's just a turnover."

"So we really made a conscious effort to go to the net with a purpose. That's a classic example of what happens."

On the winner, at 7:52 of the eight-minute OT, junior defenseman Anthony Gattoni spun around a whipped a wrist shot from the left circle that bounced in off Goleniak as he cut in front of Taylor.

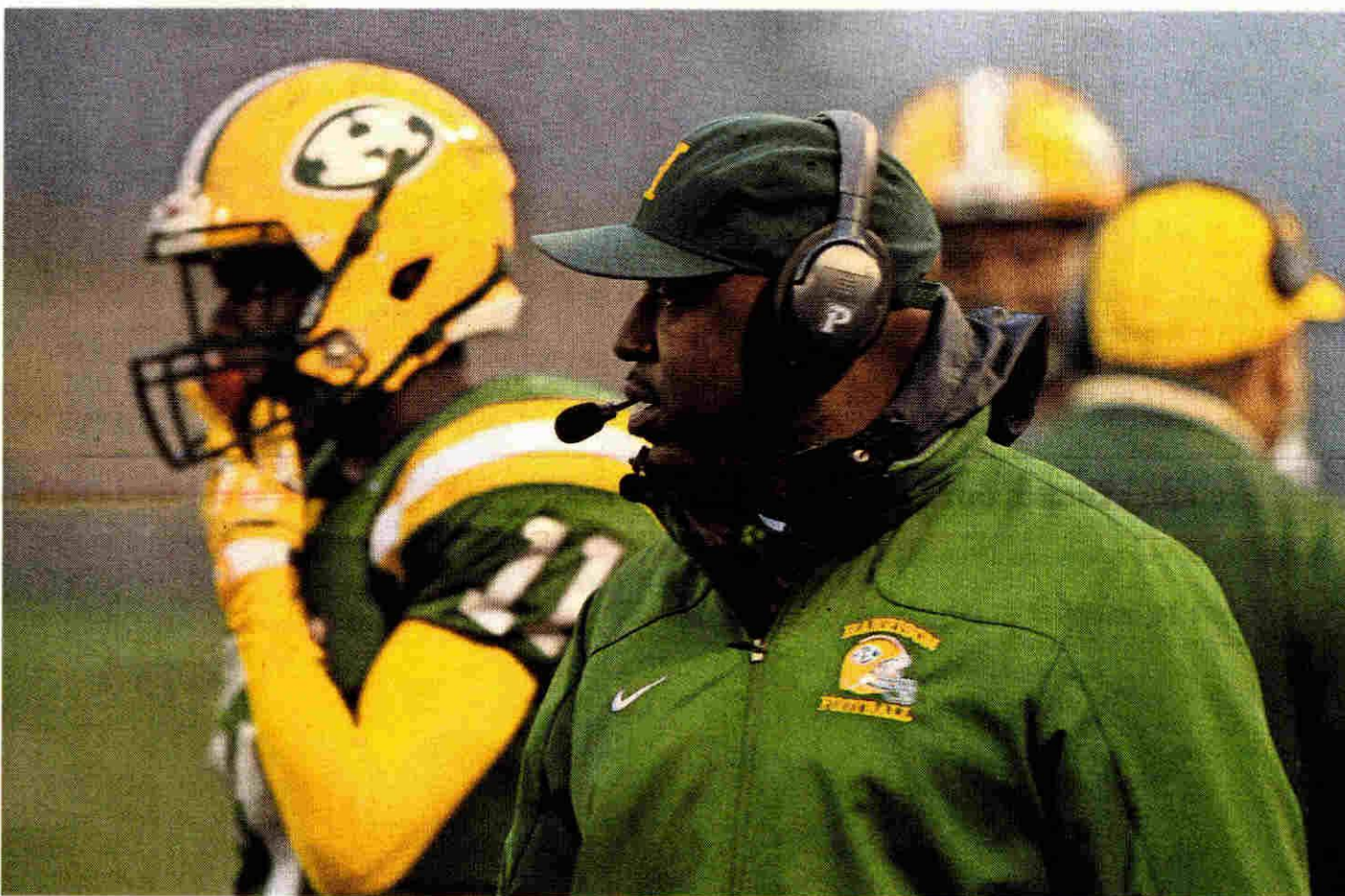
"I think it hit Goleniak up front and it



Salem's Nick Brosky (14) battles with Canton's Declan O'Hare (17) for a puck in the neutral zone. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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PREP FOOTBALL



Former player and current coach Mill Coleman. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

## Meyer new hire as Clarenceville football coach

**Brad Emons**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livonia Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy believes he's getting an early stocking stuffer after announcing just prior to the Christmas holiday break that Bob Meyer has been named the school's new varsity football coach.

Meyer, who stepped down last fall following 14 seasons as the head coach at Walled Lake Central, posted a 71-71 career record with the Vikings, including one MHSAA Division 2 semifinal appearance (2010) and four district championships, while qualifying for the playoffs seven times. He also captured three Kensington Lakes North Division titles and one KLAA crown.



Meyer

"I would say it's a great hire not only for our football program, but our school in general," Murphy said. "He's more about athletic department than he is just football. Everything he does, he wants everybody to do it... like promoting student-athletes and promoting doing the things the right way."

Meyer replaces Ryan Irish, who resigned following a tumultuous 0-9 season in 2018 where the Trojans were forced to forfeit four varsity games due to low player numbers and injuries.

Irish served two stints as the Trojans' head coach going 24-23 from 2005-09 (with one playoff appearance in 2008) and 6-37 the past five seasons.

In 2013 under coach Ken Fry, Clarenceville made it all the way the Division 5 semifinals before finishing 12-1.

The Trojans also enjoyed great success during the early 2000s under coach Greg Hudkins, who guided Clarenceville to the 2001 Division 5 championship final and the Division 6 state

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## Who are Harrison's GOATs?

**Marty Budner**  
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It wasn't easy — and that's an understatement.

Try picking an all-time Farmington Harrison football team. It's an extraordinary undertaking.

Think about it.

Those 13 state championships, 28 league championships, 64 all-state players and countless all-league selections. That's an exhausting array of talent.

So picking 49 players for an all-time list of Harrison's greatest players was an arduous task.

The first question. Why 49? Why not 50? Why not 75, 80, 100?

Well, 49 represents Harrison's lifetime.

Hall of Fame head coach John Herrington, like the alpha and omega, was

there from beginning to end. The first Hawks football team took the field in 1970 (finishing with a 3-4-1 mark) and the last Harrison game took place Nov. 9 against Chelsea — a span of 49 years.

One player for each year of existence.

My list was then broken down into the "State 13" players. Why 13? That's the school's total number of state championships — the Michigan High School Athletic Association record.

The list is further broken down into the next "League 28" (representing to total number of league crowns Harrison won over the years) and finally the "Elite Eight."

Now understand, this list is mine alone and totally subjective. My picks are based on extensive consultation with people highly familiar with the program.

The criteria centered around four

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John Miller, Mill Coleman and Drew Stanton jerseys are on display in the athletic hallway at Harrison High School. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Hartland makes statement with win over Rice

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Livingston Daily  
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Owen Pietila commanded respect, even though he was a new face on a Hartland boys hockey team that was coming off a state championship.

Pietila, who decided to play high school hockey his senior year, was named one of the alternate captains for the Eagles before he ever played an official game.

"It's definitely an honor," he said.

Hartland coach Rick Gadwa loves the intangibles that Pietila brings to the team. During his first big rivalry game as an Eagle, Pietila displayed plenty of talent, as well.

Pietila scored a natural hat trick Dec. 15 in top-ranked Hartland's 5-1 victory over third-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice in a clash of state Division 2 powers in the KLAAs-MIHL Showcase at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

Pietila scored at 14:58 of the first period, 2:26 of the second and 6:22 of the third to give Hartland a 4-0 lead. Defenseman John Druskinis had the other two goals.

"He's got a lot of experience," Gadwa said. "He's a big-time hockey player. He comes in, you see him try to find his way a little bit. Today, he blossomed. He owned every battle. He got the puck to the net. He scored goals. He did everything. We're going to look for that in the future out of him. He leads by example for us."

Pietila came into the game with three goals and three assists in eight games.

He followed the same path as his cousin Jed Pietila, who came out for Hartland as a senior two years ago. Jed was also named an alternate captain, making the all-state team.

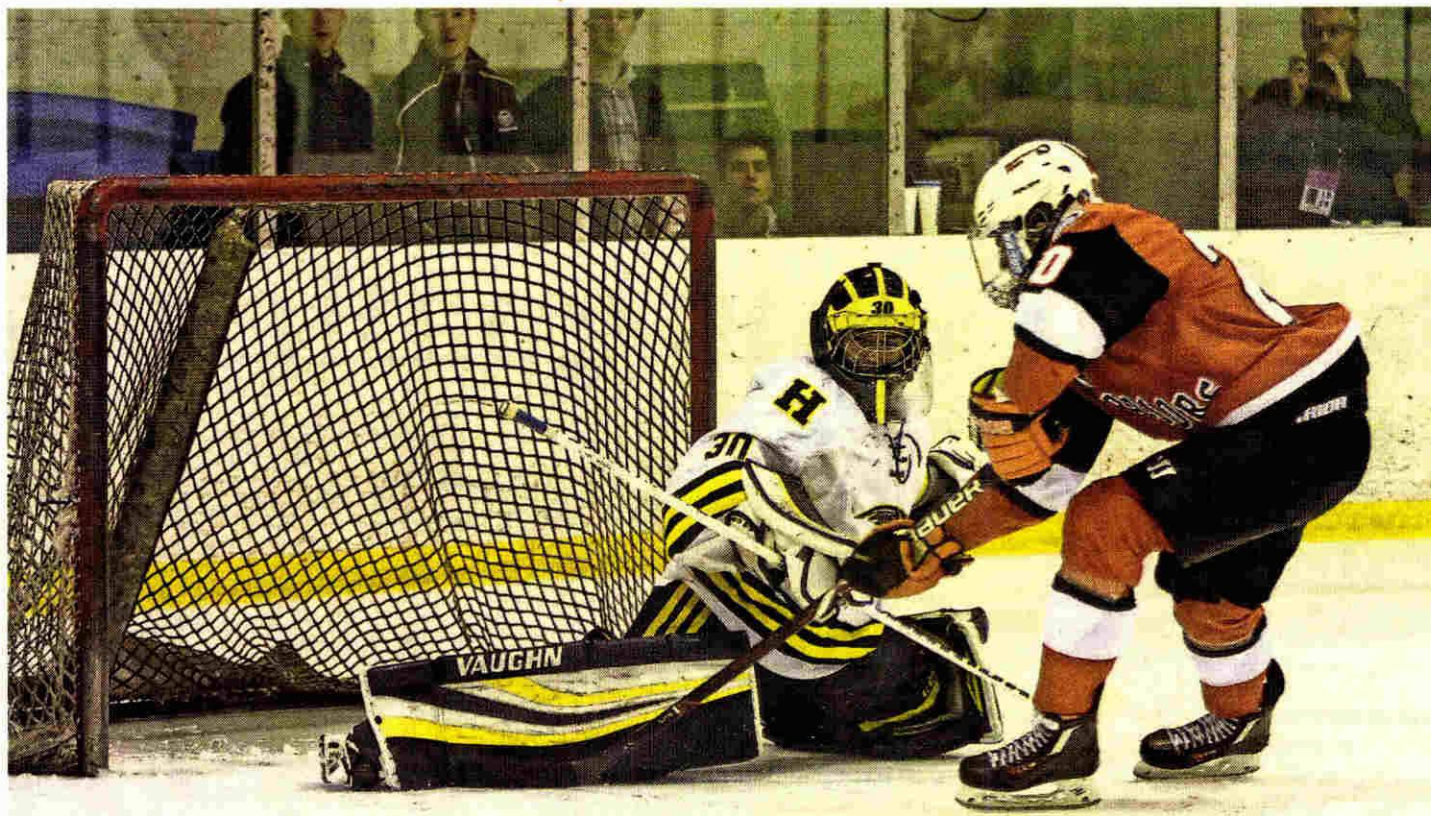
"It's his leadership," Gadwa said. "We saw it even in the summer and fall and the preseason stuff and the level he's played. He brings that high compete level. Then you watch him lead the guys in the room and so forth. He does a good job of that."

Asked what brought him out this season after playing in the Honeybaked travel program, Pietila said: "The atmosphere. I've got family playing. Just a combination of things."

This was a bit of a statement game for Hartland, which lost 4-0 and 4-1 to Brother Rice the past two seasons.

"Those kind of performances are what you look for in your team to answer the bell," Gadwa said. "We've been tested this year. Brother Rice-Hartland is always a game. We responded real well today. I was happy with our team effort."

Druskinis opened the scoring at 4:37 of the first period, when he was sprung



Hartland goalie Brett Tome makes a save on a shot by Chris Andoni during the Eagles' victory over Birmingham Brother Rice. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

**Brother Rice ruined Brett Tome's shutout bid when Ryan Murphy scored during a five-on-three power play with 7:02 left in the game.**

free for a breakaway by a pass from Kieran Carlile.

Druskinis also had Hartland's final goal at 8:31 of the third period to make it 5-0.

"I definitely try to be an offensive defenseman and help our team out," said Druskinis, who has five goals and four assists in nine games. "Getting a goal was good. It helped our team get out to a 1-0 start; that was big."

Brother Rice ruined Brett Tome's shutout bid when Ryan Murphy scored during a five-on-three power play with 7:02 left in the game. Tome made 25 saves.

"We put ourselves in a hole," Brother Rice coach Kenny Chaput said. "Sometimes you can't get out of it. They deserved what they got tonight, but the next time they see us, they better be ready for a different game."



Owen Pietila (right) had a natural hat trick for Hartland. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## United's McColl skates away with weekly honor

**Marty Budner**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Dec. 13 turned out to be quite a lucky day for Ben McColl.

A senior forward on the Farmington United boys hockey team, McColl learned early that afternoon that he had won the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honor. Later that day, he celebrated his team's thrilling 4-3 overtime victory over Lake Orion at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Just like his team survived a tough battle against Lake Orion, McColl survived a back-and-forth battle for Athlete of the Week honors against Novi Detroit Catholic Central hockey player Kyle Gaffney.

The two were in a hot race all week for the weekly honor.

McColl rallied late and finished with 8,378 votes to earn 49 percent of the votes cast in the weekly poll. Gaffney had 4,584 votes to finish as runner-up. Marian basketball player Sophia Mancini was third with 3,656 votes.

"I was notified about it on Twitter and I got my friends to vote for me," McColl said. "I looked this morning and my friends were texting me and my family and they were all congratulating me. It was great. It was really cool to win it."

McColl has helped lead Farmington United to an 8-1-1 record through 10 games and leads the team in scoring. He's produced 16 goals and eight assists for 24 points.

McColl is more than satisfied with the strong start both team-wise and personally, considering this is the first season for Farmington United, a combination of players from all three Far-



Senior captain Ben McColl (left), who leads Farmington United in scoring, was voted Hometown Life's Prep Athlete of the Week. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

mington Public Schools district high schools.

"We got off to a great start. We came together real early, work together real hard and we bonded," said McColl, who attends North Farmington High School. "I didn't think we'd come together this quick, but it's been great. We have great lines, we have a deep team and I think we can be really successful this season."

McColl, 17, played his first three years of varsity hockey with the Flyers, a combined team that included players from North Farmington and Harrison high schools. He was their leading scorer the last two years.

"This year, the chemistry of our line on the ice has been real good," he said. "We have been working together real good and it's coming alone. Me, Collin

(Rea) and Tony (Eaton) are supporting each other, grinding out there and not getting down. Everything is just positive out there."

Farmington United head coach Brad Levick said McColl's been a good leader as a captain.

"Ben's definitely been on a scoring streak this year," Levick said. "He may have at least a goal a game and we can always look for him for some goals, and we need him on the defensive end too. His linemates have helped him out. They mesh well together."

"He's good for our team," he added. "He's a captain and he's a good leader."

As our Athlete of the Week, McColl has agreed to answer a series of get-to-know-you questions.

**What has been the key to your strong play so far this year?** This off-season has been key to my success over the summer I decided to push myself harder than ever before. And having a strong team helped me build self-confidence.

**Who is your hockey role model and why?** Evgeni Malkin. I try to base my type of play off of how he plays. He is a big skill player who uses his size to his advantage.

**What is your all-time favorite movie and why?** "21 Jump Street" because they're fools.

**Your favorite subject in school and why?** Math, because I really enjoy problem-solving.

**If you could go any place in the world, where would you go and why?** I would go to Bali, because how clear the water is and I would just like a get away on a beach.



# HOCKEY

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bounced down and hit me, and I had no clue where it was," said Taylor, who stopped 47 of 49 Salem shots. "... They hit a lot of posts especially early on in the game. We can't get all the bounces to go our way."

Canton head coach John Bartle praised his team's resolve and grit, but lamented the final result.

"It's tough to take with eight seconds left," Bartle said. "It's a tough pill to swallow, but good for them (the Rocks). They battled."

"Like I told the boys, win, lose or draw I think this finally gave us respect in the Park and that's what we've been looking for."

## Finding a way

According to Goleniak, the win was another example of grinding to the end.

"We weren't getting the bounces we'd like, we were hitting a lot of posts," Goleniak noted. "We were getting pucks deep, ... their goalie was playing great, I'll give it to him."

"But at the end of the day we continued to get pucks deep and continued to hem them in. We kept a lot of pressure on them, finally a few bounces went our way."

Salem sophomore goalie Gavin Hall (24 saves) also was strong between the pipes, although not quite as busy as Taylor.

"This is Gavin's third game and he's now 3-0," Ossenmacher said. "He's played well when he's been called upon."

The Chiefs (7-4-0-1) opened the scoring at 6:57 of the second period when senior captain Alex Poe ripped a shot from the right circle past Hall. Assisting were sophomore forwards Declan O'Hare and Lauden Santo.

On the play, a Salem defender lost his stick and the puck caromed over to the wide-open Poe.



Colin Goleniak



Canton's Hadley Hudak (left) tries to put the clamps down on Salem's Colin Goleniak (71). TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## In good position

Salem then had a number of dangerous scoring chances, particularly when Goleniak's line was on the ice. The Rocks outshot Canton 16-8 in the middle frame, but came away empty handed.

Things changed at 3:48 of the third with Goleniak deadlocking the KLAAs Black Division contest. He found a loose puck to the left of Taylor and roofed it.

Junior forward Alex Schaumburger and sophomore forward Nathan Zyluk drew the assists. Also bothering Taylor in front of the paint on the play was junior forward Ethan Granowicz.

Salem kept the pressure turned up throughout much of the remainder of regulation and throughout overtime. It looked as though both teams would leave Arctic Edge with one point each.

But the Rocks found a loose puck in the Canton zone, and Gattoni made sure to get a shot off.

Whether it hit Goleniak in the chest and went in (as Canton contended) or was deftly tipped in (Salem's version), the puck was behind Taylor and Salem players were mobbing each other near the visitors' bench.

"He's a greasy player," said Ossenmacher, about Goleniak. "He finds openings in small areas and more often than not if he gets the opportunity he's going to put it in the back of the net."

## Making strides

Second-year coach Bartle, meanwhile, talked about the growth his young team (which has nine sophomores in the lineup) continues to make.

"This is a conference game and more importantly a Park game, so that's big," Bartle said. "I agree, I thought they had some great chances. Jaxon played great. We had our chances too. I was happy with how the boys played."

"We have a young group, stacked full of sophomores, nine of them. So for being such a young team I was really proud of them."

Taylor, meanwhile, said the overtime loss against a ranked team in front of a capacity crowd is something of a moral victory.

"We want to rebrand the image of Canton hockey," Taylor noted. "We want people to take it seriously, we want that kind of turnout at every single game. We want the support and we want to play the good competition."

"Hopefully we can keep playing teams like them, and when we got Plymouth next week hopefully we can take some of that same energy and go in with the same energy."

## Back for more

Salem dropped a heartbreaking 3-2 decision Friday night to the Wildcats, also at Arctic Edge. Ossenmacher acknowledged that coming right back for a second Park rivalry game in two nights was a challenge.

"Last night was pretty draining for our guys, obviously battled 51 minutes, played a hard game, battled all the way back and have some chances at the end," he said. "Today could have gone one of two ways, you come in and you're completely drained and you have nothing, or you find something."

"I thought we did a good job finding something especially late."

The Rocks now go to Traverse City for their annual appearance at that city's holiday tournament.

On Thursday, Salem will go up against undefeated Saginaw Heritage (No. 2 in the state).

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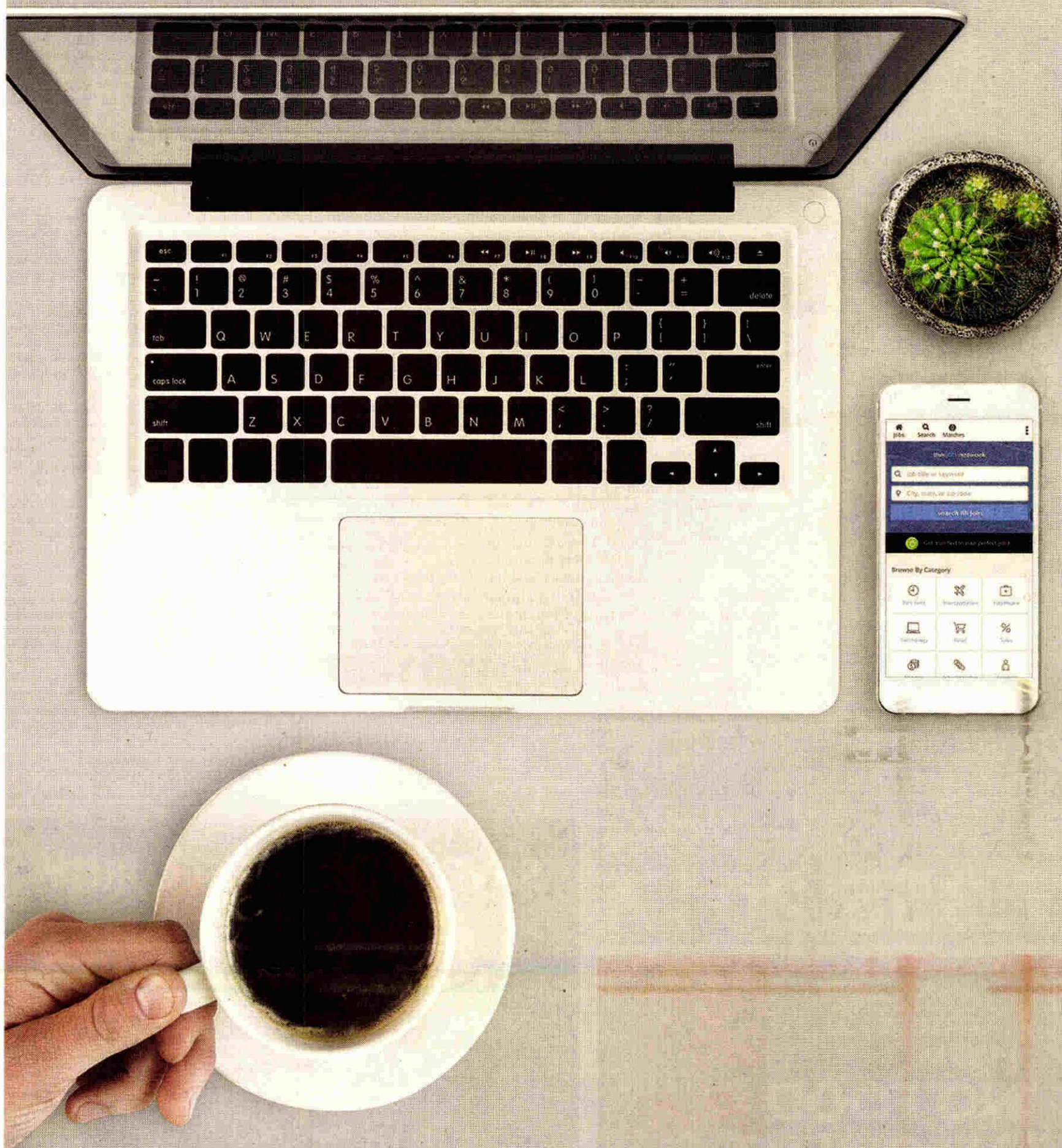


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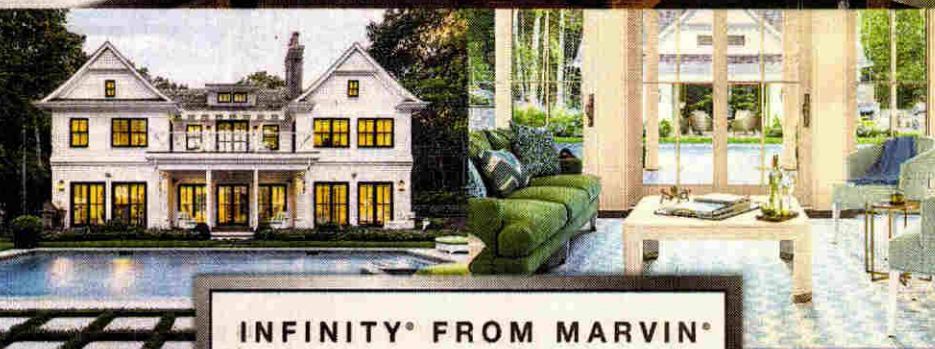
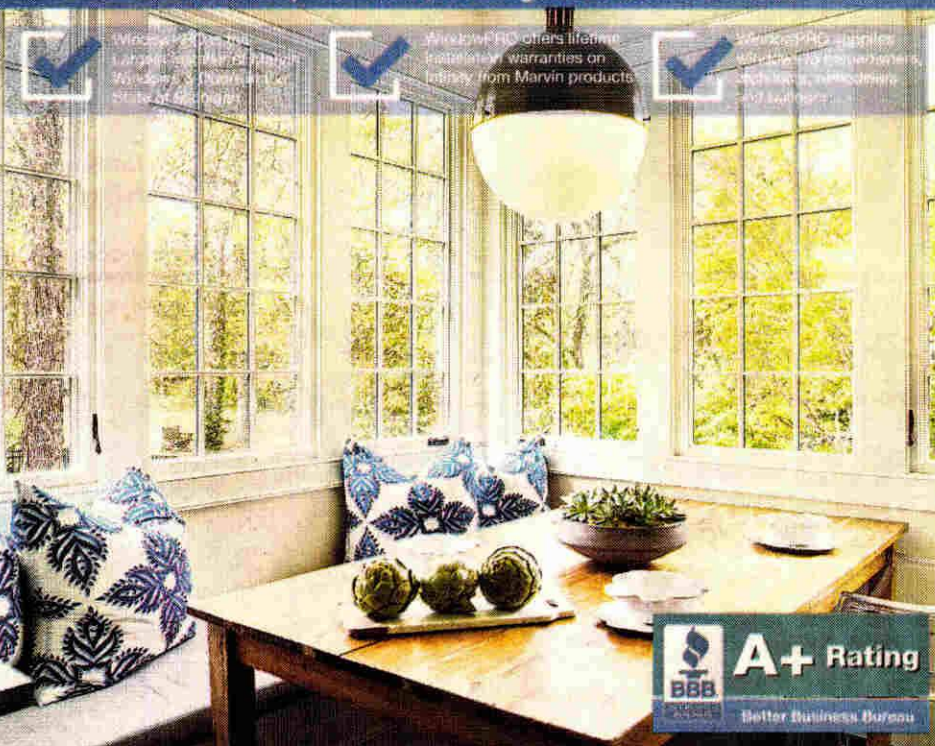
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## CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2018-12-02-22 submitted by Maya Enterprises, Inc.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 19.06 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a full-service restaurant (Maya Cocina Mexicana) at 33018 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Mayfield Avenue and Farmington Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 3.

**Petition 2018-12-02-21 submitted by Maya Enterprises, Inc.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 10.03(j) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to utilize a Class C liquor license (sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on the premises) in connection with the operation of a full-service restaurant (Maya Cocina Mexicana) at 33018 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Mayfield Avenue and Farmington Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 3.

**Petition 2018-12-02-23 submitted by Livonia Healthcare Real Estate, L.L.C.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(n) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a nursing and physical rehabilitation facility at 8834 Wayne Road, located on the southeast corner of Wayne Road and Ann Arbor Trail in the Southwest ¼ of Section 33.

**Petition 2018-12-02-24 submitted by KAC Livonia, L.L.C.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct an addition, increase the number of service bays and renovate the exterior of the existing automobile and truck repair facility (Kirk's Auto Care) at 31390 Plymouth Road, located on the northeast corner of Plymouth and Merriman Roads in the Southwest ¼ of Section 26.

**Petition 2018-12-03-02 submitted by Trinity Health Senior Communities,** pursuant to Council Resolution #420-18 and Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing water main easement 1A within the Marycrest Senior Housing and Healthcare Campus at 15475 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Puritan Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 14.

**Petition 2018-12-03-03 submitted by Trinity Health Senior Communities,** pursuant to Council Resolution #421-18 and Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing water main easement 1B within the Marycrest Senior Housing and Healthcare Campus at 15475 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Puritan Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 14.

**Petition 2018-12-03-04 submitted by Trinity Health Senior Communities,** pursuant to Council Resolution #422-18 and Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing water main easement 2A within the Marycrest Senior Housing and Healthcare Campus at 15495 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Puritan Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 14.

**Petition 2018-12-03-05 submitted by Trinity Health Senior Communities,** pursuant to Council Resolution #423-18 and Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances of the City of Livonia, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing water main easement 2B within the Marycrest Senior Housing and Healthcare Campus at 15495 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Five Mile Road and Puritan Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 14.

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

**Ian Wilshaw, Chairman  
 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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## How to negotiate maternity leave with your employer

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Whether you're pregnant or merely thinking about expanding your family, it's important to know how to address the issue with your employer. We know it can be tricky to navigate the discussion, so we've compiled some tips on how to approach the topic with your boss.

### Know what kind of leave you're owed

Many companies offer some kind of paid maternity or parental leave (which can include paternity leave or the time to care for a newly adopted child). The length of time can vary, so be sure to check your own company's policies to see what the baseline is. With paid leave, the company pays for a certain number of weeks off.

If your company doesn't offer paid leave, or you want to take additional time off for parental leave, then you could be covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). FMLA leave is unpaid, but it ensures that your job will be secure for up to 12 weeks' absence. This kind of leave can be used flexibly for any family purpose—like maternity or paternity leave, or caring for a sick relative.

### Have a plan in place

Before you go to your boss, know what you're planning to do. How many weeks of paid (or unpaid) leave are you expecting to take? Will you have a mix of paid and unpaid leave? When will it start? When do you anticipate being back? Are you seeking a flexible work schedule once you're back to work?



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When you're planning for your leave, know what it is you want. If your company has a flexible policy or if you're hoping to negotiate terms outside of the stated leave policy, knowing what your options are and what you want to get out of the discussion is key. The more you have figured out up front, the better you'll be able to present a sensible plan to your boss and negotiate as necessary.

As you prep for your meeting with your boss (in person is best, even if you'll have to file a written parental leave plan later), it can also help to have information and statistics about how

parents and children benefit from that initial bonding time, and how self-care improves outcomes for new parents and their babies.

### Don't wait too long

It's better to start talking with your boss about your plans as soon as you feel comfortable disclosing your pregnancy status. You don't have to announce it to your entire work world just yet, but kicking things off with a confidential discussion with your boss gives you (and your company) the time you'll

need to plan ahead for your leave.

### Negotiate to get the leave you want

Negotiating leave is pretty similar to negotiating your initial job offer or when you want a raise. Like with any other negotiation, it's important to approach it with realistic expectations. Sure, in an ideal world you'd have, say, a year off with pay. In reality, most workplaces offer a limited number of weeks, so it's unlikely you'd be able to negotiate a huge extension of existing policy.

Instead, make sure your plan balances what you want and need for your family with your company's expectations. It may be that you can get more time, but at a reduced salary. Or maybe you can create a flexible schedule where you work a different schedule or part-time for a certain period of time. If you're seeking something above and beyond your company's stated policy, be ready to compromise and have other options in mind (like unpaid leave beyond a certain point if your employer can't or won't extend a certain amount of paid leave).

If you give yourself the time to hash this out with your employer and have all the necessary information at your disposal, you'll be able to come up with a plan that works for you, while keeping your professional life on track. And don't forget that haggling over these things now might seem stressful, but it can help you get the most out of your parental leave when the time comes.

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

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 Case #1356 (re-hearing), Michael and Kylene Lustri, 32721 White Oaks Trail, to be granted a variance from Section 22.08.100 to keep an existing deck in the required side open space.  
 Case #1360, PRM Custom Builders LLC, 7457 Franklin, Ste 230, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48301, for property at 32650 Eastlady Drive, to be granted a variance Section 22.24.010 (a) to build a new home that will be 96.6 feet from the front lot line.  
 Case #1361, Cecile Stone, 18180 Kirkshire Ave, to be granted a variance from Section 22.24 to build an attached garage that will be 7 feet from the east, side lot line.  
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 — law (computer industry rule)
  - 7 WWII prez
  - 10 Argus-eyed
  - 15 Turn sharply
  - 19 Haul in
  - 20 Mendacity
  - 21 Nerve
  - 22 Caucus state
  - 23 Luau libation
  - 24 Hearth waste
  - 25 Slight residue
  - 26 Again
  - 27 \*Ad Council bloodhound
  - 31 Et — (plus more)
  - 32 Roly-poly layouts
  - 46 Pen's tip
  - 48 String after Q
  - 49 Have — of hope
  - 50 Gp. for fillers and drillers
  - 51 \*At a short distance
  - 56 \*Metro section manager
  - 59 Deadeye's skill
  - 60 TCBY treats
  - 61 Bloom holder
  - 62 PC pictures
  - 63 Fetus feeder
  - 65 Kotter of TV
  - 66 Juan's "this"
  - 68 Henry VIII's third Catherine
  - 69 \*Tool whose teeth rotate
  - 72 Costello and Holtz
  - 76 Baseballer Slaughter
  - 78 Brogan part
  - 79 Sloping
  - 81 Bacon piece
  - 84 Gone
  - 85 Antsy feeling
  - 86 Color tone
  - 87 \*It may show acidity
  - 90 \*Divorcée in 1991 news
  - 92 Min. segment
  - 93 Segment
  - 94 Suffix with 114-Down
  - 95 Chargers linebacker Manti —
  - 96 \*Yale, e.g.
  - 102 Tips, as a cap
  - 106 Chilling
  - 107 Golfer Trevino
  - 108 Batter
  - 110 Taxi readout
  - 111 What the double-digit Roman numerals at the starts of the answers to the starred clues add up to
  - 118 Mud in a cup
  - 121 Haikus, e.g.
  - 122 22nd letter
  - 123 Goopy camp treats
  - 124 All tied up
  - 125 Shul scroll
  - 126 Be off
  - 127 Unseat
  - 128 Like paraffin
  - 129 Lacking pity
  - 130 Negatives
  - 131 First phases
  - 43 Big name in Art Deco
  - 44 "We did it!"
  - 45 "See you"
  - 47 Wild horse
  - 51 Cartoonist Al
  - 52 Oscar winner Kedrova
  - 53 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
  - 54 No voters
  - 55 On or about
  - 56 Coup group
  - 57 Morse "E"
  - 58 "That's what — service!"
  - 61 One paid to park cars
  - 64 Sweet filling
  - 65 Event invitee
  - 66 Sup at home
  - 67 Try to hit, as a fly
  - 70 Snow-pure
  - 71 Epic story
  - 73 Aloha Stadium site
  - 74 "One," on a U.S. coin
  - 75 Process unit
  - 77 Coll. in Lower Manhattan
  - 80 Filled up
  - 81 Cow of ads
  - 82 Kitchen filter
  - 83 Burlesque dancer Lili
  - 84 Llama locale
  - 85 2004 Chevy debut
  - 88 Mudbath site
  - 89 "It" game
  - 90 Feeling bliss
  - 91 Vane locales
  - 94 Freezes
  - 97 Church chant
  - 98 "Ickyl!"
  - 99 Full of melting snow
  - 100 Fiats
  - 101 Spanish plural article
  - 103 — Islands (Danish chain)
  - 104 Least limited
  - 105 Has a feeling
  - 109 Botch
  - 112 Goes (for)
  - 113 Blow a horn
  - 114 Saving sort
  - 115 Arab nation
  - 116 Drusilla divorced him
  - 117 Marvel mutants
  - 118 Shul-goer
  - 119 Gardner of "The Bribe"
  - 120 Nettle

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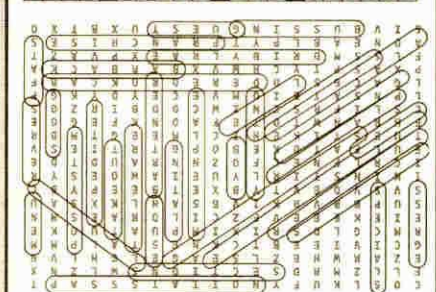
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- A LA CARTE
- BACKORDERED
- BAR BACK
- BARTENDER
- BUSSING
- BYOB
- CASUAL
- CHEF
- DINING
- EARLY BIRD
- EGRESS
- EXPEDITER
- FRANCHISE
- FULL SERVICE
- GOODS
- GUEST
- HOSTESS
- HOUSE
- LINE
- MENU
- MISE EN PLACE
- ON THE FLY
- PASS STATION
- PLATING
- PLATTER
- POS SYSTEM
- SANITIZING
- SECTIONS
- SERVER
- SERVICE
- SPECIALS
- STAFF
- TABLEWARE
- TAKEOUT
- TURNOVER



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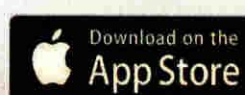
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