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## Kingfa adding 150 jobs in Canton

Company plans to invest \$60M at local facility

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A Canton company is planning to invest \$60 million and create 150 jobs as it ramps up production at its facility on Michigan Avenue, near Beck. Kingfa Science and Technology (USA) Inc., which now

has just 27 employees, expects to add 150 jobs during the next three years, human resources manager Christina Zamenski said Thursday. The company uses plastic compounds to make raw materials for plastic injection molding companies that, in turn, supply parts to the auto industry.

Kingfa is a subsidiary of China-based Kingfa Science and Technology Ltd., and one of the world's largest suppliers of engineering plastic resins. The company opened its Canton facility last March. "We've had steady growth," Zamenski said, adding that 25-30 of the new jobs are expected this year. "Things are going great." The company's growth

comes as the Michigan Economic Development Corp., confirmed Kingfa will receive a \$1 million performance-based grant through the Michigan Business Development Program. Kingfa also is expected to seek tax abatements from Canton Township. Township Supervisor Pat Williams said talks have been ongoing. "Now that it appears it's

coming to fruition, we are nothing but excited," he said, saying the plan brings quality jobs to the Canton area. Kingfa was one of four companies in Michigan to win state support to invest \$76.8 million and add 555 jobs in southeast Michigan, the MEDC announced. Kingfa was chosen over a

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After eight years in business, Sandi McGrew is ready to close Candy Trail and retire.

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## The Candy Trail coming to bittersweet end with closing

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Downtown Plymouth will lose some of its sweetness when Sandi McGrew closes her shop, The Candy Trail. She plans to call it quits by April 1, ending an eight-year run on Ann Arbor Trail, near Main Street. Sammy Davis Jr. sang about "The Candy Man," but McGrew just might be The Candy Woman. She has mixed emotions about closing. "It's bittersweet," she said, but she's ready to work less, "slow down and live my life." McGrew had retired from DTE Energy and the insurance business when she decided to start a new career. She opened her colorful candy shop in March 2009, during the big recession. She had done her research



It's the end of the trail for Candy Trail.

and learned that candy sales tend to spike during tough economic times. It's an inexpensive way to feel better. "People eat candy and it makes them happy," McGrew

said. "They still buy candy in a bad economy." The Candy Trail features Squirrel Nut Zippers, Mary Janes, Laffy Taffy, chocolate Ice Cubes, Sifers Valomilk —

candy that can't always be found just anywhere. She also has two big machines that dispense 21 colors of M&Ms and 24 flavors of Jelly Belly jelly beans. McGrew sells boxes of candy popular by decade, although she has sold out of 1950s sweets. She also has bouquets of candy featuring Black Cows, Reese's Cups, Skors and Hershey bars, among other sweet treats. Candy prices range from 10 cents to \$12.99 a pound for her best-seller, M&Ms, which patrons often buy in bulk for weddings, graduation parties and other special events. As McGrew talked about her business, Plymouth resident Marilyn Wehr stopped in with her grandson, Julian Rummel. Julian looked over the store before he settled on

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## Busch's hiring as spring opening expected in Canton

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Busch's Fresh Food Market has begun hiring employees for its new Canton store, the biggest indication yet of an impending opening. Now projecting a spring opening, officials say the Canton store will have a bar, a restaurant and multi-ethnic food stations to give patrons more options as they buy their groceries. "We think this will be the first and only of its kind of store in Michigan," Busch's spokesman Mort Meisner said. "This store will have something for everyone. We're real excited about it." While no specific opening date is known, Meisner said, "we hope it will be sometime this spring." The projected opening comes four years after Ann Arbor-based Busch's first announced it would open its 16th store inside a renovated building that once housed a Farmer Jack grocery, southeast of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

Busch's has begun hiring what Meisner described as "hundreds" of jobs for its Canton store and other locations. To that end, he said job fairs are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. Meisner said Busch's is seeking to hire bakers, bartenders, cashiers, meat and seafood managers, chefs and other employees. The decision to hire workers is the biggest indication yet that Busch's is finally getting close to opening its Canton store. "Suffice to say, because of the job fair, clearly it's going to be right around the corner," Meisner said. Busch's received site plan and special land use approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees in March 2013 for the store, about 56,000 square feet in size. Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen

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# CANDY

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a six-pack of Soda Pop Fizzy Candy, with flavors such as grape, cola and orange, among others. He also bought one for his brother Liam, 8, and a toy high heel filled with Jelly Bellies for sister Blakely, 3.

"This place is cool," Julian said.

His grandmother agreed, but for a different reason. She bought Butter Rum LifeSavers.

"This is what I ate as a

kid," Wehr said. "It reminds me of mom. She used to keep these in her purse."

McGrew invested in a Pucker Powder machine, which dispenses colorful, sugary powder that patrons can put into a 34-inch plastic sugar tube. Flavors range from sour apple to sweet birthday cake.

"That's a popular one," McGrew said.

She gets her candy from difference places, including Nassau Candy of Livonia, but she doesn't even pretend to know how many differ-

ent candies she sells. One of the items she has on the counter is Hanover's Michigan Mints, chocolate mints that have the shape of the state of Michigan on top.

She also has items such as stuffed animals and children's books in her store.

Perhaps surprising, one of McGrew's slowest times is Halloween. She said most people buy cheaper candy that can be found most anywhere for trick-or-treating.

"Halloween kills me," she said.

As a sendoff to her

patrons, McGrew plans to have a customer appreciation day from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. She expects to close up shop within days after that.

McGrew said she will miss her regular customers and the children who come in when they're out of school.

"The children are so nice," she said. "I will really miss them."

They likely will miss The Candy Woman, too.

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# KINGFA

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competing company in Ohio.

Zamenski said Kingfa's hiring needs are expected to expand this summer and be spread out over three years. She said the growth pertains to new equipment and employees; the actual building isn't being expanded.

Williams said Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas is working with Kingfa for a proposed tax abatement that will be submitted for approval to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, though final details were not yet available.

"It's certainly some-



Kingfa makes raw materials for plastic injection molding.

thing I would be supportive of and would present to the full board when the details mature," Williams said, adding the plan will lead

to "more quality automotive jobs" in the Canton area.

The MEDC said Kingfa is primarily engaged in the research, development, production and sale of modified plastic products, with its main products including flame-retardant resins, reinforced resins, toughened resins and polymeric alloys, among other products.

The MEDC said other companies receiving state support to grow are ABB Inc. of Auburn Hills, Macomb Smoked Meats of Macomb Township and Valeo North America Inc., which plans to expand in Auburn Hills and Troy.

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# BUSCH'S

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Thomas said she had a chance to tour the new store.

"It is going to be absolutely incredible," she said. "It's going to be worth the wait."

Passers-by have noticed work occurring on the Busch's site in recent months, ending a period of years when the project had appeared to stall.

Company officials have said the company delayed the Canton pro-

ject to first focus on remodeling existing stores in Plymouth, South Lyon, Saline and the Green Road site in Ann Arbor. Now, attention has shifted back to Canton.

Thomas Paden, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, has said he and other business leaders often get questions about Busch's. He has commended the company for filling a vacant site, calling it "good for the overall community."

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Busch's Fresh Food Market is hiring as it eyes a spring opening in Canton.

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# Auto dealer Jack Demmer dies at age 93

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Automotive dealer John "Jack" Demmer is being remembered as a good businessman, a family man and supporter of his community.

"He had a passion for the business and people in the business. He loved being part of it, knowing who they were and making people feel special," Jim Demmer said about his father. "He had a special passion and capability for that few people have."

Mr. Demmer, 93, died Jan. 31. Until his health



Jack Demmer

began to fail, Mr. Demmer used to come into the dealership each day. More recently, his son recalled his father would still come in a day or two each week.

Jim Demmer and his brother Bill work at the dealership currently along with Bill's son Matt and daughter Jackie. Over the years, Demmer said all of the family worked at dealership.

"He was an all-around very nice man. I was sorry to hear of his passing. He was the quintessential family man, good man and good businessman," Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said. "He passed that to his family and it will continue his legacy. I don't know of anyone who would say a bad word about him."

Having sold his first

car at 16 — Mr. Demmer's father Charles sold used cars from the family home in Detroit during the 1930s — he worked at the family car lot before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, Mr. Demmer returned to the car lot and attended Wayne State University.

In 1957, Mr. Demmer and a friend, Jimmy Spittler, opened Spittler-Demmer Edsel in a former gas station at the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road in Nankin Township.

"When Ford canceled the Edsel, they had a Lincoln dealership in South Lyon for a few years," Jim Demmer said. Subsequently, a state-of-the-art dealership was built at its current location on Michi-

gan Avenue in Wayne.

"When my parents married, they moved to Dearborn. Wayne and Nankin Township was convenient. He wanted a new car dealership and the franchise was available," Jim Demmer said. "He wanted to be close to home. Family was very important. This was a great opportunity."

Spittler's interest in dealership was bought out in 1975 and it eventually grew into the Jack Demmer Automotive Group, which over the years had dealerships in Farmington and later two locations in Dearborn. The Wayne dealership has been completely remodeled in recent years with an expansion of Quick Lane services.

"On a personal level, my family had been

friends with the Demmer family for years and years. We've done business with the family for years," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "From the first day I decided to run for city council in 2000, Mr. Demmer supported every single fundraiser I ever did. He always took time to write a personal letter of support."

The legacy of Mr. Demmer, Jim Demmer said, is his love of people, faith-based love of God and love of family. "I'm at peace. My father is at peace. He had a very full, rich life. He made many friends. He was wonderful provider and example to live by," he said.

Mr. Demmer died peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret; children Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Bill (Sharon), Jim (Linda), Marianne (Art) Nelson and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (nee: Dudek) Demmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services or to Angela Hospice.

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## Make certain public libraries are involved in tax talks

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Communities support their libraries and 98 percent of library funding is local. Voters go to the polls and choose to support their libraries by approving a dedicated library millage. Many times tax capture authorities, such as DDAs



**Jim Runestad**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

or TIFAs, take a portion of this millage to use on their own projects. These locally dedicated taxes — approved by voters for library funding — may be captured without the knowledge or approval of the voting taxpayers.

When proposed special library mileages disclose the required tax capture allocation, the mileages are more easily defeated. Moreover, when the tax capture is not transparent and the voters do not understand where these funds are being diverted, the voters will be less likely to support the library in the future.

When voters approve a millage they expect that money will go to that purpose, in this case, the

library. Astoundingly, one library in our state is subject to 13 separate tax captures siphoning from its millage. More dollars are being captured from this library than the library spends on all collections material for the year: books, eBooks, videos, DVDs and audio. Another library has the equivalent of 47 percent of its budget captured. Libraries are faced with eliminating resources, services and programming for their public, cutting staff and reducing the hours they remain open.

Libraries want to be partners and have a seat at the table to work in collaboration with these entities investing in our communities. Once signed by our governor, legislation passed this year will ensure more transparency and respect for the voters' choice at the ballot box and give libraries a voice. This

*Libraries want to be partners and have a seat at the table to work in collaboration with these entities investing in our communities.*

new legislation would allow libraries to opt in for tax capture if they determine the project would be right for their patrons. For example, if the tax capture would enable the development of a new downtown parking lot creating more accessibility, the library could allow the tax capture. Giving libraries the option to opt in or out of tax captures will require more discussion of the value of the capture with the library board and the community.

Most tax captures work harmoniously with their community part-

ners. When the DDA in Milford was formed, it worked with the library, and other special mileages to be sure they were mutually supportive. Libraries would continue to support community projects under this legislation. In addition, with

the implementation of these new laws, libraries would not be able to pull out of any tax capture with a bond or long-term debt that has already been guaranteed. Tax capture entities can make essential projects for our communities come to life. Bringing libraries to the table will expand the dialogue and broaden the base of voter support for future projects.

Jim Runestad is the state representative in the 44th District, which includes Milford, Highland and White Lake townships.

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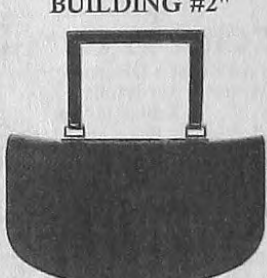
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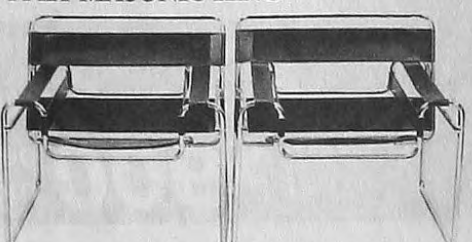
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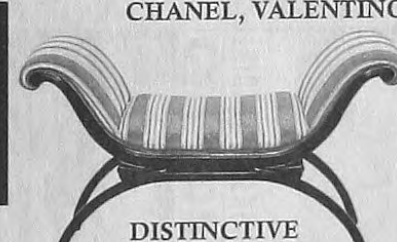
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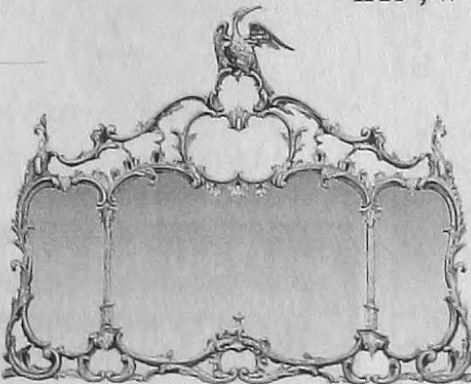
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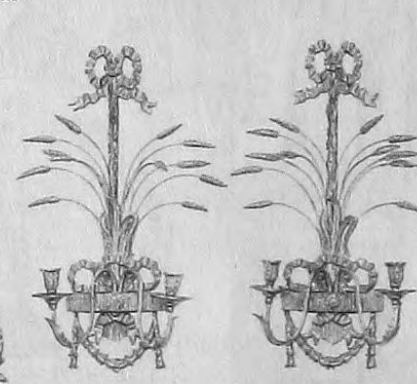
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# Gala helps celebrate factory advances

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Sasha Roberts-Levi considers herself an artist and an education/social reconstructionist, so she's very interested in what the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is building on the 14-acre parcel it bought five years ago in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

Like some 275 others, Roberts-Levi got a bird's-eye view of just how far the partnership's project — an arts and recreation complex that will include space for veterans — has come when she attended last week's gala hosted by the partnership at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

The site includes a dormitory, the Ford factory — both of which are on the National Historic Register — and an industrial warehouse. The site is where Ford had one of 19 village industries, 18 of which were for farmers who could work at the factories during their off-season. The one in Canton served as a factory at which disabled World War II veterans could live in the dormitory, receive rehabilitation and work.

Roberts-Levi, a Redford resident, attended the gala with her husband Robert and five friends. The entire group came away from the gala impressed.

"One of my friends wanted to donate money to support the effort, right on the spot," she said. "There is such a need for work like this — art, history, environmental stewardship and healing trauma, all rolled into one package. I am looking forward to being involved in its development and implementation, far into the future."

Partnership officials moved the gala outside Canton to The Henry Ford, partly to highlight



A toast for the evening.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Partnership for the Arts & Humanities board member Samar Sakakini and husband Khalil Sakakini at the gala.

the fact the complex is a regional project, but also to provide an elegant evening of entertainment.

Local vocalist Grace Rembinski, 13, sang during the event's opening reception and the five-person band Sinjon Smith provided the evening's entertainment. In

addition to dinner, gala-goers were able to enjoy Sanders hot-fudge sundaes and Faygo ice cream floats.

Presenting sponsor was Iron Mountain. Other major sponsors were The Mannik & Smith Group, Toll Brothers, Community Financial Credit Union and MB

goal, which was to celebrate our progress and increase awareness."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden agreed.

"Because of the gala, there are now approximately 300 well-informed individuals in the community who can effectively share the story of this historic regional project," Paden said. "I for certain will be talking about it, because the Village Arts Factory is sure to have a positive impact on our local economy."

Others in the audience were imagining future uses for the Cherry Hill complex. Debbie Cortellini, a Plymouth resident and president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, said she sees many a field trip to the complex in the future of Plymouth-Canton students.

"With all the history that is there to be shared, being a factory for Henry Ford and a residence for veterans, it will be a worthwhile visit," Cortellini said. "It will show the students what a determined community can achieve through hard work and a vision. From the purchase of the land, to where it will be in a year, it is the perfect example of the saying, 'It takes a village.'"

Seeing the event through to fruition was a challenge akin to planning a wedding for Engel and the partnership, what with invitations being sent, programs being made, food and beverage selections, gifts — there was even an after-dinner toast.

"The event was a year in the making," said Engel, who pointed out The Henry Ford had been booked in January 2016. "It was like hosting a wedding and the partnership was the bride and groom both. We are passionate about saving this nationally historic landmark and creating a legacy project for all ages and cultures to gather."

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Partnership Executive Director Jill Engel welcomes the crowd to the gala.

Financial Bank. There were also 10 additional companies sponsor tables.

"The Henry Ford was the perfect venue for the gala, bringing history to life as they unveiled their Village Arts Factory progress video," said Gretchen Ward, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. "It is exciting to see the momentum of the project, its dedication to the historic significance of the space and the impact it will have in our community."

That momentum was highlighted in a 21-minute video produced by Canton Cable TV and narrated by Jill Engel, executive director of the partnership. The video details progress made so far and featured Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Historic District vice chair Melissa McLaughlin, Ford Motor Co. Fund President Jim Vella and state Sen. David Knezek, himself a veteran.

"The video was the highlight, for sure," Engel said. "I truly believed we accomplished our

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All Saints Catholic School's fifth-graders took a trip back to the 1500s as they studied the Renaissance period.

# All Saints students celebrate the Renaissance with festival

All Saints Catholic School's fifth-graders took a trip back to the 1500s as they completed their Renaissance unit in social studies and language arts by hosting a Renaissance Faire, complete with costumes and activities.

"When students are able to participate in these types of activities, they make vivid connections because they are acting out what they are studying," said Stacy Werner, fifth- and sixth-grade social studies teacher. "Now the kids have a greater appreciation for the significant advancements made during the Renaissance era and what a turning point it was in history. Their studies become even more meaningful to them."

In classrooms, activities included building miniature catapults, making sculptures out of soap and painting their own versions of classic Renaissance works. The gymnasium was transformed into an area for skill and agility competitions as students showcased their juggling, jousting and horse racing skills. And no Renaissance activity would be complete without administrators taking their turn in the punishment stocks, while participants tossed cloth balls at them.

The highlight for fifth-grader John Almeda was building his own catapult. "We learned that when the people went to war, they used catapults, so it was fun to make my own," he said.

The afternoon culminated with a Renaissance-style feast in the library, which was transformed into a banquet hall filled with student artwork. The ladies and lords of the fifth grade enjoyed chicken, soup (minus spoons, to adhere to the customs of the time), meat, cheese, fruit and apple juice.

"The students really seemed to enjoy acting out the parts from the era," parent volunteer Angela Klinkhammer said. "You could tell they enjoyed dressing up and using phrases from that era. Overall, they were excited about this day."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Tom+Chee on 'Shark Tank'

Local restaurant Tom+Chee was featured in an all-new ABC "Shark Tank" episode Feb. 3. The episode included updates on the restaurant's business journey, its growing group of franchisees and counsel from Shark Barbara Corcoran.

"We're honored to be featured as part of the Feb. 3 'Shark Tank' episode," said local Tom+Chee owners Paul, Sheryl, Jim and Sue Cox. "We're so proud to be a part of this growing company and really enjoyed being able to meet Barbara and hear her advice for small business owners like ourselves. We are thankful for the continued support of the show, Tom+Chee's founders and our loyal customers here in North-

ville, Troy and Canton."

### Retail space sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently sold a 4,700-square-foot retail center at 41106-41124 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. The seller, RFKI LLC, sold the retail center to Adrian Home Sweet Home, LLC. Robert Hibbert, senior vice president, Brokerage Services at Friedman, represented the seller in this transaction.

### MOD Pizza grand opening

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants will celebrate the grand opening of its newest Michigan MOD Pizza restaurant in Canton on Monday, Feb. 20, with an all-day "Pay What You Want" fundraiser. The new Canton restaurant opened to the

public Jan. 20 and is at 41865 Ford Road.

The "Pay What You Want" event begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through dinner service. Guests can pay an amount of their choosing for their meal, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation to aid the organization in its mission to help students achieve their highest potential through strong community partnerships that enhance the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools educational experience.

"Strong schools are essential to the quality of life and future well-being of our community and this event is a great opportunity for our local community to support our mission of giving back to the Plymouth-

Canton community schools," said Gretchen Ward, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. "As an organization committed to providing a culture of giving, we are excited to welcome MOD Pizza to the community and partner with them for the 'Pay What You Want' day."

### Stella Contracting recognized

Jeff Stella of Stella Contracting Inc. has been recognized for meeting high standards of customer service in home remodeling.

"We're so pleased to award Best of Houzz 2017 to an incredible group of national customer-focused professionals, including Jeff Stella of Plymouth, Mich.," said Liza Hausman, vice

president of Industry Marketing for Houzz. "Stella Contracting was singled out for recognition by our community of homeowners and design enthusiasts for helping to turn their home

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

### Honors

#### University of Dayton

Canton resident Alexander Hayes earned a spot on the fall 2016 dean's list.

#### Ashland University

Dennis Clark of Canton was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester. Clark is majoring in political science

and history. He is also a member of the Diversity on Campus organization. He is the son of Richard and Nancy Clark of Canton. Clark is a 2014 graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School.

#### John Carroll University

Canton residents Norbert Kozlowski, Anastasia Lengel and Riya Shanavas were

named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester.

#### The Citadel

Mitchell Noel of Canton was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

#### White Coat ceremony

Natalie Laurence of Canton, a nursing major at Youngstown State University, was among 96

sophomores to receive "white coats" at a ceremony Jan. 23 in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

"The white coat ceremony is a formal welcome into the nursing profession signifying the transition to clinical learning," said Nancy Wagner, chair of YSU's Department of Nursing. "Beyond nursing skills and

technology, the white coat reminds our students to be kind and compassionate patient advocates."

White coat ceremonies are a tradition at medical schools, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing is now promoting the ceremonies as nursing students transition into their clinical studies.

## 'Detroit Steel' revs up on History Channel series

Laura Colvin  
Livingston Daily

Souped-up street rods seem to race straight through the veins of Adam Genei and his crew at Mobsteel, a car customization shop in Brighton.

Vintage car aficionados can get an inside look as the team – in all its grit and glory – create rare, custom street machines on the new History Channel series "Detroit Steel."

Over eight episodes, the first of which aired last week, viewers will see the evolution of a jacked up four-wheel drive, some low riders, a car built especially to take on a drag strip and more.

"There's something for everyone," Genei said, noting crews spent about six months shooting the series. "We had a great time sharing the cool story of the auto industry and why we're so influenced by cars and why it's in our blood."

"The auto industry here in Detroit captures the American spirit better than anything else; it's what made this country wealthy and prosperous," he added.

In the premiere episode, Genei and the team are tasked with rebuilding a 1956 Oldsmobile Rocket 88. The car starts out in rough shape, but brings back childhood memories for its owner, who worked in the Olds-



Ron Coan (from left), Doug Hanes, co-owners Pam and Adam Genei and Steve Ryan are the crew that keep Mobsteel growing.

*"I feel like I'm getting away with something every day. Like, I'm going to wake up one morning and get caught and told to get back to work."*

**ADAM GENEI**  
owner of Mobsteel

mobile plant for 35 years.

The owner, Mobsteel fabricator Steve Ryan said, came from a family with a combined 300 years in the auto industry.

"It was awesome working with the History Channel; those are the kind of stories we like to

tell," Ryan said, noting film crews followed he and his co-workers to a steel mill, to pick up an assembly line robots for re-purposing and visit numerous other places.

#### Roots

For Genei, who grew up in Brighton and owns

Mobsteel in partnership with his wife Pam – they also live in the community – the passion for the Detroit automotive industry has deep family roots.

One of his grandfathers owned a car dealership, the other was an automotive supply manufacturer; aunts, uncles, cousins and others followed in the same footsteps.

"I was raised in a shop on hard work," Genei said, noting his life philosophy has evolved from a focus on his bank account to a drive toward personal satisfaction and the feeling of a project –



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Mobsteel mechanic Doug Hanes (left) and co-owner Adam Genei chat under the hood of a '79 Ford Bronco the Brighton shop customized in one of the episodes of the History Channel television show, "Detroit Steel."

especially a particularly challenging project – well done.

And although he sometimes puts in 100-hour weeks, his work never seems like a job.

"I feel like I'm getting away with something every day," he said. "Like, I'm going to wake up one morning and get caught and told to get back to work."

Genei is currently in the process of moving Mobsteel and its sister business, Detroit Steel Wheels, under one roof – including a showroom –

at 2121 W. Edsel Ford Freeway in downtown Detroit.

The shop will soon be open to the public, with a grand-opening event in the works for springtime.

For more information, check out mobsteel.com.

The eight-episode "Detroit Steel" series premiered Jan. 28 on the History Channel. The series is Genei's second go-round with reality television crews; "Mobsteel," a similar series, ran on NBCSN in 2015.

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When Robin Reshard gets people together to mingle, they create connections

KEVIN ROBINSON  
USA TODAY NETWORK

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Robin Reshard's downtown Pensacola, Florida, office is steeped in history. Yellowed newspaper clippings and grayscale photos hang above rows of books that detail everything from the Civil War to the lives of musicians performing in the Jim Crow-era Chitlin Circuit.

History is important to Reshard not just because of "what" happened, but "why" it happened. Why some denigrated others because of the color of their skin, or whom they voted for, or whom they prayed to at night.

She has found the easiest way to learn why is to talk and listen. Along with her husband, Lloyd, she's dedicated four years to creating community dialogue through Pensacola Network. The monthly event encourages people of all races, ethnicities, religions and professions to meet, mingle, learn about and forge connections with folks they wouldn't usually encounter in everyday life.

"Oftentimes we get very comfortable in the cocoon of our own experiences and our own lives and the way things were," Reshard said. "Being called to break out of those things makes us uncomfortable, and a lot of times we don't do it."

Once a month some 75 to 100 people gather at Pensacola Network to build relationships and understanding. From community activists to politicians to bankers to everyday working joes, everyone is welcome and equal.

"It's broken down these preconceived barriers," Reshard said. "People have connected not only in terms of person to person, but business to business. So jobs and contracts, business opportunities and information, getting volunteers, getting board members, I think it happens here."



GREGG PACHKOWSKI/USA TODAY NETWORK

For Robin Reshard, the idea behind Pensacola Network is that getting people to break out of their comfortable cocoons and just meet with new people is a great way to start a dialogue.

Reshard, 51, a former U.S. Navy cryptology maintenance instructor, is now creative director at Robert Robino Productions. Her passion is storytelling through books and documentaries and conversation, but her mission is helping people recognize the value in others.

"I think if we remember to value the goodness in others, then we can get through the bad and the ugly in others," she said.

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Q&A WITH ROBIN  
RESHARD

**What does it mean to be an American?**  
It means I have opportunities built on the backs of my forefathers and foremothers, folks I didn't even know, who helped build this country. People who were coming here for more opportunity, some who were forced here, and in being forced here, they made opportunity. To be an American means you forge your way through challenges to make a new way.

**What moment touched and motivated you to start this effort?**  
I had to do my part, my husband and I; we had to do our part to help people see the value in other people.

**What gives you hope and what gives you concern?**  
What gives me hope is that people are good. People are inherently good, I firmly believe that. People want to do the right thing. They want to do the righteous thing. They want to succeed. They want the best for themselves and their family. They want the best for their environment. They want the best for their present and their future. They want to celebrate their history and everything that went into making them who they are. That gives me a lot of hope that goodness and a whole bunch of mercy are at the core of who we are.  
What causes me concern is when people don't see their innate value, the goodness in themselves. When it comes out as trying to hold somebody else down so that they can be celebrated while this other person can be denigrated. That challenges my spirit, for people to think, "For me to shine, I have to dim your light." That challenges me because I believe we can all light up this thing we call planet Earth, and I believe it's much better when we all do that.

**What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?**  
I hope that people are valued for living their purpose on this Earth. We do that through connecting people so that they can get resources. Whether that's a word, an idea, a tip, a deed, a contract, whatever that thing is they need. You're three people from knowing anybody in the world, so we start that connection. Then somebody else starts a connection, and it keeps going until we're all connected.

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- ✓ have not had previous stem cell therapy of any kind
- ✓ can tolerate anesthesia needed to perform joint injection(s)
- ✓ do NOT have cancer

The study covers all study related bloodwork, radiographs (x-rays), and in-clinic procedures.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Former Lions kicker to talk

The public is invited to the Leadership Speaker Series breakfast featuring former Lions kicker Eddie Murray at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Madonna University.

The breakfast will be held in the Madonna University Center Dining Hall, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia. It's part of the Residence Hall, just north of St. Francis Pond on the west side of Levan.

Murray was a seventh-round draft pick in 1981. That year he became the first rookie to be named Pro Bowl MVP, while leading the NFC in scoring with 116 points. Murray played professional football for 19 seasons; 12 with the Lions. He also played for Tampa, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington and Minnesota. He scored 1,594 career points; 18th in NFL history. He was selected to the All-Decade Team of the 1980s. While kicking for the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXVIII, he went three-for-three for extra points as well as for field goals.

Murray holds a bachelor's degree in education from Tulane University. Currently he serves as director of donor community relations for Hope Network, an organization that provides programs and services for people who suffer from physical, mental or social barriers that impact how they live; in particular those with autism.

The Madonna University Leadership Speaker Series will host one more professional sports leaders in June 2017. Contact the university at 734-432-5843 for more information.

## Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

Miracle League player registration also begins Feb. 6 and ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

## Livonia pavilion reservations

Picnic pavilion reservations for the 2017 season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for Livonia resi-

dents beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Beginning Feb. 8, open dates will be available at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). Payment in full is due at the time of reservation.

In 2016, approximately 377 pavilion reservations were made at six park locations providing a total of 10 pavilions with an estimated attendance of over 25,000. Livonia boasts pavilions for groups ranging in size from 20-150. It is recommended that reservations be obtained for groups of 20 or more at least a week in advance. Applications, guidelines and online reservations for picnic permits may be obtained from the Kirksey Recreation Center or at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

## Seeking a job?

Schoolcraft College Job Seekers Workshop is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Discover how and where to search for local employment opportunities with the help of staff from Schoolcraft College's Career Services. Learn tips for creating or polishing your resume, preparing for interviews and more.

Register in advance at the Adult Services Desk or by calling 734-721-7832.

## Complimentary tax prep

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs in Plymouth is offering complimentary tax preparation to all area reservist and National Guard members called to active duty as well as regular military receiving combat pay. The office is at 1095 S. Main, Plymouth. Call 734-427-2030 to schedule an appointment.

## Forgotten presidents

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Annette and Jim McConnell on the Forgotten Presidents on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The speakers will present unique trivia, key achievements and failures of the leaders we often forget or perhaps never knew in

the 19th century. Annette and Jim McConnell have co-authored small historical books, newsletters and other publications. They are volunteers for the Detroit Historical Society, the Historical Society of Michigan and Friends of the Livonia Library. They have received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2012.

## 3D Photography Club meeting

The February meeting will feature a workshop by special guest speaker George "Dr. T" Themelis on making and using a top-quality digital stereo camera system. The club will also have another "Freebie" drawing for free 3D items. It will conclude with its monthly club 3D image competition. The meeting is 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. Meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

## Hayden's outreach

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will donate 15 percent of total bills back to the community. The event will run from 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 10. Guests must present a flier to donate the 15 percent back to Plymouth Community United Way. Fliers can be downloaded directly from [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org) or shown on your mobile device. For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5, or email [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org). Hayden's is at 39895 Ford Road, Canton.

## Meet Joe

All residents of Wayne County are invited to come and meet Joe Barone, Wayne County commissioner, who will speak at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. The library is at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Concerned

Citizens is hosting the event.

## Wine, beer tasting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's second annual Wine & Beer Tasting is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The event features wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres compliments of Holiday Market. This event is hosted by Holiday Market along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Beaumont and Jack Demmer Ford Inc.

Fifty percent of proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation, which was created after the death of Max Pardington. The purpose is to bring awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and to provide them free to all high school students.

Tickets may be purchased at Holiday Market for \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. This event will be held at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Pkwy., Canton. Must be 21 to attend. Sponsorship and a limited number of tickets are available. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 for more information or purchase at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

## Spaghetti dinner

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool League proceeds will benefit Camp Trotter for Children in Newaygo.

## How to de-stress

The Citizens for Peace will welcome counselor Judy Lipson to its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Lipson will share her tools and practices on how to remain calm, focused and relaxed despite the ups and downs we are facing and will face in 2017. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 30 years of experience. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to [www.citizens4peace.com](http://www.citizens4peace.com)

## Scrapbooking

SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host scrapbooking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 18.

The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half day. Vendors will be on site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided. For more information, contact 734-721-4867

## Yoooper pastie dinner

The Moose Lodge of Garden City will host a homemade Yoooper Pastie dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Moose Lodge, 29122 Ford Road. Dinner is \$6 and includes pastie of your choice, salad and homemade cobbler. Also the Moose Lodge is taking orders for beef, chicken or vegetarian pasties that are filled with potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots all in a flaky crust. Prices are one for \$3.50, six for \$20 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$40. These are made fresh and are frozen and ready for pick up after 5 p.m. Feb. 18. To order, call Kim Dowdait at 734-564-5777 or see the Moose Lodge bar staff. Orders must be placed by Feb. 13. Proceeds from this dinner will help benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

## 'Finding Dory' shows

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at [clarenceville-church@gmail.com](mailto:clarenceville-church@gmail.com).

## Birthday party luncheon

The Livonia Historical Commission at Greenmead Historical Park will host a Birthday Party Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Advance tickets only for \$20 are available at the Greenmead Office. The luncheon will include a pasta lunch, party games, cupcakes and birthday singing. Each guest is asked to bring a \$1 gift to share. Dress in your birthday best. For more information, contact 734-477-7375.

## Redford chamber has scholarship apps

The Redford Chamber of Commerce now has applications available for high school seniors to apply for a scholarship. The high school senior does not have to attend a Redford school but must have been a resident of Redford for two years. You can pick up the application at the Chamber Office at 26050 Five Mile Road, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will also be available in the Counselor Offices at Thurston, Redford Union and Clarenceville High Schools. Deadline for submission of applications is March 24, 2017. Any questions, call the Redford Chamber of Commerce office at 313-535-0960.

## Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February.

GDCC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital competition.

This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

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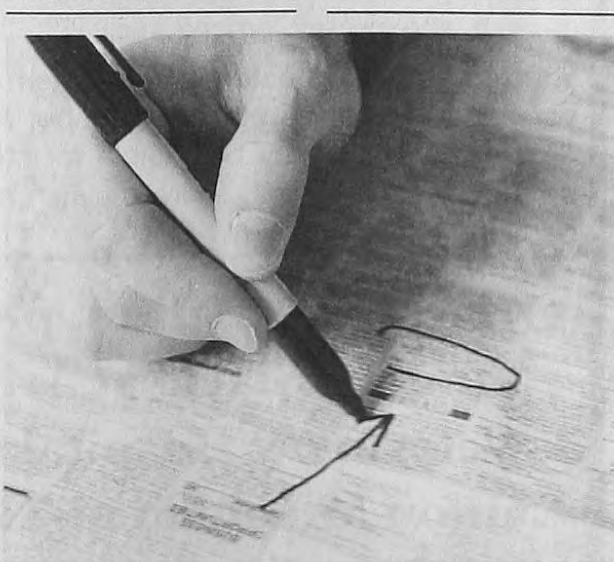
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# Robotics team shows off progress on robot

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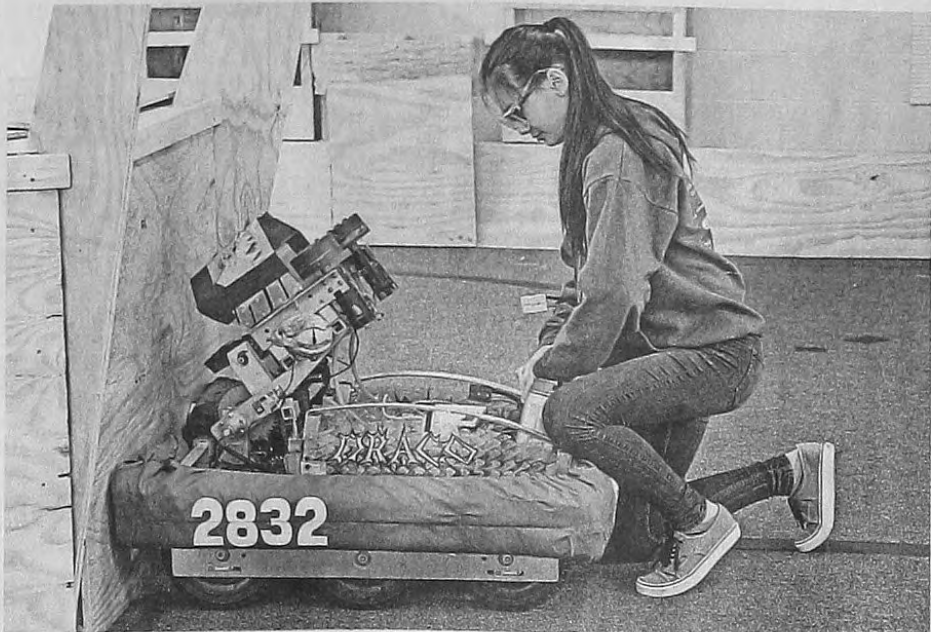
That's the food of choice for several members of the Livonia Warriors robotics team as they work on designing parts of their robot during a several week period. They insist though, that that's just the food of choice that week.

"That's what they've got right now," said Evan Zobel, a Churchill senior.

The team, made up of students from Franklin, Stevenson and Churchill high schools, showcased its work on its robot Wednesday night during a special open house. The team is about halfway through the six-week period of building its robot in preparation of the state tournament. Its robot will need to perform several tasks, including launching wiffle balls into a container and placing over-sized gears onto a post.

After the six-week period, the team will submit its robot and wait until the competition, expected to be held in Livonia later this spring. The team has its eyes on victory and hopes to go to the national tournament.

Students could be seen designing, building and wiring their test robot, currently being constructed. Those students enjoying those spicy salty snacks and frozen drinks were using CAD



Iris Derry installs a fresh battery in DRACO, last season's robot.

software to better design the robot's function for propelling those wiffle balls into the proper receptacle, among other tasks.

"What we're working on specifically is making sure we don't have any conflicts with our belts and this climbing mechanism," Zobel said.

**Applicable to everyday life**

In another room, students put together the electrical components of the robot. Marloes Krabbe, a senior at Churchill High School and one of the team's captains, said she's been involved with the team all four

years of high school. She said she attended a robotics competition her sister's boyfriend was in and was immediately drawn to it.

"It's such a vibrant and bright community. And I was like, 'I want to be a part of this,'" she said. "I made some great friends here and it such a good family atmosphere."

And this isn't just a once-a-week time commitment: these students are working at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, three to four days a week for several hours at a time, crafting the perfect bot.

And that doesn't fac-

tor in the time spent at home thinking of ideas, said Noah Rau, a mentor to the team who did this robotics program when he was in high school in Holly several years ago.

"Not counting any of the time you're at home and you're just kind of thinking," he said. "You've got it stuck in your head, you're writing stuff down."

After the robot is done, the team will later enter it into the competition, where the team will have several students behind the controls, driving it around the field trying to complete those tasks.

One of those drivers is



Ashwath Kumaravel cuts paper templates used for guidance when cutting sheet metal.

Iris Derry, a junior from Franklin High School. She's participated as a driver in some competitions that feature girls, but says she'll probably be one of very few females driving the robot come competition time later this spring.

"There's not really girls that do driving," she said. "Honestly, it's really intimidating, since most of them are men."

But she's up to the challenge. She picked up the Xbox 360 controller last year the team uses to control the robot and began maneuvering it along the playing field. She'll do the same later this spring.

And the hope is the skills learned doing robotics will help those

students even after they graduate. Krabbe said doesn't plan on going into engineering or robotics — she wants to go to school for archaeology — but the skills she's learned have been able to translate to uses in everyday life.

Take for instance her broken ground fan: Her dog had chewed through the cord of the fan, but utilizing the skills she had learned doing robotics, she was able to fix it.

"It was good as new and it worked," she said. "I would never have been able to do that without robotics."

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# Changes on Ford Road in Westland expected in 2017

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A stretch of Ford Road in Westland will be getting new development in 2017.

The city council recently approved the site plan for the 76,000-square-foot Ciena Skilled Nursing Facility, a senior living facility at 2209 Newburgh. That \$8.4 million project ties directly to the redevelopment plans for the Ford Road frontage on the southwest side of the intersection.

"Ciena will move ahead this construction season. They will build the storm water detention for the strip center (along Ford)," Mayor William Wild said. "The owner is still marketing the strip center."

Thanks to the demolition of the old Feister RV Center building directly at the intersection, Wild said the new building will have zero lot lines, meaning the buildings will be located along the roadway.

"That is what we were looking for with our downtown overlay," Wild said. The entire redevelopment at the southwest corner of Ford and Newburgh is expected to total \$16 million with office space, a restaurant and commercial businesses.

Further east on Ford, upgrades are expected at Dunkin Donuts, located at the corner of Wildwood. A former bar located next door has been sold and is to be renovated into a Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen, Wild said. The former Colcannon's bar on Ford, just west of Wayne Road, is already being renovated into a Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken.

"When you put it all together, it's quite a bit of new development in the Ford Road corridor in Westland," Wild said.

The city has also been getting responses to a



Wild

request for proposals for a mixed development on the former city hall site at Ford and Carlson.

"We're continuing to meet with developers. There is no development imminent but there has been interest since the first of the year," Wild said. "That project would benefit from the Ford and Newburgh project."

As two major retailers — Kmart and Macy's at Westland Shopping Center — close their doors early this year, Wild said the city will be working to market the soon-to-be closed Kmart property on Wayne Road at Cherry Hill and look at options to fill the vacated Macy's space.

"We've met with new owners of the mall. They asked if we would be interested in (them) breaking up that Macy's space. We've had some preliminary discussion on more outlets or alternate uses," Wild said. "There are changes in the consumer market. Retail malls will continue to be gathering spaces."

The city will continue to diversify the city's local economy from heavy retail to more sustainable entities like medical, technology, entertainment and educational, he said.

Westland also has a new surgical center on Warren Road, located in a renovated former Verizon store, and a recently opened Art Van Sleep store, inside the former Lifetime Fitness turned strip center on Wayne Road and Central City Parkway.

"At the ribbon-cutting for the sleep store before the sale (of Art Van), I was told that Westland is an important Art Van

store and we won't see any change due to the new Canton store," Wild said. "That's good news for us. Art Van is an important part of our Shop and Dine District."

On the residential side, a new Pulte development will be adding 70 single-family homes off Joy Road, west of Wayne Road, behind the Hellenic Cultural Center. The homes will range from 1,700 to 2,400 square feet.

Among other projects slated for 2017: landscaping is to be completed for Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road; monuments will be relocated from the former city hall

site; the Lions Club pavilion will be constructed in the Farmers Market place; and major upgrades to city baseball diamond are planned, along with improved park maintenance city-wide.

A new Neighborhoods Department, including ordinance enforcement, has been created. Wild said during his upcoming State of the City expected in April, he will announce details of 50 neighborhood makeover strategies.

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# Wayne County projects budget surplus for second straight year

**Eric D. Lawrence**  
Detroit Free Press

Wayne County administration officials are projecting a budget surplus for the second year in a row.

The \$44-million general fund operating surplus for fiscal year 2015-16 is based on preliminary information from the county's Department of Management and Budget, according to the administration of County Executive Warren Evans.

The administration said that following Evans' first year in office the county posted an accumulated unassigned surplus of \$35.7 million after the fiscal year 2014-15 audit.

"Our recovery plan calls for creating surpluses through good fiscal management so that we can finish the jail and pay down our remaining unfunded

liabilities, which are substantial," Evans said in the release. "The better the county sits financially when we finance the jail project, the less it'll cost us to borrow to complete it."

The county has projected that it will need to borrow \$200 million to complete the unfinished jail on Gratiot in Detroit. Even as he awaits an offer on the site from businessmen Dan Gilbert and Tom Gores who want to bring a professional soccer team to Detroit, Evans has continued to state that he believes the Gratiot site is the most cost-effective path for completing a new county jail.

The announcement on the surplus happened the same day Moody's Investors Service upgraded the county's general obligation limited tax bonds from Ba2 to Ba1, which is just below investment grade, the

county said.

The announcement also adds to the improved financial picture for the county, which exited a consent agreement with the state over its financial woes last year.

Despite the good news, the county is still short of recommended cash reserves.

"We need about 15 to 18 percent of annual expenditures in reserves in the General Fund at all times just to be stable over the long term. We're not there yet," Chief Financial Officer Tony Saunders said in the release. "This doesn't go as far as a rainy day fund, but it helps move us closer to a basic threshold for financial practices that is critical for any municipal government over the long term."

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**DAHL**

**DANIEL H. SR.** January 31, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's and Dementia with Parkinsonism. Age 81. Proud graduate of Culver Military Academy and University of Michigan, BBA and MBA. Longtime Banking Executive and Financial Advisor for Manufacturers Bank, Comerica Bank, Prudential Insurance Co. and Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis. Beloved husband of Mary Rue Dahl for 59 years. Dear father of John, Sarah, Kelly, Tatum, Scarlett, Greta and Erik. Brother of the late E. William Jr. Also many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family is grateful for the loving care of Michelle, Bahati, The Friendship Club, the staff at Brookdale Memory Care and the friendship of Eugene. Family will receive friends Friday, February 10th, 3 – 8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Memorial service Saturday, February 11th, 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple Rd., Birmingham, 48009. Memorial tributes to the Alzheimer's Association or the Salvation Army.

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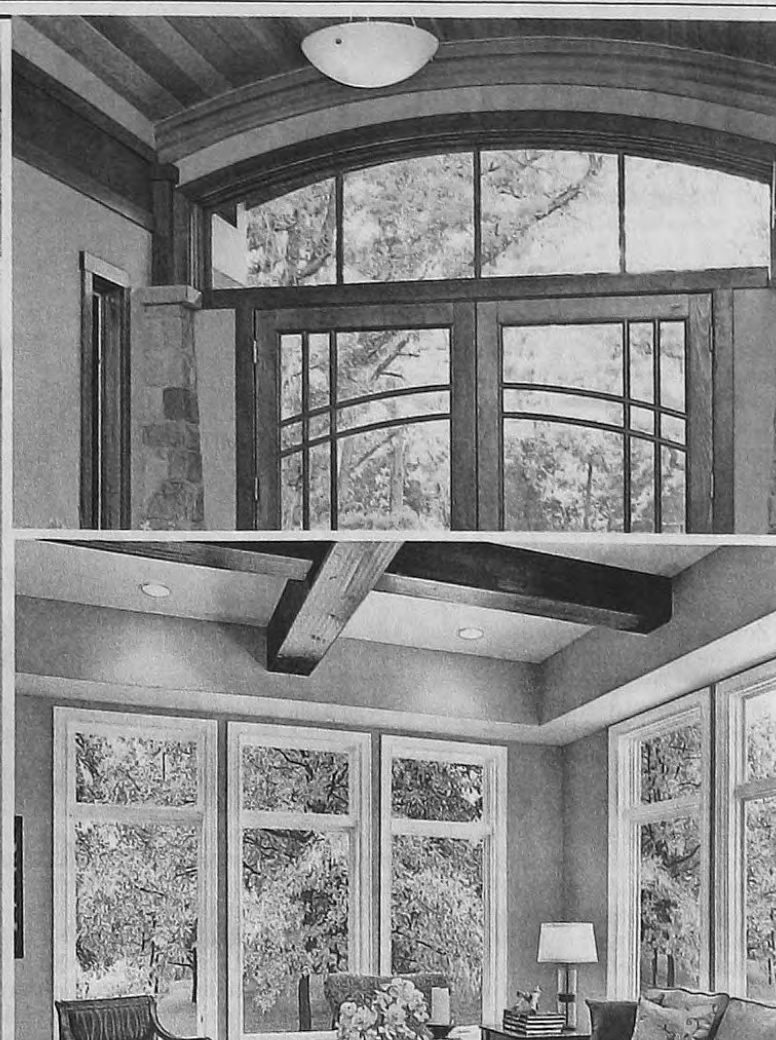
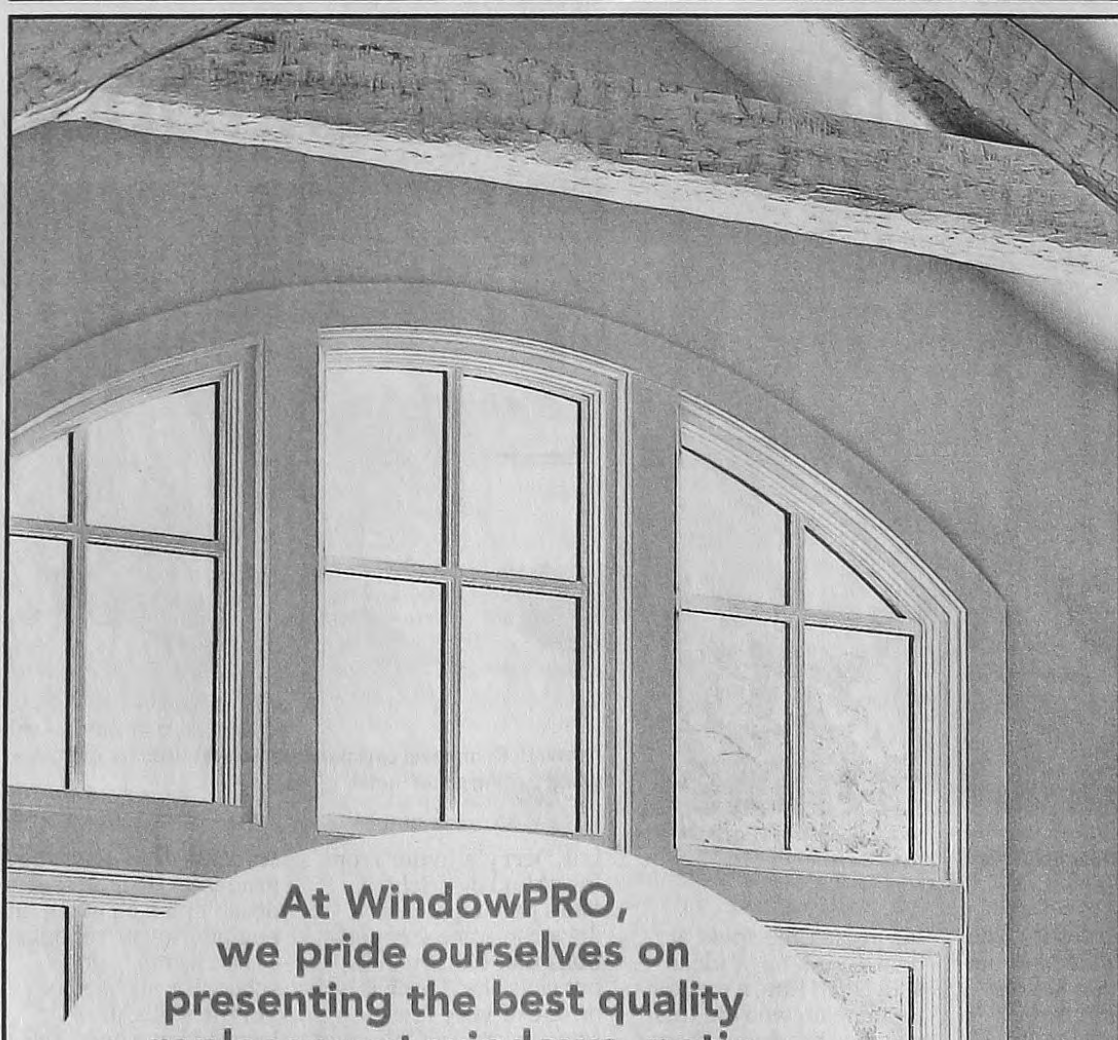
**JOHN E. "JACK"** Died peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones on January 31, 2017. He was 93 years old. Jack is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret; his children, Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Bill (Sharon), Jim (Linda), Marianne (Art) Nelson, and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (nee Dudek) Demmer. Visitation at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Friday, February 3, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. In state 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Divine Child Catholic Church, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128 until the time of Mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services, or Angela Hospice. Funeral arrangements by Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, [www.hackettmetcalf.com](#) and John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](#).

**REVITZER**

**KEITH KENNETH** Age 71, of Livonia passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills after a struggle with cancer. Keith was born September 19, 1945 in Port Huron, son of the late Otto Revitzer and Gloria Revitzer of Charlevoix. He and his wife Sandra were married for 52 years. He was retired from Operating Engineers, whom he was a lifetime member with. He is survived by his wife Sandra, children Sharon Kaufman and Duane (Callie)Revitzer; grandchildren Kyle, Kory and Karl Kaufman, and Jaden and Benjamin Revitzer. Keith's wishes were to be cremated with no funeral service.

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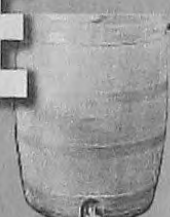
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Salem football players sign college letters. **Story, B2**

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#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Naubert starts new chapter at MU

Former prep, college star adjusting to coaching life for Crusaders

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During his high school and college basketball playing days, Bobby Naubert glanced over at his coaches and then relied on his gut instincts when it came time to dribble drive through a line of defenders.

"For me, when I was playing, a press break, I wanted the ball and I'll get through people," Naubert said, recalling his career as a point guard at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University.

But there's a bit of karma going on now because he is that coach waiting to see whether players heed instructions or not.

The 25-year-old Livonia resident is one season removed from his playing days (he played a couple of years in a professional league in Germany) and is in the midst of coaching Madonna's brand new junior varsity men's basketball program.

"Now it's like, you see a press break and I can't be, like, you got to run the right press break," Naubert said with a wry smile, during a recent interview at the Madonna Athletics Center.

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MADONNA ATHLETICS

Bobby Naubert formerly starred at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna. Now he is starting his coaching career with the Crusaders.

#### NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



MICHAEL VASILNEK

A common sight throughout his career at Canton was running back Markus Sanders motoring through opposing defenses.

## ONE AND DONE

Canton RB Sanders to play at Northwood after underwhelming recruiting period

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Markus Sanders racked up yards and touchdowns at a record pace for the Canton Chiefs during his career, a big-time high school talent if ever there was one.

Yet the dynamic, slippery 5-foot-7 running back, who eluded defenses at an average of 10 yards per carry in 2016, didn't receive big-time consideration from colleges ahead of Wednesday's National Signing Day.

Despite a senior season featuring 17 touchdowns and more than 1,700 rushing yards (and a career with a school record 6,000-plus yards), the lone offer Sanders received was from Division II Northwood University.

So it's with the Timberwolves where Sanders indeed will begin the next step in his gridiron career. Canton lineman Cameron Goode also signed Wednesday to play at Concor-

*"It is very frustrating to high school coaches, players and their parents that it is so difficult to get scholarships for guys under 6-foot-0."*

TIM BAECHLER  
Canton football coach

dia University.

"Yes, Markus did sign with Northwood and, yes, I am surprised it was his only offer," longtime Canton head football coach Tim Baechler wrote in an email to the Observer. "It is very frustrating to high school coaches, players and their parents that it is so difficult to get scholarships for guys under 6-foot-0."

"The shorter a player is, he better

have a sub-4.5 40-yard dash to get anybody to take a serious look. Some of my best running backs have been shorter, quicker."

Sanders said Thursday he welcomed the opportunity at Northwood, a team in the of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

#### A 'chip' to use

But he'll use the dearth of interest from colleges as a motivator.

"I'm just really excited that I get to play at the collegiate level," Sanders said. "Not a lot of high schoolers get that chance. I just see it as a way of, like, having a chip on my shoulder."

"Other people were recruiting me, but nobody else actually offered."

He agreed with Baechler that physical size should not be a deterrent when it comes to the recruiting of high school players.

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#### NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

## CC golf quartet one of a kind

Canton's Piot among four Shamrocks going to collegiate ranks

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

They might be considered high school golf's version of the Four Tops.

But make no mistake, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Ben Smith, James Piot, Sean Niles and Sean Sooch can make sweet sounds on a golf course the way the famous vocal quartet performed during their hey day in Motown.

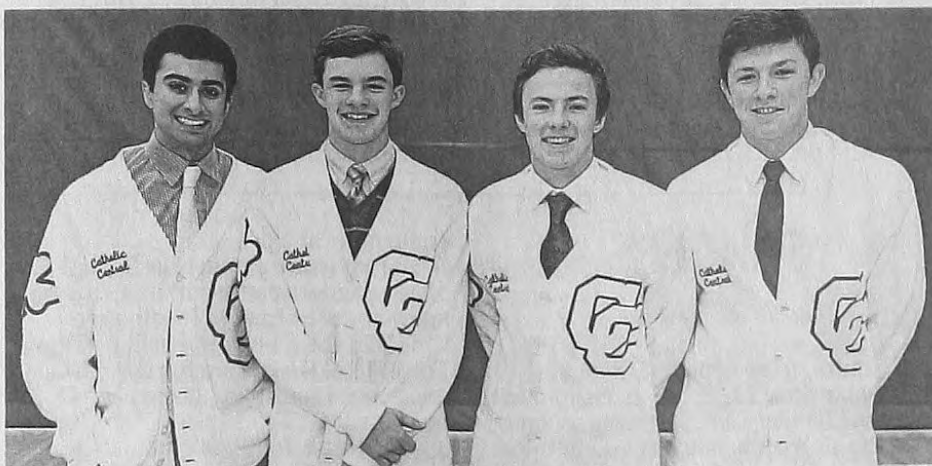
The four were among 20 CC athletes who were recognized Wednesday morn-

ing as part of the school's national signing day festivities.

And while football usually dominates the program, it's undeniable that this class of four senior golfers can make their own soulful music and take over the main stage.

As the Shamrocks bid for their third consecutive MHSAA Division 1 state championship this spring, the four have already been penciled in to play at the next level.

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Detroit Catholic Central golfers who signed letters of intent Wednesday are (from left) Sean Sooch (Grand Valley State University), Sean Niles (Oakland University), James Piot (MSU) and Ben Smith (Georgia Tech).



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## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

# On the grid: Salem duo ready for college

Hard work, role models helped football players Mason, Nowaske get college opportunities

**Tim Smith**

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During their football careers at Salem, both David Mason III and Trevor Nowaske didn't mind doing the heavy lifting to help elevate their team on and off the gridiron.

And both will get the opportunity to continue doing just that at the collegiate level, taking part in Wednesday's National Signing Day festivities at Salem High School.

Mason, a 5-10, 270-pound defensive tackle and Canton resident, is slated to join Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he also will pursue a degree in engineering.

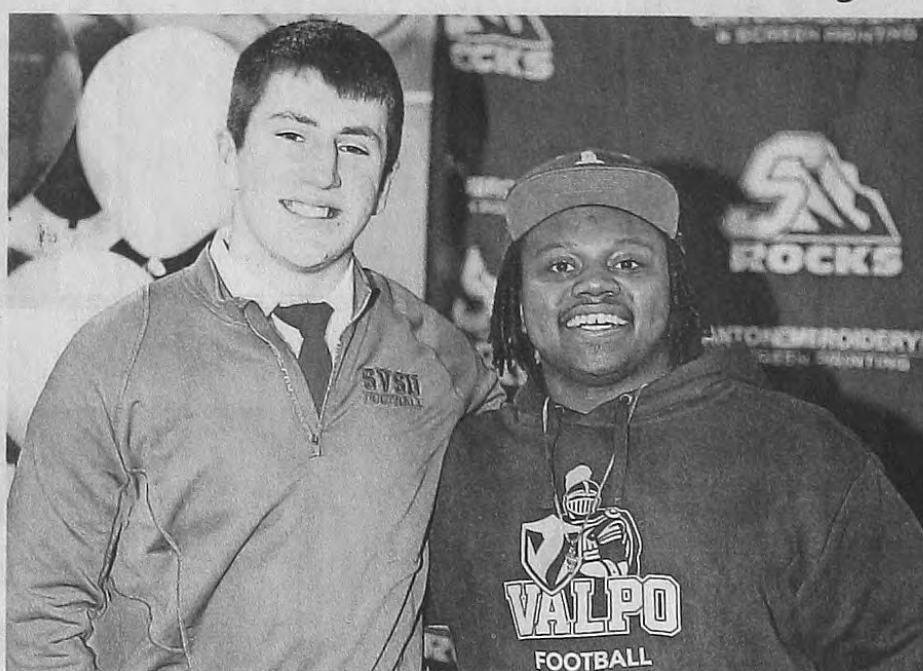
"It feels amazing (to share National Signing Day honors with Nowaske)," Mason said. "I've known Trevor since the sixth grade."

According to Mason, who set a Rocks record in the weight room this season by lifting 1,095 pounds (a total that includes three routines), going to an NCAA FCS tier university is a dream come true.

"When I saw Valparaiso not only had Division I athletics, but also engineering, that immediately drew my attention," Mason said. "My parents instilled a blue-collar work ethic in me and I'm going to work as hard as I can."

Mason also said he wouldn't be where he was today without the help of Salem teammates and coaches.

"My coaches instilled in my since day one to keep working hard and to avoid the noise," Mason said. "No matter what anybody said about you, to



Sharing the limelight on National Signing Day were Salem football players Trevor Nowaske (left) and David Mason III.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

keep a positive outlook on things and keep working hard.

"Coaches really saw how much I could do and they saw my potential early on and they really pushed me to reach those heights."

Also celebrating the big moment were his parents, David Jr. and Ursula (a teacher at East Middle School). Both were even more thrilled about their son's academic future.

"He had been looking at a lot of different schools, but he wanted the best combination of doing what he loves — which is football — as well as getting a good education," Ursula Mason said.

"I'm proud he's chosen a rigorous major, which is engineering. We just can't be happier that he's going to be a true student-athlete."

Playing for Saginaw Valley State University (Division II, GLIAC) will be linebacker Nowaske.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication," Nowaske said. "Only one percent of high school athletes go to college (to play sports)."

Nowaske, whose parents are Renee and James Nowaske of Canton, described National Signing Day as "amazing, really surreal. All the press conferences and stuff about you. It's kind of

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cool just to see people recognizing your hard work."

At SVSU, he is looking forward to making an immediate contribution.

But he'll always have the snapshot of Wednesday's ceremony — where a number of Salem players and coaches made sure to be on hand for — to keep him going.

"It's awesome, their support really motivates me to do this and go to the next level," Nowaske said. "I'm really thankful for those guys."

## Salem signees

Mason and Nowaske were among 12 Salem student-athletes who took part in signing day ceremonies, although soccer player Izzy Rodriguez (who signed to play at Ohio State University) could not be on hand.

She was practicing all week with the U.S. Under-19 National Women's Soccer Team in Sunrise, Fla.

Others include the following:

**Girls soccer:** Gabrielle Teodorescu (Ferris State University), Skylar Brant (University of Southern Indiana).

**Girls lacrosse:** Maddie Johnson (University of Detroit Mercy), Leah Tardiff (University of Detroit Mercy), Stephanie Miller (Davenport University).

**Baseball:** Matt Brooks (Northwood University).

**Girls golf:** Darby Scott (Methodist University).

**Boys swimming and diving:** Phillip Collingwood (Depauw University).

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## NAUBERT

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Naubert realizes this is a season of discovery and growth, both for himself and for the young men who comprise his team. In addition, he is attending classes as he pursues a master's degree and working as an assistant on the staff of head coach Noah Emehiser.

### New perspective

He might have flipped a coin when asked whether he would tend to a homework assignment or prepped for an upcoming game.

"Both are extremely important," Naubert said. "I like (doing) time management. I realize that, I like to get all my homework out of the way and then on game day, really focus on what we need to do that night."

"I like getting my school work out of the way and then focusing on basketball. I know school is very important, but at the same time I got 12 people looking at me every day and I need them to be organized and ready to go."

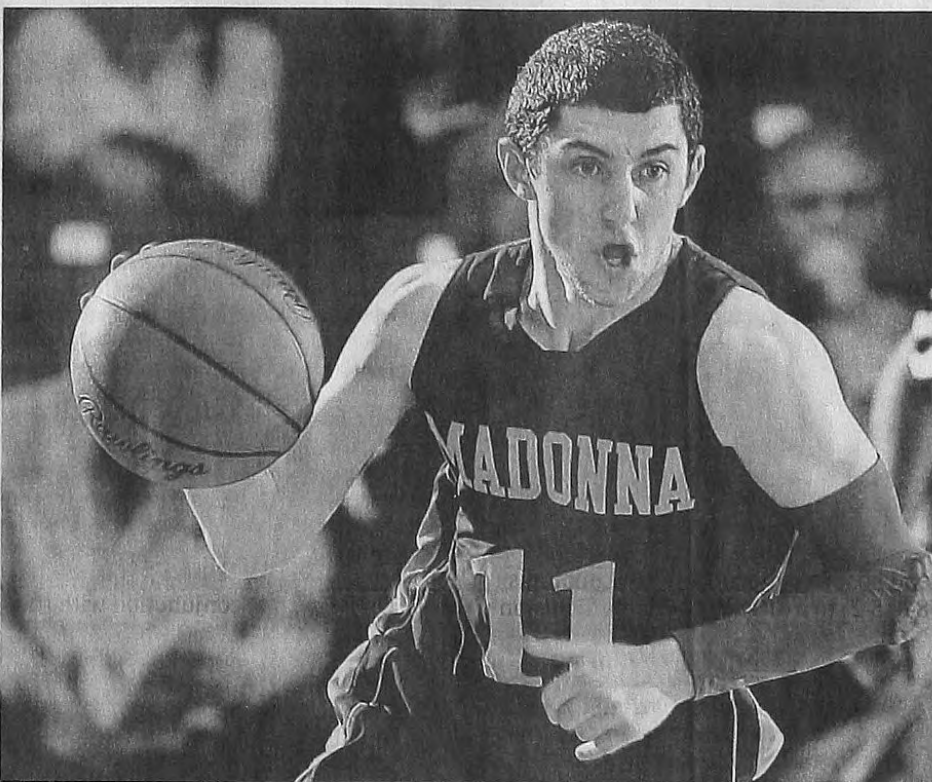
Naubert can't help but tip his cap to his own former coaches knowing what the job of instructing, preparing and motivating players entails.

"I don't think you realize how much time and effort you're going to put in for a program," Naubert said. "Obviously, I had a great coach at Stevenson in Mike Allie and a great coach at Madonna in Noah."

"I knew they were working extremely hard to get us prepared for every situation, but just the amount of preparation was way underestimated on my part."

"As a player I went to every practice, I showed up, did my best and they prepared me for the game. Now, I'm making sure I'm preparing my players every day. It's a lot more challenging than I thought."

It helps that he can still take out his cell phone and give Allie (an assistant coach at Schoolcraft College) a call when needing suggestions on fitness and training. He can talk to Emehiser



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In 2012-13, Bobby Naubert was the WHAC Player of the Year and a second team NAIA All-American for Madonna University. Now, the Livonia Stevenson alum is in his first season coaching the MU junior varsity team.

whenever he wants in order to pick his coaching brain.

"From a playing perspective you always have opportunity to see things on the court, you have the ball in your hands and you get to do things your way," Naubert said, comparing playing and coaching. "I feel like even as a coach, you don't have as much power as you think."

"You get to call the sets but, at the end of the day, if your players aren't ready to run those sets, you're not going to have a lot of success. But I've learned a lot. I have a lot of really good mentors."

### Connecting the dots

And now, Naubert is ready to teach. He'll have plenty of opportunity.

According to Naubert, the JV program is getting its start as a way to open up a pipeline with area high schools — and not to pinch the flow of prospects to junior colleges such as Schoolcraft.

If anything, some Ocelots might wind up wearing the blue and gold at Madonna.

"Our coaching staff is doing a really good job of working to get some juco guys in from Schoolcraft," Naubert said. "And to get players ready to play right away, which you can get from the high school level, too."

"This is the first year we're running this program. It's been really good getting guys into our system and understanding how Madonna basketball works starting as a freshman. These

guys don't get an opportunity to play varsity, but they're still part of the family."

With the feeder team, which enables a combined 25 basketball players to learn, grow and compete instead of the 16 that made up MU's 2015-16 team, Madonna is joining a trend in the WHAC. Other schools with a two-pronged program include University of Michigan-Dearborn, Siena Heights and Concordia.

"Most are coming straight out of high school," Naubert noted. "It's good experience for them, because a lot of the guys aren't ready yet for the varsity level."

"So it's great for them to be learning, playing games and still getting that experience every day in practice."

### Speaking their language

A definite plus for Naubert as he adjusts to coaching players not much younger than himself is the fact he knows what they're going through. That's because he was on the other side of the clipboard just a season ago.

"As I am a young coach, 25 years old, I think I do a pretty good job of being able to relate to my players," Naubert said. "Especially just coming off from (playing in) Germany."

"I still have the connection. I haven't been far out of the game so I know how players like to be treated. I know how I liked to be treated when I played. I think communication hasn't been as much of a problem."

The juggling act of being JV coach, helping Emehiser and staying on top of his own studies also hasn't been worrisome for Bobby Naubert.

He knew the time was right to transition into the coaching part of basketball, something he hopes he'll be able to do for a very long time.

"I had two years there (Germany) and I really enjoyed it," Naubert said.

"For me, it just came down to I was ready to do something else. Start my coaching career and I got a great opportunity here to start."

"To get my own team at such a young team is a pretty rare opportunity, I'm enjoying it."

## SANDERS

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"I mean, to be honest, I think it's wrong because I feel like size shouldn't matter," Sanders said. "It's the talent and the skill of the player. I don't think size matters ... not for a running back."

Despite the apparent lack of attention from colleges, Sanders said he will be going to a school with an offensive scheme that should suit him well.

"They have a pistol option going on, something similar to what I ran at Canton," Sanders said. "It's more like a spread. I'm going to be playing running back and slot."

Special teams, including kickoff and punt returns, could be another avenue for Sanders to see playing time as a freshman.

As much as Sanders is looking forward to his college future, he can't help but look back with pride at what he was able to accomplish with the Chiefs.

"Now that I look on it, all the rushing yards, the touchdowns, the (2015 Division 1 semifinal) game I had against Cass Tech, almost having 300 yards, it's, like, amazing," he said. "Because not a lot of people do that. It takes a lot of work in the off-season to get to the point in the things I did, it just doesn't

come natural."

In that game against the Technicians, Sanders came within inches on a snow-covered field of leading the Chiefs to the D1 championship game at Ford Field. He rushed for 299 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 48-41 defeat.

Goode, a 6-foot-1, 200-pounder, signed with Concordia after an outstanding career as an offensive and defensive lineman for the Chiefs.

Meanwhile, Baechler emphasized that he would continue to measure how good his players are on things that can't always be measured, such as heart and determination.

"The same can be said for offensive and defensive linemen and linebackers," Baechler said about the tendency for college scouts to jump to conclusions based on a player's physical makeup. "We have had kids over 6-foot-3 get serious looks or offers and, to be quite honest, most of them were not as good as the shorter, tougher guys on our team."

"That's what is great about being a high school coach. I don't care what they look like. Are they tough? Do they have football savvy? Those guys are the ones that make your team great."

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CANTON ATHLETICS

Canton seniors Markus Sanders (seated, left) and Cameron Goode take part in National Signing Day ceremonies. Standing is Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler. Sanders and Goode signed with Northwood and Concordia, respectively.



## GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Chiefs defeat Zebras in crucial KLAA South Division showdown

Tim Smith

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Friday night's KLAA South Division girls basketball match-up between KLAA South Division contenders Canton and host Wayne Memorial came down to the wire before the Chiefs came away with a riveting 57-54 victory.

Strong work in the rebounding department by Madison Wolfbauer (10 rebounds) and Alaina Heitmeyer (six boards) helped keep the Zebras at bay most of the night. Camree Clegg and Jeanae Terry did score 25 and 17 points, respectively, but their efforts weren't enough as Wayne dropped to 10-3 overall and 7-1 in the division.

But the Chiefs now are even in the standings (11-3, 7-1) thanks to the win, which coach Rob Heitmeyer said featured a balanced attack and relentless defense.

"Our whole team gets the ceremonial game ball after this win," Heitmeyer said. "We had a great couple of weeks of practices and it showed tonight. Defensively, we used Shanya Butler and Raquel Church to guard Clegg. Both of them did a nice job denying Clegg the ball back after it left her hands."

Senior Erin Hult scored 17 for Canton, while Brianna Finn and Butler both scored 10. Also helping the cause was Ashley Criscenti (six points).

The Chiefs, who connected on 44 percent from the floor (24-of-54) trailed 17-10 after one quarter, but forged ahead

30-23 at halftime thanks to a 20-6 run in the second.

Wayne did come back to tie the contest several times after that, but could not get the lead back.

**PLYMOUTH 34, CHURCHILL 20:** Chantal LeDoux and Mikayla Rose scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, Friday to spearhead the Wildcats over Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth (6-8 overall, 5-3 KLAA South) "really had to grind that out on both ends of the floor," head coach Ryan Ballard said. "Alexa Ebeling played a terrific (defensive) game. She held Anne Yost to eight points. That's not an easy thing to do."

**RU 38, GARDEN CITY 20:** Jaymin Steele scored nine of our 22 points in the final quarter Friday to lead host Redford Union (9-4, 5-2) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Garden City (6-8, 4-3).

The Panthers, who avenged a 27-11 setback to the Cougars on Jan. 13, also got six points apiece from Haley Hebner and Cassidy Sandelin.

Aleea Montgomery paced the Tigers, who led 18-17 at halftime, with a team-high eight points.

"Garden City has always had a great team and very well-coached," said RU coach Scott Purdy, whose team outscored GC 21-12 in the second half. "We've never been able to beat Garden City since I've been here, so it was a big win for us. I thought my girls played very well and we were missing our center tonight out with an illness. The girls worked really hard and executed plays down the stretch. Our defense was really tough tonight."

**FORDSON 41, THURSTON 32:** Rana Elhusseini poured in a game-high 21 points Friday to lead WWAC Red Division leader Dearborn Fordson (11-4, 7-0) at Redford Thurston (7-8, 3-4).

The game was close throughout as Thurston led 19-17 at halftime. It was 25-25 after three quarters and 33-30 late before the Tractors pulled away with a 16-8 fourth-quarter run.

Bryanna Burton scored 18 points in a losing cause.

**ANNAPOLIS 34, CVILLE 27:** Narijet Ala scored a game-high 10 points Friday to lift Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-10, 2-5) to a WWAC Red Division triumph over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-13, 0-7).

Myla Hoskins-King scored a team-high nine points for the Trojans, who trailed 24-10 at halftime.

Clarenceville rallied in the second half, outscoring the Cougars 17-10 in the second half, but came up short.

**REGINA 40, LADYWOOD 32:** In a Catholic League Central Division game Thursday, host Warren Regina (4-9, 4-7) earned a victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-14, 1-10).

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Titans to recognize sweet '76-77 squad

Former players, Vitale to return for reunion of NCAA tourney team

Marty Budner

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The University of Detroit Mercy's men's basketball team pulled off its most exciting home victory of the season Sunday afternoon.

With just three seconds remaining in regulation time, Westland's Dre Black was fouled while soaring to the hoop for a game-tying layup. The junior guard calmly canned the ensuing free throw, which proved the difference in lifting the Titans to a pulsating 93-92 victory over Horizon League power Green Bay.

The jubilant Titans players raced out to mob Black after his heroic efforts. First-year head coach Bacari Alexander even celebrated with a brief dance at the free-throw line.

It certainly was a welcome thrill in what otherwise has been a lackluster season.

The problem was, there was just a handful of people at historic Calihan Hall who witnessed the excitement.

Things were much different at the Six Mile and Livernois campus 40 years ago.

The Titans rocked in those days, thanks to such storied stars as Terry Tyler and John Long — Thunder and Lightning, as they were respectively known — Dennis Boyd, Ron Bostick, Will McCormick and Livonia Franklin graduate Kevin Kaseta, to name a few. They were led by the effervescent Dick Vitale, who would go on to become more well-known as a college basketball announcer than a coach.

## Electricity at Calihan Hall

Earl Cureton, a 59-year-old Farmington Hills resident who played at U-D in the late '70s and later enjoyed a 12-year NBA career, remembers when Calihan Hall provided more electricity than DTE.

"Dick put together such a talented program here," said Cureton, nicknamed "The Twirl," who won NBA titles with Philadelphia and Houston. "This building was jam-packed. He was getting eight, nine thousand fans to watch. That's when Titans basketball was jumping. People always remember those times here in Calihan Hall."

Vitale's 1976-77 squad, which went 25-4 and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament to complete one of the school's best seasons ever, will reunite for a 40th anniversary celebration.

On Feb. 10, in conjunction with the game against Metro Series rival Oakland University, the majority of players from that team will gather to reminisce with stories that have grown to epic proportions over the years. After an afternoon luncheon at the University Ballroom, which is open to the public, the team will be honored that evening at the game with the John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award.

In fact, the day will not only commemorate the accomplishments of the '76-77 team, but will also recognize other members of U-D's successful teams from that era. The featured attraction will be the retirement of Terry Duerod's jersey to join the six others hanging from Calihan's rafters.

It promises to be an eventful day.

"What we're trying to do is just recreate some of those memories. We got a hold of just about everybody from that team," Cureton said. "Terry Tyler probably won't be able to make it because his wife is a little sick, but he's going to send a big video down. Plus we're going to try and get some of the great players off those previous teams when Dick first got here."

"We're just going to have a collection of some of the Titans greatest players from the '70s, when things were really rocking and really hyped. Just to have that ('76-77) team come back is tremendous. That's probably the best year in the history of Titans basketball. I played 12 years in the NBA, but when people around Detroit recognize me or see me, they say that, 'You played at the University of Detroit,' because they always remember those days when we had this building rocking."

"I'm excited about it. It's going to be a huge day," he added. "And to see Terry Duerod's number go up to the rafters, some 40 years later, is going to be a huge day for him. He's going to get the recognition he deserves. I'm just so happy about that, because he's meant to much to he city."

## Vitale vital to U-D

Back in the mid-'70s, Vitale was vital to the renaissance of the Titans program. In four seasons, from 1973-74 to '76-77, he never had a losing record while compiling a 78-30 ledger for a whopping .772 winning percentage.

In that memorable '76-77 campaign, U-D, playing an independent schedule and ranked No. 12 in the country, posted 25 wins, one of which was a colossal, last-second 64-63 victory over No. 7-ranked Marquette. As the buzzer sounded, Vitale will be forever remembered for his center-court dance.

The Titans earned their first NCAA tournament berth in 15 years — only its second ever — that season, winning a first-round game over Middle Tennessee before falling in the Sweet 16 to



MARTY BUDNER

Earl Cureton has fond memories of his playing days at the University of Detroit as a member of the men's basketball program.

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**What:** 1976-77 U-D men's basketball team reunion

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, during Horizon League game vs. rival Oakland University

**Where:** Calihan Hall on UDM's main campus

**Notes:** Team luncheon open to public 3-5 p.m.; Terry Duerod jersey retirement at halftime; team honored with John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award

**Notable:** Former coach Dick Vitale and members of the Sweet 16 1976-77 team

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the University of Michigan.

Cureton, who currently works as a broadcaster for both U-D and the Pistons, said Vitale generated all that success.

"Bringing back Dick Vitale is huge. Usually, when you talk Titans basketball, you talk Dick Vitale," Cureton said. "His name always comes up. I had a great deal of respect for what Dick did during his career, not only in basketball, but what he did for us out of basketball."

"He taught us about the game of life. He prepared us for life after basketball and how important it was for us to get an education and go from boys to men. He kept us on the straight and narrow and was definitely a role model. Just to show there was a lot of respect for Dick, all of them are coming back 40 years later to see him. There's going to be a lot of excitement for him coming back in the building."

"For a mid-major, a school sitting right here on Livernois, to create that type of excitement and to create the group of young men he created, I think, was amazing," he added. "What he did at U-D was just phenomenal. This is going to be a day to show appreciation to Dick, to show appreciation to Terry Duerod and to the great coaching staffs we had."

## Remembering college experiences

McCormick, in 1978, and Boyd, in 1977, are still Nos. 1 and 2 on the all-time career single-season assists list with 220 and 219, respectively. Tyler holds the school's all-time single-season blocks record with 172 in 1978. In fact, he owns the top three marks on that list with 107 in 1976 and 86 in 1977, plus is the all-time career leader with 365.

Duerod has the single-season field goals record with 303 in 1979, ahead of both Dave DeBusschere (1960) and Spencer Hawwood (1969), who are tied for second at 288. As a team, the 1977 squad owns the single-season record for most consecutive wins with 21. Long is first all time in field goals made (940) and field-goal attempts (1,942), and second to Ferndale native Rashad Phillips (2,319-2,167) in career points.

Over that three-year span, from 1976-77 to 1978-79, U-D compiled an impressive 72-14 overall record with two NCAA tournament appearances and an NIT berth.

Cureton, a Detroit Finney graduate, was a key member of that '78-79 squad. Although he played just two seasons at U-D after transferring from Robert Morris and never had the opportunity to play for Vitale, he said his Titans experience was extraordinary.

Cureton hopes that honoring the past will bode well for the future of Titans basketball.

"When they said they wanted to do this, I was more than willing to extend myself to try and make sure it happened," Cureton said. "I know how special it was playing here. And I get tired of everyone talking about Michigan and Michigan State and knowing that we had a great tradition here at the University of Detroit as well. Now people will get a chance to see some of the things we accomplished over that time."

"We just want to have a memorable day and to try and pass what we did on to these young players right now here at U-D. I think it would be good for them to see what college is all about. Remembering your college experiences and being able to maintain friendships and camaraderie over the years of playing in college."

"It's rare for all this to happen after 40 years, so I'm excited to see all these guys," he added. "It's going to be a fun night."

## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Plymouth defeats Livonia Churchill, 73-51

Tim Smith

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The Plymouth varsity boys basketball team squared its record at 7-7 overall and 4-4 in the KLAA South Division thanks to Friday's 73-51 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

Sparking the Wildcats was junior forward Tariq Woody, who drained four treys en route to 22 points. He also pulled down 13 rebounds. Chipping in 11 and 10 points, respectively, were Joe Robb and Zach Beadle.

Churchill (2-10, 0-6) was led by Evan Cummings, who scored nine points.

## Rockets soar

Christian Agnew's 27 points keyed host Westland John Glenn's 67-40 victory over KLAA South Division opponent Livonia Franklin.

Helping the cause for the Rockets, who never trailed, were Joe Moon IV (13 points) and Khalil Wright (10 points).

## Salem prevails

Junior Shawn Srivistava and senior Camren Barden both scored 12 points Friday to lift Salem to a 61-47 win at South Lyon East.

For the Cougars, Chris Kaminski scored 17 points.

The Rocks (6-8 overall) will face

South Lyon on Tuesday.

## Thurston edged

Yousuf Farhat scored 20 points and Hamze Elzayat added 14 as Dearborn Fordson (5-8, 2-5) earned a hard-fought 47-44 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division win Friday at home over Redford Thurston (5-8, 2-5).

Karlos Berry scored a team-high 13 for the Eagles, who led 20-17 at halftime and 33-30 after three quarters before the Tractors went on a 17-11 fourth-quarter run to earn the victory.

"I thought Fordson played well tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "They deserved to win. They did everything they had to do to win."

Thurston was 12-of-20 from the foul line (60 percent), while Fordson was 13-of-23 (56.5 percent).

## Clarenceville falls

Alex Ismail, a 6-foot-10 senior center, scored a game-high 22 points Friday to lead host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (8-4, 5-2) to a 61-15 WWAC Red Division win over Livonia Clarenceville (0-15, 0-7).

The Trojans, who trailed 35-9 at halftime, got six points from Rickey Scott.

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

## GOLF

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Smith, the 2016 Michigan Junior Amateur champion, is headed to Georgia Tech, while Piot is going to Michigan State to join his older brother Glenn. The pair, who tied for fifth individually in last year's state finals at Grand Valley State, signed NCAA letters of intent with their respective schools in November.

Niles, meanwhile, is headed to Oakland University on a golf scholarship, while Sooch will be a preferred walk-on at Grand Valley State.

"It's just great to be able to do this event with all the people from CC that are going to the colleges," said Smith, who was a regional medalist last year. "Some people actually signed today, so it was awesome being able to be with them through this time."

Although he started in golf at an early age, Niles is considered a late bloomer.

"I had played since I was 8, but had never played competitively ever," Niles said. "I fell in love with it my freshman year."

His father David was a starting guard on the University of Detroit's basketball team that made the 1979 NCAA Tournament. And Sean thought hoops might be in his future as well.

"Basketball was first coming into high school, it kind of dropped as golf kind of picked itself up," he said.

Niles, who plans to major in economics with a minor in finance, believes Oakland meets his needs both academically and athletically.

"I'm real excited about it in terms of the golf course (Katke Cousins)," said Niles, who lives in Northville. "The golf course is great and coach (Nick) Pumford just came from Michigan. He's a great guy. I'm really excited to work with him for four years. Just the school in general is going to be great."

Sooch, who hails from South Lyon, will join 2016 Michigan Amateur runner-up Domenic Mancinelli, a CC grad himself, at Grand Valley State. In 2015, Sooch qualified for the match play at the Michigan Am.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's going to be a good time," said Sooch, who plans to major in pre-med. "Dom and I are great friends. I love the guy, he's got a great golf swing, did really well in

the Michigan Am. I'm looking forward to getting up with him."

Grand Valley also has its own school-operated course, The Meadows, site of last year's Division 1 state finals.

"The golf course is beautiful, beautiful grass, beautiful landscaping and, of course, I like the coach, coach (Gary) Bissell," Sooch said. "He's awesome."

While Piot and Smith are two of the state's top junior amateurs, Niles and Sooch are not far behind.

"They're really good players," said Smith, who resides in Novi. "Both of them will be going to their school and I think they'll immediately be able to be one of the top guys of their team. And I think that with them for this year we're going to have another stellar team and be able to make a run at the state championship again."

Added Piot, who resides in Canton: "They're both solid players, they both make solid contributions to the team. Niles can definitely go low, Sooch as well. So it's about how well they play this year. I think that's a big factor for us winning another state championship. It's key."

The foursome hopes to feed off each other throughout the upcoming high school season.

"Like my coach says, having those guys on my team, having that competition, it really brings everyone else's game up to the highest ability," Sooch said.

The quartet, meanwhile, have developed a friendly rivalry.

"I like to fight with them, I like to compete," Niles said with a smile. "I came in my freshman year and hadn't even played competitive golf and those guys were kind of the driving force to keep me going."

Added Piot: "Everyone on the team is competitive with each other. Our starting four or five, everyone battles it out every tournament."

And Smith would not disagree.

"We're always competing to see who goes lowest," he said. "Even when we're just playing basketball we always play together and try and do better than the other guy."

So who is the longest hitter off the tee among the four?

"I'd have to say myself," Smith said with a smirk. "It's close, but I don't think they're as far as I do."

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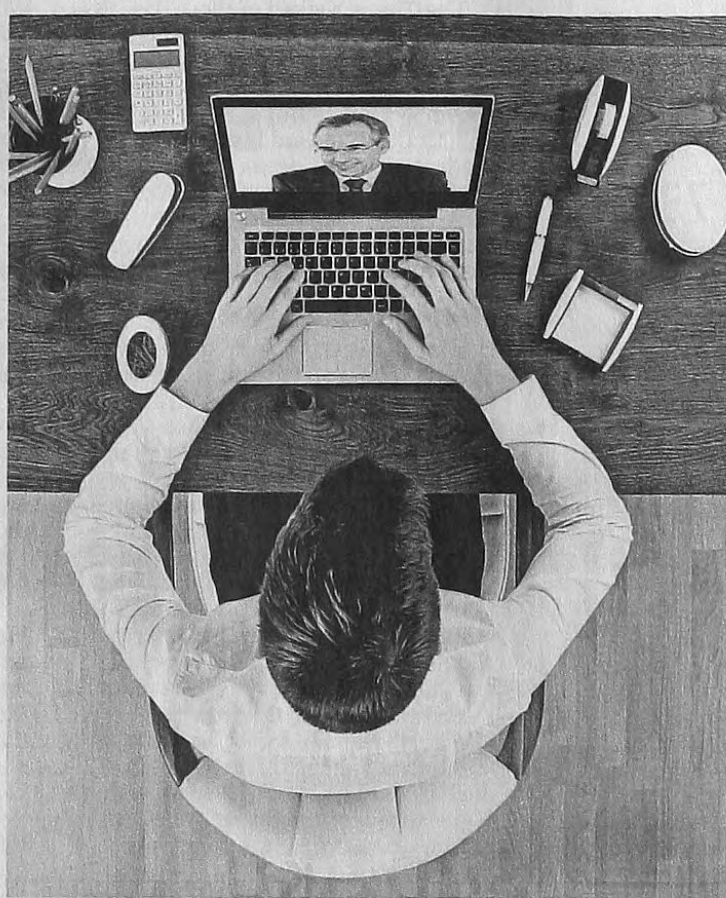
**C**ongratulations: You landed a job interview. Now you can sit back and relax until it's time to show up, right? Not necessarily. Nailing the interview isn't just about what you say and how you act; it's also about what you do beforehand.

Keep in mind, however, that interviews can vary in format and style, so it's important to prepare accordingly. Career experts share these tips for preparing for the most common types of job interviews.

### One-on-one, in-person interview

In-person interviews are typically reserved for candidates who are serious contenders for the position and are used to determine if the job seeker has the right skills and experience. Typically, it is conducted by the manager with whom the job candidate will be working.

**How to prepare:** Research the company and the position as much as possible. "The biggest interview slip-up is not knowing about the organization," says Diane Domeyer, executive director of The Creative Group, a staffing agency that specializes in digital, marketing and creative talent. "Uncovering beyond-the-ba-



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sics knowledge of the job and company will help you better communicate specific ways you can be of value." Domeyer also suggests preparing answers for common interview questions, as well as your own questions. "This reinforces your interest in the position and company while providing you with useful information that can help you determine if the job is a good fit."

### Phone interview

Phone interviews are often used as a screening measure before an in-person interview. "While the in-person interview may focus more on the details of the job, how you'll fit into the company and your questions about the position, a phone interview will likely focus more on getting to know you, your skills and your background," says Susan

Joyce, a job-search expert and chief blogger for Work Coach Cafe.

**How to prepare:** "My best advice for a phone interview is to treat it like a face-to-face interview," says Geoff Scott, a career adviser at Resume Companion. "Don't do it reclining in your favorite easy chair or on your bed. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate, take notes and lay out the necessary documents." Scott also recommends getting dressed and sitting up straight, which will "help get you in the right mindset for an interview."

### Panel interview

"A panel interview sounds scary and official, but you won't be facing a Spanish Inquisition-like panel of judges," Joyce says. A panel interview typically involves fielding questions from two or three people at once, such as your potential manager, a human resources representative and a peer.

**How to prepare:** Much like you would for a one-on-one interview, do your research on the company before the interview and learn what you can about each interviewer, Joyce says. Be prepared for a little chaos, too. "Think of this interview as more of a conversation between the group. The interviewers may

interrupt each other, but that's OK. You can always ask them to repeat themselves." Joyce also recommends making eye contact with everyone in the room when you respond to questions "so you're engaging the group, not just whoever asked the question."

### Video/Skype interview

Video or Skype is often used to interview candidates for remote or freelance work or to talk to candidates in different geographic locations before inviting them to on-site interviews.

**How to prepare:** Conduct a test run of your equipment with a friend to make sure everything is working properly. "You'd be surprised by how often technology gets in the way during online interviews," Scott says. During the interview, remember to look at the camera, which will give the appearance of eye contact. "If you keep looking at yourself on the monitor, it gives the interviewer a feeling that you're distracted and not focused on the interview," Scott says.

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## Car Report

# FORD USES SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AD, NEW FORDHUB IN NEW YORK CITY, TO ADVANCE CREDIBILITY IN MOBILITY



By Dale Buss

Ford is both narrowcasting and broadcasting its brand in new ways with the opening of its first FordHub experiential center in the World Trade Center in New York City -- and in releasing its pre-kickoff TV ad for Super Bowl Sunday that will reach America's largest annual audience.

The automaker typically takes out a big TV ad just before the Big Game, not during it, and that tradition will go unchanged this year just before the start of the broadcast of Super Bowl LI on Fox on February 5. Only this

time, Ford won't be touting the latest built-tough version of its F Series pickup trucks or the latest iteration in its SUV fleet: Ford will be advertising the future.

In 90-second ad under the "Go Further" positioning that Ford has used for a few years, the brand will, indeed, go further than ever before in laying out its vision of a future that is based not just on selling cars, trucks and utility vehicles to individuals, companies and government entities but also on "mobility services" including ride sharing, bike sharing and self-driving cars.

"Those close to the auto industry know what we are doing at Ford about mobility services, but those who aren't close to it may not be thinking about Ford in that way yet," Chantel Lenard, director of

US marketing for the Ford brand, told me. "The ad shows things that we're working on now all the way into the future. That's how we're connecting the pieces -- through advertising.

"It's a massive opportunity to show this ad right before the Super Bowl, a unique opportunity to share what we're thinking about the future. Customers are counting on us to think not only of solutions for today but for the future also and making their lives simpler and better."

The ad showcases moments in which people have become "stuck" in life, including a lone skier stuck on a chair lift that has gone immobile high over trees and the ski hill, some kids playing basketball when the ball gets stuck up on the rim, and a guy with his car stuck in a snowbank. "No one likes being stuck," the voice over says, convincingly.

Then the ad pivots to how "Ford is developing new ways to help you through life ... faster ... easier ... better ... today and tomorrow." The ad characters get out of their predicaments, some -- such as the snowbound motorist whose car is towed to traction by a Ford pickup truck -- with the explicit help of Ford products. The Ford assists include someone on a Ford-branded bicycle and an urban denizen who gets picked up by a Ford-branded van.

"We're going further so you can," the ad concludes. "Ride sharing ... Electric vehicles ... Bike sharing ... Self-driving cars."



Ford wants to bring manageability to future mobility.

Actually, Ford's strong recent pivot aimed at becoming a leader in the burgeoning mobility-services space, as well as in self-driving cars and electric vehicles, reflects a strong strand of thinking that today's executives trace all the way back to Henry Ford himself.

And no less than Elena Ford, his great-great-granddaughter, told me that the new Ford ad "would put a smile on his face."

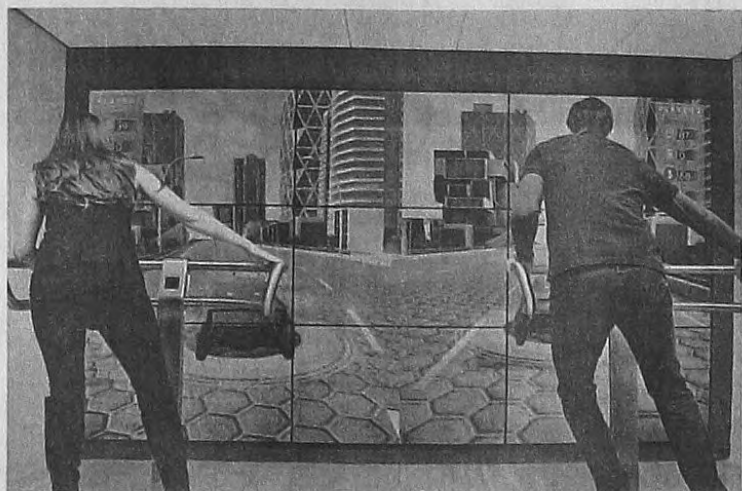
"He was a pioneer of innovation and he was always one who challenged convention, and was always thinking ahead."

In that regard, Ford also just opened its first FordHub "interactive brand-experience studio" in the Westfield World Trade Center in New York City. FordHub is designed to highlight the ways in which Ford is evolving into an auto and mobility company and to inspire

visitors to think about the future of transportation via imagination and dialogue.

Guests at the FordHub will be able to explore a world map to see how near-term mobility advancements will play a pivotal role in the City of Tomorrow, a futuristic exhibit that Ford unveiled at the 2017 North American International Auto Show earlier this month. There's also a mobility map that "tracks the pulse of New York City" with a dashboard of real-time traffic information for commuters, including trains, ferries and alerts.

In the Last Mile Challenge experience, guests stand on "wobbleboards" and race through a futuristic world using every means of transportation," as Ford put it in a news release, from autonomous cars to e-bikes, earning tokens for each mobility decision they make.



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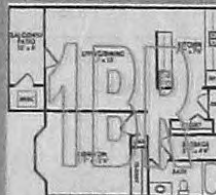
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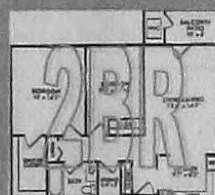
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