

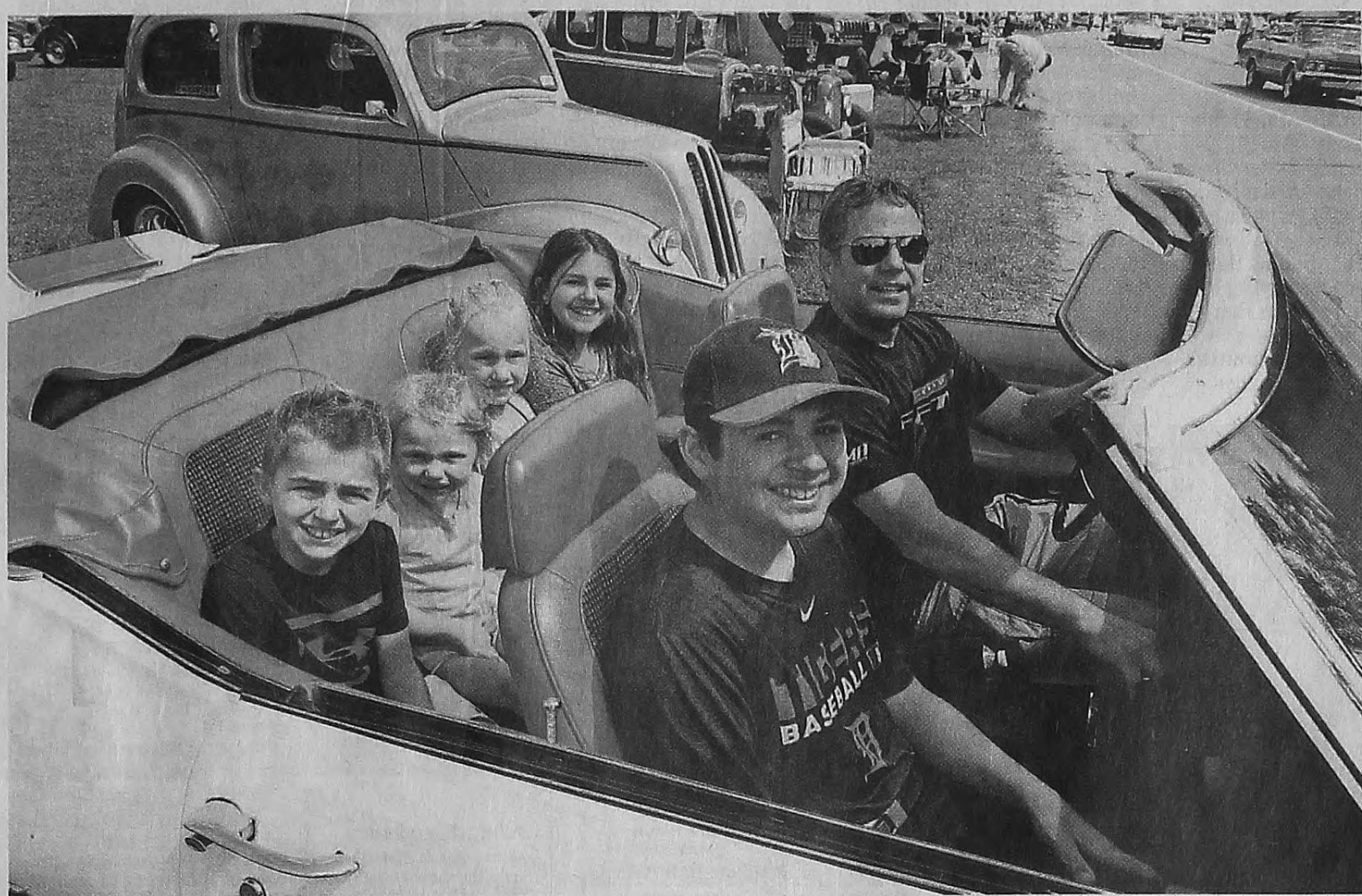
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Excited to go out on the cruise are the Regner family (back seat) from Canton and the Curr family from Livonia in their '69 Camaro.

Roads fix could depend on local dollars

Officials say county can't afford to help with repairs

Darrell Clem
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Canton residents desperate for a fix to deteriorating streets could be forced to dig into their own pockets, officials say, offering a sobering solution to a troubling topic.

Still tackling money woes, Wayne County lacks the resources it needs to repair local streets that fall under its jurisdiction, Township Engineer Bill Serchak said.

"Costs to repair the bad roads is very high. Wayne County is financially constrained and likely will be for a long time," he said Tuesday, during a roads forum in Canton. "Residents ultimately will have to fund the solution to this problem."

Exactly how that scenario will play out — higher taxes, special assessment districts, securing federal grants or other options — isn't known. But officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Southeast Michigan Council

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Annual Cruisin' Hines event features classic automobiles

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The annual Cruisin' Hines event through Hines Park in western Wayne County runs a track more than seven miles long with no stop lights, making it an easy event in which to cruise.

Maybe that's why a massive number of cars took advantage of the seventh annual event Aug. 27.

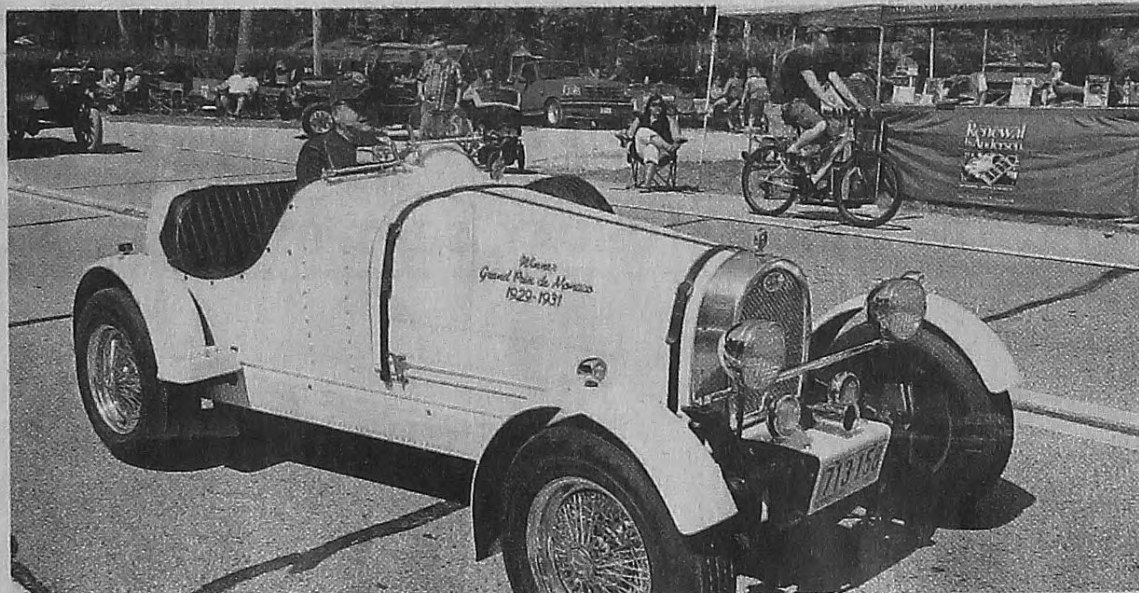
Organizer Don Nicholson said "tens of thousands" of classic cars — the event has been limited to vehicles 25 years old and older the last two years — made the trek to cruise Hines Drive, starting in Westland.

"It went very well," Nicholson said. "We had a packed house. The park was very full; I don't think we've ever had so many people in the park."

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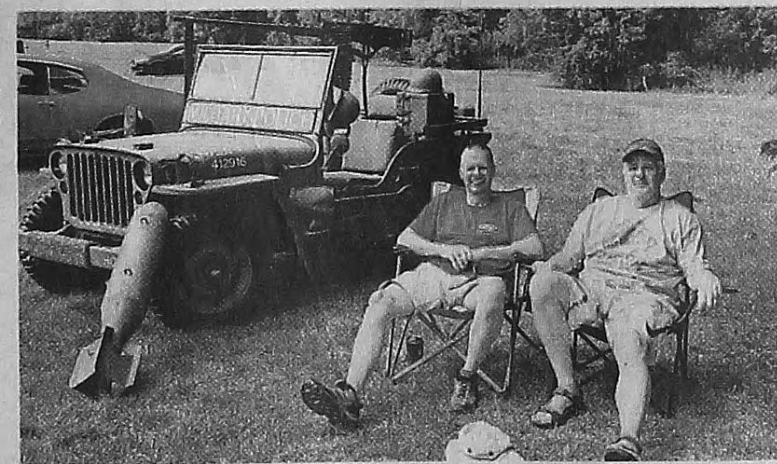
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DON NICHOLSON
event organizer



TOM BEAUDOIN

This 1929 Bugatti turned heads as it cruised through Hines Park.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Scott Zielinski of Wayne, owner of the 1942 Ford GPW, and Matt Berryman of Livonia.

Brew, Brats & Bands to benefit Canton Historical Society

Craft beer lovers 21 and over are invited to attend the eighth annual Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn fundraising event 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Proceeds will support the Canton Historical Society. Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services; Holiday Market; Liberty Street Brewing Co.; Canton Brew Works; Beerfests.com; Alphagraphics; Edward Jones Investments; and Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency, Inc.

Admission includes seven drink tickets, each good for a four-ounce beer tasting sample. Attendees will be able to choose from more than 50

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of Governments (SEMCOG), Wayne County and Canton agreed during the forum that there is no easy fix.

Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG deputy executive director, said federal gasoline taxes have remained stagnant since 1994, while the state fuel tax increased 7 cents to 26.3 cents per gallon last year — a spike that is expected to generate \$600 million a year by 2020.

Palombo said it won't be nearly enough to address all road problems, but he said the state isn't likely to adopt any further measures.

"I wouldn't hold my breath looking for more money," he said.

Canton also has proved unsuccessful after seven attempts to secure feder-

al dollars specifically to convert Ford Road into a boulevard between I-275 and Canton Center, eliminating left turns at intersections in an effort to ease traffic congestion. That's a \$40 million solution — identified by MDOT — that a study indicated would reduce crashes by 35 percent.

The problem? Again, it's money.

Gorette Yung, who manages MDOT's Taylor Transportation Service Center, said much of MDOT's money has gone to large projects involving interstates and large roads — but no funding has been allocated for Ford Road.

Township Supervisor Pat Williams organized the roads forum as a new Canton Roads Advisory Task Force begins the job of better identifying local roads and streets that need repairs, with possible options for how the township can proceed.

Williams said Canton is a "benchmark community" for public safety, recreation and other services, yet many of its roads and subdivision streets are in disrepair.

"Let's not be weak there anymore," he said.

The task force is expected to finish its work by spring. In the meantime, Serchak outlined some options Canton has for tackling road problems:

» The township board, without putting a ballot measure before residents, could unilaterally increase taxes by up to 3 mills for roads, an amount that would generate about \$10.5 million a year. One mill would bring in \$3.5 million.

» The board also could seek voter approval of an additional tax, up to 3 mills, for roads.

» Canton could seek out more opportunities to split the cost of local projects with Wayne

County, much as it did with the upcoming paving of Ridge Road, between Ford and Warren.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone said he is pushing to revive a program in recent years that allowed subdivisions to pay 20 percent of costs for street repairs compared to Wayne County's 80 percent. That brought \$3 million to Canton, though even Barone conceded "it's a Band-Aid" for a much larger problem.

» Canton could initiate an effort to become a city, rather than a township, a move that would bring in state Act 51 dollars for local subdivision streets. Serchak said that option could well prove less effective than the work Wayne County already performs.

» Local subdivisions could become more involved in fixing their own roads by creating a special assessment district.

But some supporters of that option say it's difficult to get the required 61 percent of homeowners to support it, partly because they can face staggering costs reaching into the thousands of dollars.

» Some officials, such as Trustee Steven Sneideman, have indicated an interest to ramp up efforts to force developers to pay larger shares of local road improvements.

Canton has 410 miles of roads. Of those, 65.1 percent are owned by Wayne County, 5.4 percent by the state and 29.5 percent by private homeowner associations.

For a four-year period ending in 2009, Canton had committed about \$1

million a year on select projects on primary roads, such as improving Lilley Road, from Ford to Palmer, and Sheldon Road, from Ford to Cherry Hill. But Serchak said those dollars disappeared amidst recession years.

Summer Foster, the township board's representative on the roads task force, is among those who say an easy solution to road improvements is elusive. But she is hopeful the task force can dig deep, look for solutions and find a way forward.

"I think it's really important work," she said, "and I'm excited to see what comes out of it."

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Traffic entering the park was backed up "to Ford Road," Nicholson said, with bumper-to-bumper traffic for nearly the entire eight hours of the event.

The event featured "at least 20" vehicles from TV shows and movies; the Batmobile, the Monkee Mobile and Herbie the Love Bug were among them.

Crowds lined Hines Drive throughout, sitting on hillsides, pitching chairs and tents to get good spots. The large crowd of spectators and the huge turnout of cars showcased a burgeoning event.

"Every year we grow," Nicholson said. "It's a cruisers event. This has become the event everyone wants to attend. It's just special."

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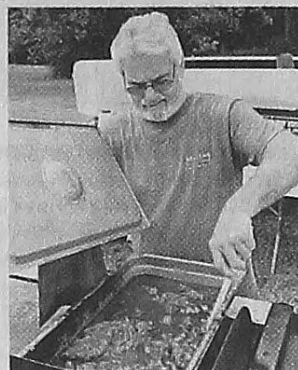


Debbie Christie (Commerce), Linda Alverson (Highland) and Ann Cox (Livonia) enjoy a beautiful summer day.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Aug. 27 proved to be a perfect day as classic cars drove in the annual Cruisin' Hines event.



TOM BEAUDOIN

If you owned it when you were younger, chances are your old car memories took a stroll down Hines Drive.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Southfield residents Antwane and Regina Maddox stand next to their '74 AMC Javelin.

South Lyon resident Ed Marnon stirs some delicious shredded beef for sandwiches.

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different craft and specialty beers. Brats with all the fixings will also be included with admission, as well as a keepsake beer tasting mug. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by Standing

Room Only, performing favorite classic rock hits, and All Directions, playing popular rhythm and blues standards.

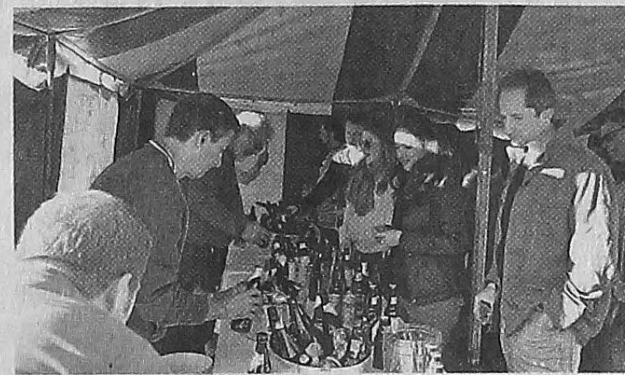
Tickets are \$25 if purchased before Sept. 8, and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available online at www.beerfests.com or www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, as well as the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge Road. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$10. Additional beer tasting tickets are available for purchase; receive four additional tickets for \$5.

For more information, go to www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or

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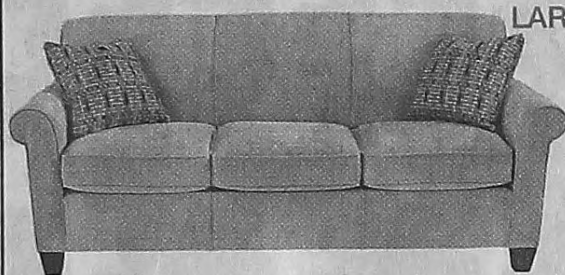


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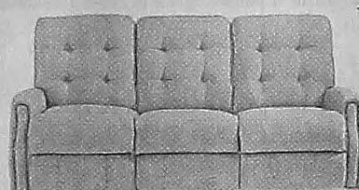
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Camaro club donates to Miracle League



PAUL DENSKI

The Eastern Michigan Camaro Club was on hand Aug. 26 at the Miracle League of Plymouth's Theodore Street facility to donate funds for this year's club designated charity to receive the proceeds from its annual show, Camaro Superfest. The show, held every year during the Fourth of July holiday, has raised more than \$67,000 for several charities in the past 10 years. Presenting the \$12,000 to the league brings to an end this year's project. On hand for the check presentation were Lou and Scott LaRiche from the club's premier sponsor, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet. Both Lou and his son Scott are large supporters of the Miracle League. They also help choose the charity that the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club supports every year and have been instrumental in directing the club to charitable giving.

Bansal joins staff at The Center

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center has announced the addition of Parul Bansal, market intelligence consultant, to its Research Services practice area. The announcement was made by Mike Coast, president of The Center.



Bansal

"Our experienced Research Services team uses a combination of both qualitative and quantitative methods to provide invaluable insight for our clients' strategic business decisions," Coast said. "Parul's expertise with analytical tools and research databases will further enable our Research Services team to identify trends, monitor new and growing industries and offer Michigan manufacturers unparalleled, industry-specific competitive intelligence."

In her new role, Bansal creates custom market research and competitive intelligence reports based on primary and secondary research sources. Additionally, she supports supplier scouting efforts. The Center conducts on behalf of Pure Michigan Business Connect and other manufacturers and entrepreneurs.

Most recently, Bansal worked for Accenture, a global consulting firm. She was responsible for managing clients and delivering research relating to identifying new opportunities, assessing potential markets and cost reduction initiatives. Bansal holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and statistics from Delhi University and an MBA from the

Institute of Management and Technology.

The Research Services practice area focuses on market research, competitive intelligence and supplier scouting, enabling clients to implement data-driven strategies and tactics. The Center's other consulting services include: Growth, Cybersecurity, Operational Excellence, Leadership Development, Skill Development, Accelerating Technology and Food Processing. Over the past year, 377 of The Center's clients achieved \$139.4 million in new sales, \$537.5 million in retained sales, \$70.7 million in cost savings, \$195.8 million investments made and 3,771 jobs created or retained.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is an organization dedicated to supporting Michigan manufacturers to work smarter, to compete and to prosper. The Center offers personalized consulting services to meet the needs of clients in virtually every aspect of its businesses. For more information, go to the-center.org.

Friendship event helps those with special needs

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Levi and Bassie Shemtov have built Friendship Circle, the West Bloomfield-based charity, into a successful institution caring for and serving special-needs kids and adults all around metro Detroit.

The Shemtovs hope their upcoming fundraiser, the 12th annual Walk4Friendship, will help them to make their organization bigger and better.

The Walk4Friendship is designed to raise money to fund programs for Friendship Circle and its subsidiary, the Farber Center, which includes the Soul Cafe.

"This is a time we gather together as a community to support people

with special needs," Bassie Shemtov said. "We're all family, there to support (special-needs people) and grow from them. They inspire us to be better people."

There's good reason to believe the walk will help keep the circle strong: Last year's event drew some 6,000 walkers and raised some \$600,000.

Shemtov hopes this year's walk, set for Sunday, Sept. 3, will draw even more walkers and raise some \$750,000.

"It's our biggest fundraiser," she said. "Walk4Friendship is an amazing time of year for Friendship Circle. We witness thousands of community members gather together with one common bond: they each love someone with special needs. Together, we

can make Walk4Friendship 2017 our most successful walk yet."

The walk will begin at the West Bloomfield Town Hall and end at Friendship Circle's Farber Center. Parking is available at Temple Israel, with shuttles to the walk's starting point.

Participants will be able to enjoy food, a zip line, micro-reality racing, a sports arena, Michigan Science Center experiments, kids workshop with Home Depot and additional entertainment. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Radio personality Mike Stone of WXYT-FM (97.1) and longtime news anchor Diana Lewis will both emcee this year's walk.

Friendship Circle also provides support to indi-

viduals and families struggling with isolation, addiction and other family-related crises. It creates friendship in the lives of individuals with special needs and those facing isolation, while providing an opportunity to become a contributing member of the community.

More than 200 school districts, including Livonia, Farmington, Wayne-Westland, Plymouth-Canton, Huron Valley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Garden City, Redford and dozens of others, utilize the services of Friendship Circle.

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Be 'watchful' and try to avoid carelessness

My youngest daughter and I love to go out to the Appalachian Trail. We don't hike, we actually run. My wife will drop us off at a spot, we'll run 20 or 22 miles and she'll pick us up at the end of the day. We've probably covered 200 miles of the trail this way, a few days at a time, over the last four summers.

Last July, just as we were about to start on the trail in southern Pennsylvania where we'd ended the previous summer, we were startled by a large black bear and her two cubs. It was both beautiful and frightening



Dean Johnson
CULTURAL RELEVANCY

to behold. But we spent the entire rest of that trip watching over our shoulders, jumping each time there was a rustling in the woods, paranoid that a bear was coming to get us.

Two weeks ago, we headed back east. We finished up Maryland, did the four miles of the trail in West Virginia and headed into Virginia, all the while on heightened alert for bears. I was running in front and

Charissa was behind me when she stopped and shouted, "Oh! Dad!" I yelled, "Where? Where's the bear?!" But she pointed at the ground and blurted, "Rattlesnake!" I had almost stepped on a very large rattlesnake that was crossing the trail. It shook its rattle at us and coiled its neck to strike and we jumped back quickly. Needless to say, we spent the entire rest of the trip watching the ground.

I think we humans have difficulty staying what the Bible calls "watchful." We get careless, especially when it comes to the important, spiritual things of life.

It seems that carelessness is a propensity we humans have. Maybe I get busy. Maybe I get distracted. Maybe sometimes I'm just lazy.

Remember the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden? They got careless. God said, "Freely enjoy all the joys of this wonderful world. But there's one thing I don't want you to do. Don't eat off that one tree." I imagine they were vigilant for a while. But then they got careless, which led to disastrous consequences. It seems that carelessness

is a propensity we humans have. Maybe I get busy. Maybe I get distracted. Maybe sometimes I'm just lazy. Jesus talked about this in Luke 12:35: "Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they

can immediately open the door for him." If he was right, then this short life in this present world is just part of our existence. There is eternity. There is eternity. Don't become careless by focusing only on the things of this world. Be "watchful" by giving some thought to God and how we might know him and the difference it would make in our lives if we do. Oh, and watch out for bears and rattlesnakes, because they're out there.

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Proposed county commission pension plan initiative unveiled

A plan to more rapidly reduce the county retirement system's unfunded liability was introduced Aug. 29 by Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak and Commission Fiscal Director Mark Abbo.

In a presentation before the Commission's Ways & Means Committee, Abbo, who developed the Commission Pension Plan Initiative, said the proposal could result in up to \$50 million in additional contributions to the pension system beyond the legally required annual required contribution. The required

contribution is about \$55 million for fiscal year 2017-18.

"It is crucial for the county to substantially increase and accelerate the funding of the retirement system, which currently is only 54-percent funded," said Woronchak, D-Dearborn. "This proposal would not only contribute to the county's continuing financial recovery, but would keep faith with the county's retirees by mak-



Woronchak

ing the pension fund more secure."

As described by Abbo, by voluntary agreement with the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System, the county would utilize a portion of the county's pooled cash reserves to fund an additional contribution in an amount to be determined. The county would retain the flexibility to use the additional payment as a credit to reduce the ARC in future years, if financial necessity requires it.

"In addition to the principal amount of the additional contribution, investment of that amount would earn the retirement system's rate

of return, which has been about 9.5 percent over the past five years, instead of at the limited rate earned on the county's pooled cash funds," Abbo said.

"To illustrate, a \$50 million additional payment yielding even 7.25 percent, instead of the less than 1 percent historically returned by the pooled cash investment, could earn \$3,625,000 per year with WCERS, versus only \$405,000 if left with the pooled cash fund."

Woronchak emphasized that additional negotiations with County Executive Warren Evans's administration and WCERS would be neces-

sary on a number of plan elements, including the amount of the additional payment, the maximum years a credit could be taken against future ARCs, the determination of financial necessity by the administration as approved by the county commission triggering a credit and the fixing of a straight-line amortization period during the period of credit.

"Abbo has come up with a plan that could result in major progress in one of the county's major financial challenges," Woronchak said. "There is still a lot of work to be done before this can be implemented, but I believe all parties

involved can see that this is worth pursuing."

Woronchak pointed out that the pension system's funding level, while still far below what is recommended, has improved in the past few years due to strong returns on investments and a more disciplined approach by the WCERS board, of which he is a member.

In addition, the Wayne County Commission has, in recent years, appropriated millions of dollars more to the retirement fund than the county's legally required amount, in order to speed up the recovery process.

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County commission approves transfer of foreclosed properties to county land bank

The Wayne County Commission has authorized transferring 141 tax-foreclosed properties to the Wayne County Land Bank, which intends to sell the properties to nine private developers through its pilot program designed to strengthen neighborhoods.

Properties are located in Detroit and 17 other communities throughout the county.

The developers will pay the properties' back taxes, plus administrative fees that will be used by the land bank.

"This will help small cities like mine," said Commissioner Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park, who supported the transfer. "In my district, we do not have the staff to re-

habilitate these properties, so I am willing to give this a chance."

Rather than be sold at a treasurer's auction, properties will be purchased by members of a group of developers selected and vetted by Wayne County Land Bank staff. The commission exercised rights of refusal on the properties, which are being transferred to the Land Bank via quitclaim deeds.

While they represent a small portion of the roughly 8,000 county properties in foreclosure, county officials said the goal is to have these properties rehabilitated quickly by local developers rather than being purchased at auction by developers who could sit on the properties for

years.

Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, supported the transfer, but said the commission would keep a close eye on the Land Bank process before deciding whether the program should be continued beyond this year.

"Our goal, as always, is to help everyone avoid foreclosure and this is only a fraction of the properties in foreclosure," Woronchak said. "It might not work, but then again, it might be a brilliant idea and one we can advance in the future."

Under the program, those renting homes from owners that have been foreclosed upon will receive an option to stay under the new owner-

ship.

Commission Vice Chair Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, also was optimistic: "Anything we can do to keep people in their homes builds neighborhoods and strengthens communities."

Of the 141 properties, 71 — just over half — are in Detroit. Other municipalities are Dearborn Heights, 23; Dearborn, 13; Hamtramck and Westland, five each; Southgate and Trenton, four each; Brownstown Township, three; Harper Woods, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, two each; and Allen Park, Canton Township, Grosse Ile Township, Huron Township, Livonia, Redford Township and Riverview, one each.

PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2018 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Friends' Activity Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

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Help cut pollution with a survey from Friends of the Rouge

Friends of the Rouge is launching new river restoration efforts that focus upstream on residential landscapes. The goal is to improve water quality along two tributaries to the Rouge River — Johnson Creek and Tonquish Creek — which run through Salem Township, Northville (city and township), Plymouth (city and township), Canton and Westland. These efforts begin with a survey for households in the region focusing on home and lawn care activities. Currently at 183 responses, Friends of the Rouge aims to reach 500 responses by Sept. 15. Go to TheRouge.org/survey today to participate.

Friends of the Rouge is targeting Johnson Creek and Tonquish Creek because these neighboring tributaries respectively represent the highest quality and one of the most impacted tributaries to the Rouge River. "Johnson Creek is the only cold water tributary to the Rouge, the only creek where we still find the most sensitive species of fish and other wildlife," said Cyndi Ross, river restoration program manager for Friends of the Rouge. "As we continue to see success in our efforts to restore the Rouge River system, Johnson Creek will help repopulate the rest of the Rouge River with sensitive species. Protecting Johnson Creek is among our highest priorities for the whole Rouge River ecosystem."

In contrast with Johnson Creek, Tonquish Creek is among the Rouge's most impacted

tributaries. The problem is largely one of impervious surfaces — asphalt, concrete, and rooftops — that do not allow rain water to soak into the ground. Instead, water flows rapidly into local streams, carrying salts, metal pollutants from car brakes and bodies, oils from engines and fertilizers and herbicides from lawns.

"The water itself becomes a pollutant," said Matthew Bertrand, NPS program coordinator. "Nowadays, storm water explodes through our rivers after rainstorms, leaving behind scoured, collapsing banks that see only meager trickles of water in dry times. The Middle Branch of the Rouge, through which Tonquish Creek flows, rates at 78 percent impervious cover, lower only than the Main Branch flowing through Detroit. Creeks surrounded by levels of impervious over 60 percent tend to serve as sterile pipes rather than as living systems."

Tonquish was rated poor for habitat quality based on studies in 2005.

To protect Johnson Creek and restore Tonquish Creek, Friends of the Rouge asks residents to consider rain gardens for their homes. "Rain gardens solve problems big and small, from icy sidewalks and flooded basements to rivers too polluted to fish or kayak," Bertrand said. "Imagine your favorite garden — its colors, scents, shade and seating. Rain gardens are the same flipped upside down. Unlike most gardens planted on mounds, rain gardens are shallow

saucers that receive water from roofs and driveways, filtering pollution and storing flood waters. Like any well-maintained garden, rain gardens beautify home and community landscapes, adding to property values and improving quality of life."

To help you determine whether a rain garden works for your home, Friends of the Rouge is arranging outreach presentations to civic groups like garden clubs, service organizations and more. In spring 2018, look forward to intensive training opportunities that include hands-on rain garden demonstration installations. They will also offer subsidies through an open application process to help residents install rain gardens at their homes. These efforts are funded by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. To schedule a presentation for a group or gathering, contact Bertrand at 313-792-9621.

All these efforts begin with a simple survey for households in Salem, Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Westland. The survey focuses on home and lawn care activities, targeting residents over the age of 18 who are responsible for home landscape maintenance. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Responses will directly inform upcoming efforts to work with area residents to improve water quality. The survey is available at TheRouge.org/survey.

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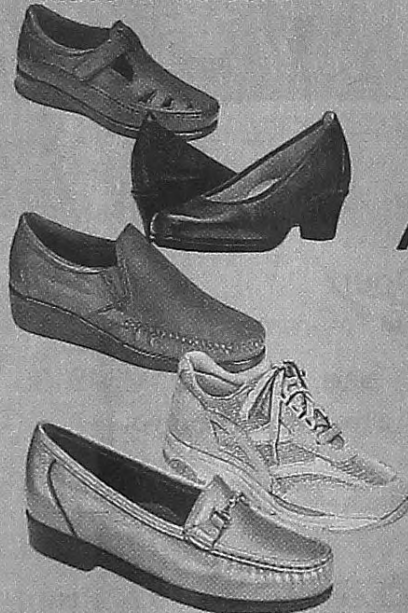


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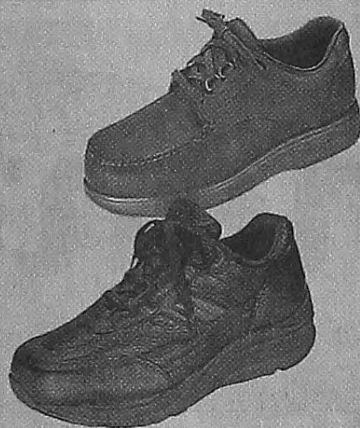
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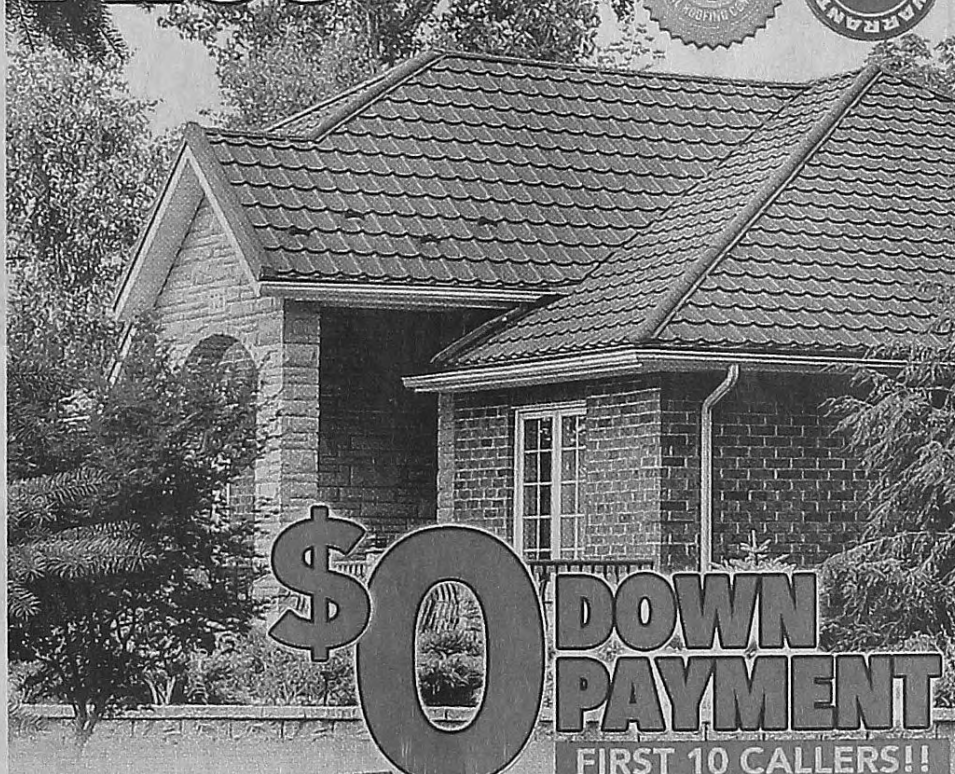
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POSITIVE ACTION AFTER A TRAGEDY

After daughter is killed in an ATV crash, principal works for a helmet law

JEFFREY WALKER
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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

When Kate Bruggenschmidt went to hang out with friends between softball games, her mother's primary concern was that her daughter didn't go swimming, fearing she'd wear herself out.

What Ashlee Bruggenschmidt never considered was that Kate might hop onto an ATV.

The 750-pound ATV Kate and her friend were riding rolled over, crushing Kate and killing her instantly. She was 11.

For a year, Ashlee, the principal at Sharon Elementary School in Newburgh, Ind., didn't talk about the crash. But one day a thought occurred to her. "I can't believe there's not a helmet law in Indiana."

And the Play for Kate Foundation was formed.

The foundation built a playground in Kate's memory in Boonville, Ind., but the important work was just beginning.

Ashlee Bruggenschmidt testified before the Indiana House and Senate, alongside doctors, Kate's friends and advocates from public interest groups.

"As educators, it's our jobs to keep kids safe," Ashlee told colleagues.

It wasn't easy, but on July 1, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed HEA 1200 into law. It dictates that all ATV riders younger than 18 must wear a helmet, both on public and private land.

"HEA 1200 isn't going to change Kate's outcome, but it is going to change outcomes for other kids in the state of Indiana," Ashlee said about the bill.

Still, Ashlee's work continues.

Working with a company in North Carolina, Ashlee developed "Safety Sam," a robot that can travel to schools and teach kids about ATV safety. Sam



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After her daughter was killed in an ATV accident, Ashlee Bruggenschmidt founded the Play for Kate Foundation, which successfully advocated for a helmet safety laws in Indiana.

rides an ATV and is operated remotely by an Indiana conservation officer who can interact with kids via headset.

The Play for Kate Foundation has secured funding for four Safety Sams, with orders for more from three states and Puerto Rico.

In August, Ashlee spoke with leaders in Washington, including Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, about a national ATV helmet law.

Ashlee's goal? "Zero preventable deaths from ATV accidents." For Kate.

Ashlee Bruggenschmidt

Location: Boonville, Ind.

Age: 40

Profession: Principal, Sharon Elementary School, Newburgh, Ind.

Mission: Zero preventable deaths in ATV accidents

Q&A WITH ASHLEE BRUGGENSCHMIDT

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American means to live your life in a way so that if today was your last day, you would feel good about the choices and decisions in life that you made. Choices that make a positive difference, leave a lasting impact for the goodness of others. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." That is what being an American means to me — to be selfless, to be kind, to sacrifice, to give hope and grace to make the world a better place.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

About a year after (Kate's) accident, I was sitting with a friend and I looked at her and said, "I can't believe there's not a helmet law in Indiana." As educators, it's our jobs to keep kids safe.

What gives you hope?

The goodness of our community and giving or helping others gives us hope. Giving is a way to channel our grief. It helps us focus on someone else's needs rather than our own sadness. We try to focus on the positives. In Kate's tragedy, we were confronted with an outpouring of good, hope, caring and compassion from our community. The community helped us to move forward and do something meaningful with the time we have left here on Earth in Kate's honor/memory.

What concerns you?

What concerns me is all the hate, anger, belittling and resentment in the world today. You see it on television, on social media, in our leadership and in every walk of life. Our kids and society in general need more love, compassion, empathy, grace and hope. It is all of our jobs as citizens to make that culture change ... into a culture of hope, humility and prosperity.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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Shred Day in Plymouth

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a Shred Day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Plymouth Township Hall parking lot, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

This marks the second Shred Day event to be hosted jointly by the township and the city this year, something leaders of both communities cite as part of their new cooperative relationship.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can, however, make multiple trips throughout the morning. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

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Plymouth art exhibit

The exhibit "Interpretations III: Small Town Living in Plymouth — A True Collaboration" will run Sept. 9-28. An opening reception is set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Admission is free and the reception is open to the public.

In August 2016, a group of photographers and other artists met in Plymouth's Kellogg Park to collaborate on creating a series of photographs which would subsequently be interpreted in various forms of media for a unique exhibition at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as part of the city's 150th anniversary celebration.

From the 18 chosen photographs made by the nine photographers participating in that event, more than 40 interpretative works of art were created for the exhibit by a dozen artists from throughout metro Detroit.

"Interpretations III: Small Town Living in Plymouth — A True Collaboration" is the third in a series of exhibits co-curated by photographer Tim Tonachella, a native of Plymouth, and photographer Jim Aho of Farmington Hills.

2017 Citizens Academy

The 2017 Wayne County Prosecutor's Citizens Academy is a free seven-week program that seeks to educate and inspire citizens by providing insight into the criminal justice system in Wayne County. The program will explore some of the emerging threats to individuals, families and the community at large and



Peyton Miller will perform Tuesday, Sept. 26, during the Jazz @ The Elks series.

provide a look at what is being done to address them. The academy will include discussions on crime investigation, specialized units designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our county, and the opportunity to weigh in with experts in the criminal justice system. Topics include sexual assault, child abuse, illegal drugs, forensics and homicide.

The academy will be held set for 6:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday at Henry Ford College in Dearborn. The course runs from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24. The number of participants is capped at 120 and Wayne County residents are preferred. The goal for the Citizen Academy is that graduates will help to create a safer and stronger community-based response to crime.

To apply online, go to <http://www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor/citizens-academy.htm>.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, for the first time at the Elks will be the seasoned great sounds from JC and the Royal Keys. This group has been together for several years and blend great sounds to bring us blues, rockabilly and jazz. Leader Jarrod Champion plays keyboard and sings. Joining him are Loney Charles on drums, Rudy Varner on upright bass, Eric Schabo on sax, and Erik Alderink on guitar.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Sean

Dobbins' Rising Star Program will feature Peyton Miller. This 17-year-old vibraphone expert will be joined by Sean Dobbins on drums, Corey Kendrick on keyboards and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Theater auditions

Fall 2017 theater season auditions will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The fall program is for ages 6-15 (grades 2-9).

Families may register online or in person or by

phone during PCAC business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

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PUPS is an experimental theater program that is actor-centered. All actors will have a role in final production to be held at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

Cost is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for the final performance.

Patriot Golf Day

The inaugural Patriot Golf Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, to benefit Folds of Honor.

Tickets are \$125 and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, open driving range, lunch at the turn, event dinner with open bar and awards. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, mulligan and skins.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at the turn is 10:30 a.m. and dinner and awards are at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email foldsmichigan@gmail.com.

Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

Join ranking mental health professionals, employee and union leadership, clergy, people who have lost their loved ones to suicide and people who have survived suicide attempts at this three-day event focused on suicide prevention and healing.

This year's conference is focused on five key themes: research and therapeutic modalities, youth and education, veterans and active military, suicide prevention in the workplace and Surviving Suicide: a Journey of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are available.

Registration is \$75 (one day) or \$200 (three days) before Sept. 30 and \$100 or \$300 after. For more information or to register, go to <https://kevinssong.org/conference/>.

Fordson class reunion

Fordson High School, Class of 1954, will hold a 63rd reunion luncheon Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email PatGastonChiesa@patch629@aol.com.

Franklin High reunion

Livonia Franklin High School will hold its class of 1970 reunion 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Godfredson Road, Plymouth.

Cost is \$55 per person. Seating is limited to 100 people. The Dale Hicks Band performing in restaurant at 9 p.m. There will be dinner and a group photo.

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Winnie



Patricia May (81) of Livonia, MI passed away on the morning of August 2, 2017 at Ingham County Medical Facility in Okemos, MI. "Patti" as she was well known by loved ones, was born on May 2, 1936 to James and Helen Winnie, the oldest of their two daughters. Throughout her 81 years, Patti was a loving, caring, selfless, generous person who left a mark on every life she touched and will be greatly missed. Patti graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy with a degree in Elementary Education. After graduating, she began teaching second grade at Botsford Elementary School where she taught for over 40 years. After retirement, she continued to teach at Botsford as a volunteer tutor, 5 days a week. Patti had a passion for learning and teaching so there was nothing more she'd want than continue sharing that passion with young students, even after retirement. Patti also taught catechism at her home Parish, St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in Livonia, MI for most of her adult life. Patti was preceded in death by her parents, James and Helen Winnie, her grand nephew Jacob Brink, as well as other loved ones she lost over the years. She is survived by her sister, Judy; her nieces and nephews, Dawn (Martin), Kristi (Tom), Dana and Derek; her grand nieces and nephews, Nicole (Fulu), Sarah, Chelsea, Makenzie, Ben and Wolfgang; and her great grand nieces Sienna, Adora, Delia, Vivian and Ivana. Funeral arrangements have been made for Friday September 8, 2017 at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in Livonia, MI with a 10:15am visitation and 11:00am mass.

Trethewey



Mary Jean age 91, of Hudson, OH passed away Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Crown Center at Laurel Lake. Jean was born December 10, 1925 to the late Clyde and Ruth Smith. She was the beloved wife of the late Harold Trethewey, loving mother of Alan (Andrew Carl) Trethewey and the late Susan Trethewey. She worked as a secretary for the Garden City School System for many years. Private family services will be held. Arrangements by Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, Hudson, OH (330-650-4181). www.johnsonromito.com

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Marital status matters regarding Roth IRA contributions

Q: I have a question on my 2016 tax return. In April, I filed for an extension and I've just started to work on my return. In 2016, I got married in October. However, prior to getting married, I contributed \$5,500 to a Roth IRA. When I made the contribution, I was eligible for a Roth IRA contribution. However, when I started doing my 2016 return, when I factored in my wife's income along with a bonus that she received, our income is over \$200,000 for last year and, as a result, I am not eligible for a Roth IRA contribution. My first question is, since I contributed to a Roth when I was eligible, before I got married, does that change the situation and allow me to contribute to a Roth? Is there a special form that I need to complete? My second question is, if I could not contribute into a Roth, what should I do with regards to the money that's still in the Roth IRA?

A: The first issue is whether the fact that you made your Roth IRA contribution when you qualified, vs. when the return was done, makes a difference. Unfortunately, the answer is no. For tax purposes, someone's marital status is determined as of Dec. 31. It doesn't matter if you were married Jan. 1 or Dec. 31. For tax purposes, your marital status for the entire year is set Dec. 31. In the case at hand, since you were married as of Dec. 31, 2016, you are considered



Rick Bloom
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to be married for the entire year. Because of your joint income, you're not eligible to contribute into a Roth.

When someone contributes into a Roth IRA when they are not eligible, the penalties are severe. The IRS assesses an excess contribution penalty of 6 percent of the amount you contributed. For example, if you had contributed \$4,000 into a Roth IRA, your excess contribution penalty would be \$240.

What people are unaware of, the excess contribution penalty isn't just for the year you made the excess contribution, rather it is for every year that you don't correct the excess contribution. Therefore, it is important that you withdraw the contribution and the earnings from the Roth IRA. If you don't, you could be subject to the same penalty a year from now.

When you withdraw your contribution from the Roth IRA, you also have to withdraw any earnings that the contribution has earned. For example, if you contributed \$4,000 into a Roth and that money grew to \$5,000, you have to withdraw the full \$5,000 from the account. In addition, the income that you withdraw is taxed to you at your ordinary income level. Furthermore, unless you are over 59½, permanently disabled or have other significant

medical expenses, you are also liable for the 10-percent early withdrawal penalty on the earnings.

You may be asking yourself what happens if you had a loss on the money you invested into the Roth. Unfortunately, you cannot deduct that loss for tax purposes. In addition, if you contributed \$4,000 and today it's worth \$3,500, it is the \$3,500 you have to withdraw from the Roth, not the \$4,000.

Because you have not filed your 2016 tax return and you're still within the tax deadline — and because you filed for an extension — you can avoid the 6-percent penalty on excess contributions if you withdraw the money before your return is due. This doesn't avoid the tax and potentially any penalty on the income that you earned, but it would avoid the excess contribution penalty.

For those of you who filed for an extension in April, you still have time to do your 2016 tax return. My advice is that you start as soon as you can so you're not rushing at the end. As I've always said, one sure way to guarantee higher scrutiny is to file an inaccurate or sloppy return. If you have filed for an extension, now is a good time to start working on your 2016 tax return.

Good luck!

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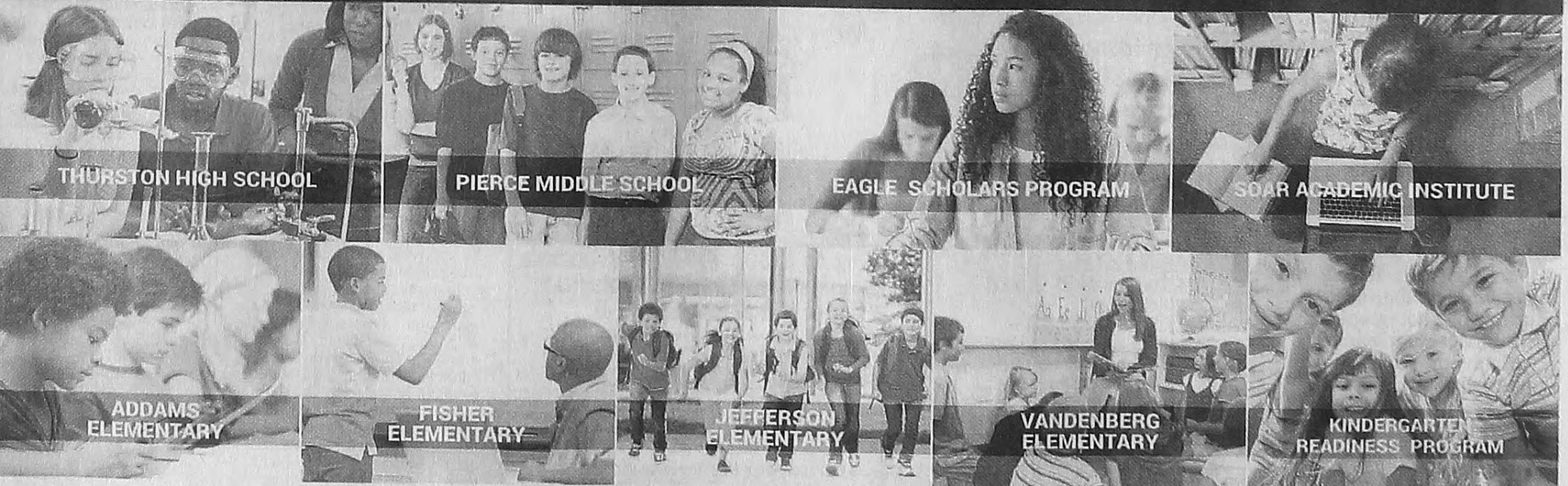
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Duquette says, 'I'm in' as Marian's new head coach

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After dedicating her life to playing and coaching volleyball at all possible levels, Lauren Duquette was ready to take a break. Then, the 30-year-old Macomb County resident received a job offer she couldn't refuse.

Duquette survived a rigorous evaluation process and was asked to take over the highly-regarded Bloomfield Hills Marian program in February. It was a swift decision.

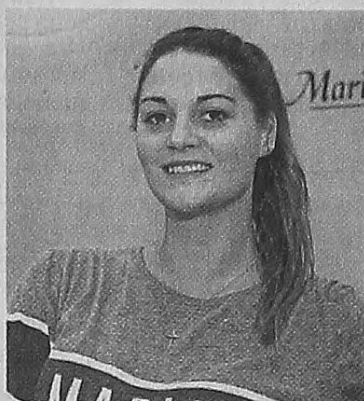
"I was definitely excited to get the job," said Duquette, who last year served as Rochester's head coach. "I remember going through my head and saying to myself, 'Be professional and tell them you will call them back to let them know.' It took me about five seconds into the phone call and I said, 'I'm in.' I knew I wanted it.

"I made a decision that made me feel comfortable," she added. "Quite frankly, I liked the fact that they had so many interviews. It was a

three- or four-step interview process and, to me, that meant they were taking their time to pick the best fit to the program."

Longtime Marian athletic director David Feldman is elated to have Duquette on board.

"Lauren was hired after a long and thorough interview process," Feldman said. "We are extremely excited to have her be the face of our program and we feel that she will con-



See DUQUETTE, Page B2 Duquette

Clark to coach at DeLaSalle

Birmingham Brother Rice graduate Sean Clark is the new Warren DeLaSalle High School hockey head coach.

Clark takes over for Craig Staskowski, who led the Pilots to the Division 3 state championship. Staskowski recently resigned from the post.

"My family and I are honored to be part of the DeLaSalle community," Clark said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing the recent success of the hockey team and building a program that DeLaSalle students, alumni, faculty and supporters can point to with pride."

According to reports, Clark was one of 15 candidates who applied for the job, with 10 of them earning interviews. Clark, a Warren resident, is a DPW associate manager for the city of Warren.

After graduating from Rice, Clark went on to play at Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he played four years and served two years as a captain. He played briefly with the Bakersfield Condors and most recently served as an associate head coach for the U18 AAA-level Oakland Junior Grizzlies.

Teams set for MIHL Showcase

The Michigan Inter-scholastic Hockey League Selection Committee recently announced the 42 teams that will fill out the event, which takes place Feb. 1-3, 2018, at the Kennedy Ice Arena in Trenton.

Teams from the Hometownlife.com areas that are scheduled to participate include Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

The Showcase features some of the Midwest's top teams and attracts more than 80 scouts from all different levels of hockey.

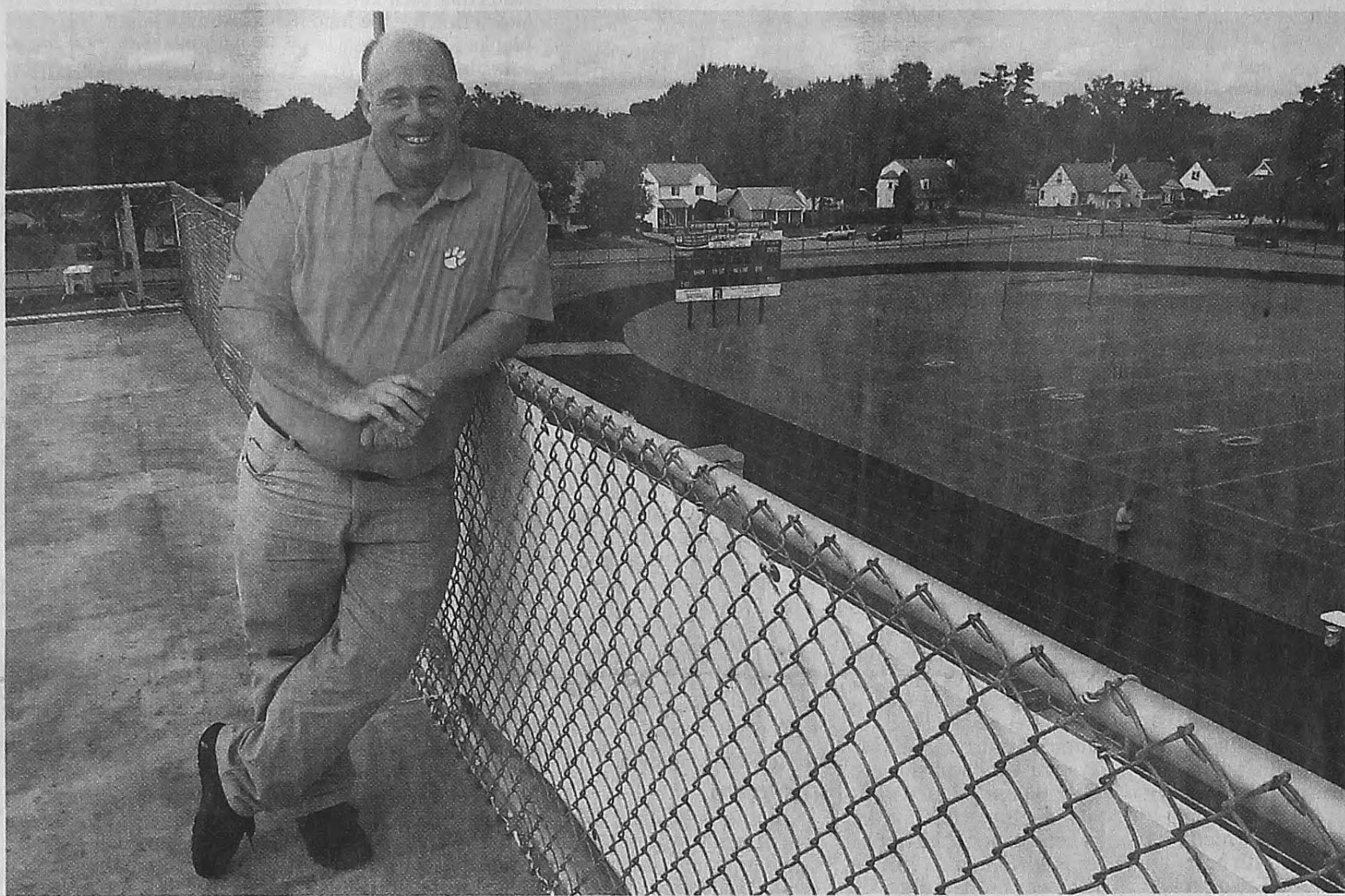
Kampe voted to Hall of Fame

Oakland University men's basketball coach Greg Kampe is one of eight persons who will be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame this month.

Kampe completed his 33rd season as head coach at OU, leading the Golden Grizzlies to the Horizon League title in just their fourth season in the conference. Oakland became eligible for postseason play in 2002 and has played in three NCAA tournaments (2005, 2010, 2011). He's earned postseason appearances in eight of the last nine seasons.

The other seven 2017 inductees are Mitch Albom, Jon Jansen, Jim Leyland, Dean Look, Andre Rison, Dennis Rodman and Jalen Rose. The induction ceremony will be held Sept. 15 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit.

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Dan York stands on the roof of his home away from home — the press box at Garden City High School.

MICROPHONE MILESTONE

Dan York still loves calling Garden City High School games as he begins 40th season of announcing

Tim Smith
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As a kid, Dan York sat in front of a silent television and did his own play-by-play of Detroit Tigers baseball games.

Decades later, the 53-year-old York still acts like an excit-

ed kid when he gets behind a microphone, either to announce or call the action of Garden City High School athletic events.

This year marks his 40th season calling games in the city, first with the Garden City West Tigers and then (after the

consolidation in 1982-83) the Garden City Cougars.

"Right out of the chute, I was the kid that sat in front of the TV and did play-by-play with the sound turned down of the Tigers games on Channel 4," York said. "From probably third or fourth grade, that's where I was going towards, at least, love of sports and broadcasting, being a ham."

York did get to do some

public address announcing of Tigers games, not to mention help legendary Detroit Red Wings broadcaster/announcer Budd Lynch in the Joe Louis Arena press box for a couple of memorable seasons. He also is the press box announcer at Detroit Lions games, dispensing valuable information to other media members at Ford

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WSU discovers Pittman's leadership abilities

Marty Budner
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Anthony Pittman showed leadership abilities during his prep football days at Birmingham Groves, where he served as a senior team captain. Wayne State University's football staff saw those same qualities.

A red-shirt junior, Pittman

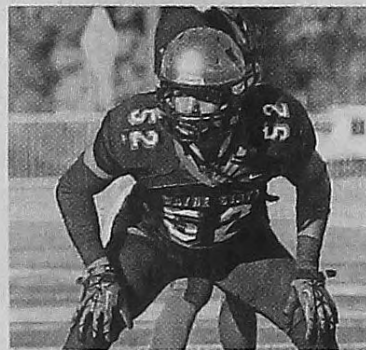
recently was named as one of five captains this season for veteran head coach Paul Winters' Warriors. It's an honor the Birmingham resident takes very seriously.

"As a freshman and sophomore, I didn't really consider it," said Pittman, one of three juniors to earn that designation. "As a junior and this year, I've made a big change. I've

improved the grades and improved the mentality around the locker room. Now, I want to be a great leadership example for the team and a great energy example for them.

"My goal is to motivate and inspire my teammates to do better every day. The coaches have faith in me and that's all

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Groves graduate Anthony Pittman has been named a captain for the 2017 Wayne State University football team.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Bad weather forces campus rivals indoors for practice

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On Friday night, one of the better rivalries in area high school football took place on the turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But thanks to Tuesday's thunderstorms, both the Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats resorted to unusual practice settings to prepare for the game.

"This is going to have to be a collaborative effort to keep each other focused," Plymouth assistant coach Matt Ad-

ams said, as the Wildcats lined up to do sprints inside the cafeteria. "Hey, let's do this. We could be in Houston, guys."

Adams obviously was referring to the worsening floods in Texas, courtesy of one of the biggest natural disasters in U.S. history — Hurricane Harvey.

Gym shoe-wearing Plymouth players weren't able to crack helmets the way they would on the practice field, with unsure footing on a slick floor to deal with.

The team had lined up near the door and were about to go outside for practice around 3:30 p.m. But then came word of more lightning being spotted in the area. According to MHSAA rules, every lightning sighting grinds athletic activities to a halt for 30 minutes.

At that point, head coach Mike Sawchuk waved everybody back inside.

Sawchuk noted that high school coaches all over the area had to deal with similar inconveniences; even worse for some of the teams who

played Thursday.

Over in the gymnasium at Canton, head coach Tim Baechler was working with the offense on half-speed run-throughs.

At another area in the gym, linemen were paired up and trying to work on blocking technique.

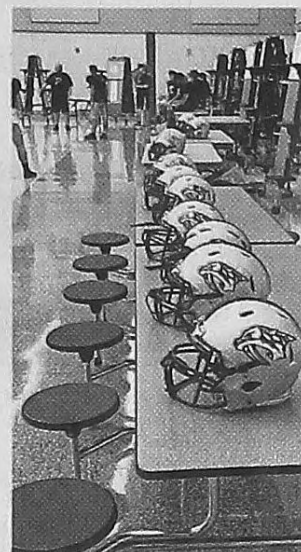
"It is what it is," senior linebacker/tight end Lou Baechler said, not allowing the indoor environment to become any kind of excuse as the Chiefs looked to bounce back from an opening loss to Muskegon Mona Shores.

Plymouth also opened with a loss (against Dearborn Fordson).

More than the weather, players from both teams seemed more disappointed that the rivalry game was being played so early in the season, even before the first day of the school year.

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Tuesday's thunderstorms forced teams such as Plymouth inside for practice.



DUQUETTE

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tinue to improve on the positive tradition of Marian volleyball."

One of the main reasons Duquette accepted the position is her familiarity with many of Marian's players through her work with the Legacy and St. Hugo's volleyball programs.

"I knew going into my last year at Rochester that I was resigned to leaving," Duquette said. "I had sort of hit a point in my coaching career that, I thought, getting up every night of my life and every weekend of my life and I'm not enjoying it. Is this worth it. I made a decision that I was going to quit coaching and take a couple years off."

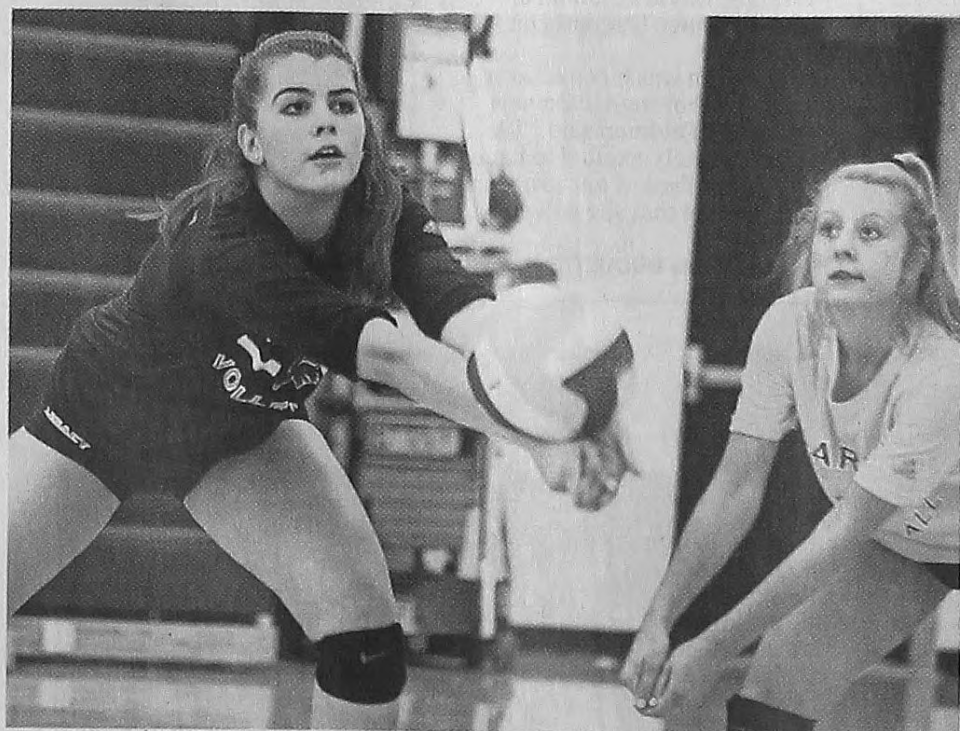
"But this job opened up and I kept saying, 'No, no, no, no, I need a break. I need a break.' But after enough phone calls and emails, I finally decided that I know most of these athletes. This is where half of the kids I've been training the past five years feed into, so how fun would that be?"

"It wasn't so much that, 'It's a winning program, let's go there,'" she added. "I really like to coach kids for numerous years and I have two kids who I have on varsity right now who I've coached for four years already, whether it be club or St. Hugo."

Extensive background

Duquette has an extensive and impressive volleyball background.

A standout defender, Duquette played high school volleyball at Chipewa Valley, where she earned four varsity letters and averaged 150



Senior Lauren Wenzel (left), a Miss Volleyball candidate, and junior libero Mallory Lynch are two of a number of returning players to Marian's volleyball team, which entered this season with an honorable mention Class A ranking.

digs per season. The 2005 graduate helped lead the Big Reds to 164 career wins, including a pair of 50-victory seasons, and was named to the county's all-defensive team four straight years.

Duquette earned a full scholarship to Oakland University and excelled as a defensive specialist, finishing her four-year college tenure as the program's record holder in digs (1,805) and digs per set (4.93), which was the nation's 11th best average. She also broke the school record for service aces (95) and service aces per set (0.26). As a junior, she posted a whopping 619 digs and 28 service aces. She was a team captain in her junior and senior seasons.

Duquette remained in volleyball after graduating from OU, immediately latching on as a

coach with the Rochester-based Legacy Volleyball Club. She took the 12-Elite Legacy team to the AAU national championships in 2011 and placed third. For the past five years, she has coached in the St. Hugo's program.

In addition to her duties at Legacy and St. Hugo, she also served as a junior varsity coach at West Bloomfield for two years before taking over as head coach at Rochester High School in 2011. That was her last spot before taking over at Marian.

"I love it here. I love the atmosphere. I love the competitive mindset," Duquette said. "I think this is a group of girls who have to prove to themselves every day in so many aspects of life just to make it at Marian academically."

"They are so used to

having high standards and putting in the work with long days and long hours," she added. "They are used to earning their way and, for me, that's what I needed and why I needed the change. They expect a lot more from everyone and it's almost like a college program here, which I love."

Inherits a strong program

Duquette inherits a traditionally strong Mustangs program that owns two Class A state championships and has played in the state title game on five other occasions. Marian also has won 13 Catholic League crowns.

Marian, which was eliminated in the quarterfinal round of last year's state tournament by eventual state champ Novi, returns nine players, including five starters.

The experienced group begins with senior captains Lauren Wenzel and Maggie Deporre, both entering their fourth year in the program.

Wenzel is a Miss Volleyball candidate who figures to be a front row middle power. The 6-foot-1 Notre Dame commit and 2016 third team all-state star currently leads the team in kills (71) and is tied for the lead in blocks (14) through 19 sets played.

"Lauren's blocking around the net is great, she's strong and does a great job of closing the block," Duquette said. "She's our go-to hitter, whether we stack her on the outside or the middle, and she's a horse. She swinging over blocks, around blocks and she has a great serve."

Deporre is another tough player at the net with 36 kills and 14 blocks through the first two tournaments. Duquette not only likes Deporre's versatile court talents, but also her leadership skills.

"Maggie is a well-rounded highly athletic kid. She could play anywhere in the front row, she can pass well and play defense well, therefore she can play in the back court," Duquette said. "She's possibly the most responsible, forward-thinking and mature athlete I have ever coached. Her leadership and ability to create a sense of calm on the court almost supersede how spectacular she is on the court physically."

Senior Maddy Kizy, juniors Mallory Lynch, Maddie Dowd, Clare Winter and Jacqui Feldman, plus sophomore Christine Audette, who started last year as a freshman, are other returning players.

"We have to have the deepest bench out of any school in the state," said Duquette, whose team is learning a new defensive and offensive system.

"We have 14 players who can honestly go in and play at any time against any opponent and they are not going to be picked out as a weakness and served off the court, which to me will be hugely important in the post-season."

"We just have a little bit of a weak mentality. We don't quite have the confidence we need yet," she added. "There is a belief that as a unit we can do it, but I'm not sure that there's a belief where each individual knows and feels that they can do it. So we are building their mental toughness."

So far this year, Marian lost to Clarkston in the semifinals of the Lake Orion tournament and went 2-1-1 in the Dakota tourney. The Mustangs entered the season with an honorable mention ranking.

"There are kids here I want to train and see how much I can push," Duquette said. "I work better when expectations are high and, if I don't fit the bill, tell me. I run on the honor system. For me, coaching at a school which has very high expectations of us only pushes me to do better. That's my personality type."

"My expectations are simple. We set attainable goals, but they are strong and high," she added. "We want to win the Catholic League. We want to beat Mercy. We want to win a state title. It's pretty much as simple as it sounds. We are coming in every day to be the best team we can be by Nov. 1."

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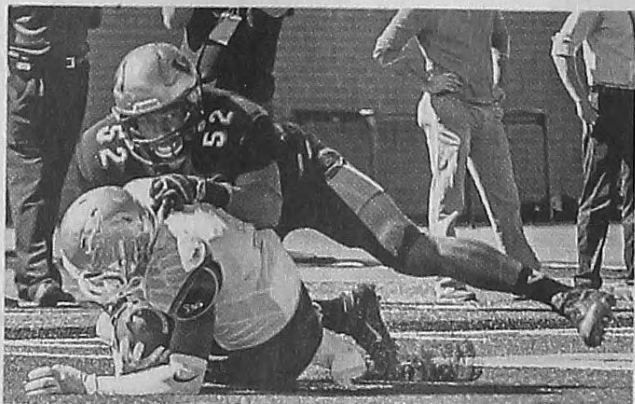
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the more reason I want to be great at it," he added. "Literally everything I do during the day, I'm thinking, 'I'm a captain, what can I do to live my life the best way I can live it, even outside of football?' It is a great honor to be named a captain."

A 2014 Groves graduate, Pittman is proud to be making an impact with his hometown Warriors. He had offers from other GLIAC schools, but Wayne State was his primary choice and it couldn't have worked out any better.

"Obviously, it's close to him and I love the city. I love Detroit, for one," said Pittman, an honor roll student who is majoring in sports psychology. "When I came here for my official visit, it was just the family atmosphere and the way the guys treated me and the way the coaches treated me was great."

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Anthony Pittman, a red-shirt junior, will start at outside linebacker for Wayne State this season.

my life," he added. "This is a great school with a great football team and great coaches. The family atmosphere around our locker room is great. I love it here."

Starting at linebacker

Pittman made his collegiate gridiron debut in September 2015 against Michigan Tech. He played in 10 games as the backup outside linebacker and finished the season with 17 tackles and one quarterback hit.

Last fall, Pittman played in all 11 games, starting seven straight. He earned WSU's Defensive Player of the Week

award after his performance against Hillsdale which included seven solo tackles, including two for loss with one sack. Pittman was involved in 25 total tackles in 2016, with one fumble recovery and two quarterback hits.

Pittman is looking forward to the 2017 season for a variety of reasons, mostly because he feels fully mended from a series of nagging injuries — two knees and a shoulder — which affected his overall training the first three years. A healthy off-season of weight training has him fired up to begin his first year as a starter at out-

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ANTHONY PITTMAN

Groves grad named team captain for WSU's football team



side linebacker.

"Before his year, I never really had a full year of weight lifting since I've been at Wayne State. I played last year without weight lifting," Pittman said. "This last off-season was great. I was really able to prepare for this season. I'm fully healthy and it's going great."

"It's pretty exciting. I'm just looking to be that impact player for the guys, within the system though," he added. "I want to be that guy who has the juice and excites the guys to play. I've always wanted to start and I want to do the best I can to help my team out and be the best team we can be. It's a great feeling."

Developed at Groves

Pittman was a two-year varsity letter winner at Groves under head coach Brendan Flaherty. As a senior captain in 2013, he helped lead the Falcons to a 7-2 regular-season record and a post-season berth. He finished with 55 tackles, three interceptions and a fumble recovery that year.

"Groves is one of the best schools academically in Michigan and it really prepared me for coming to Wayne State on the academic side," Pittman said. "Football-wise, I played defensive end as a junior and moved to linebacker as a senior. It wasn't much of a big change, but it was a different perspective."

"I had a pretty good

senior season and just the way coach Flaherty and (linebackers) coach (Brian) Haffner taught me really helped me," he added. "I just blossomed into a great player and I've been nurtured here at Wayne State by (linebackers) coach (Jon) Robinson and he helps me every day. I've had great coaches all around."

Wayne State began its 100th football season Saturday against Walsh University in Ohio. The Warriors have managed three straight winning seasons — finishing 7-4 last year after winning seven of its first eight games — and Pittman aims to keep the success going this fall.

"We want the GLIAC championship. I believe 120 percent that we can do it and so does the rest of the team," Pittman said. "Every team in the GLIAC is going to come after us hard, so we have to face every game like it's the national championship game. If we do that, we can put teams away. We have to play hard every game."

Spoken like a true captain.

PREP ROUNDUP

Stevenson takes down Churchill in soccer test

Churchill tops Salem in volleyball opener

Tim Smith
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Boys soccer

STEVENSON 2, CHURCHILL 1: Goals by Griffin Brown and Kevin Kollovozi carried Livonia Stevenson (4-0) to a KLAA victory Aug. 29 over host Livonia Churchill, which averted the shutout with a goal off a free kick with three minutes left.

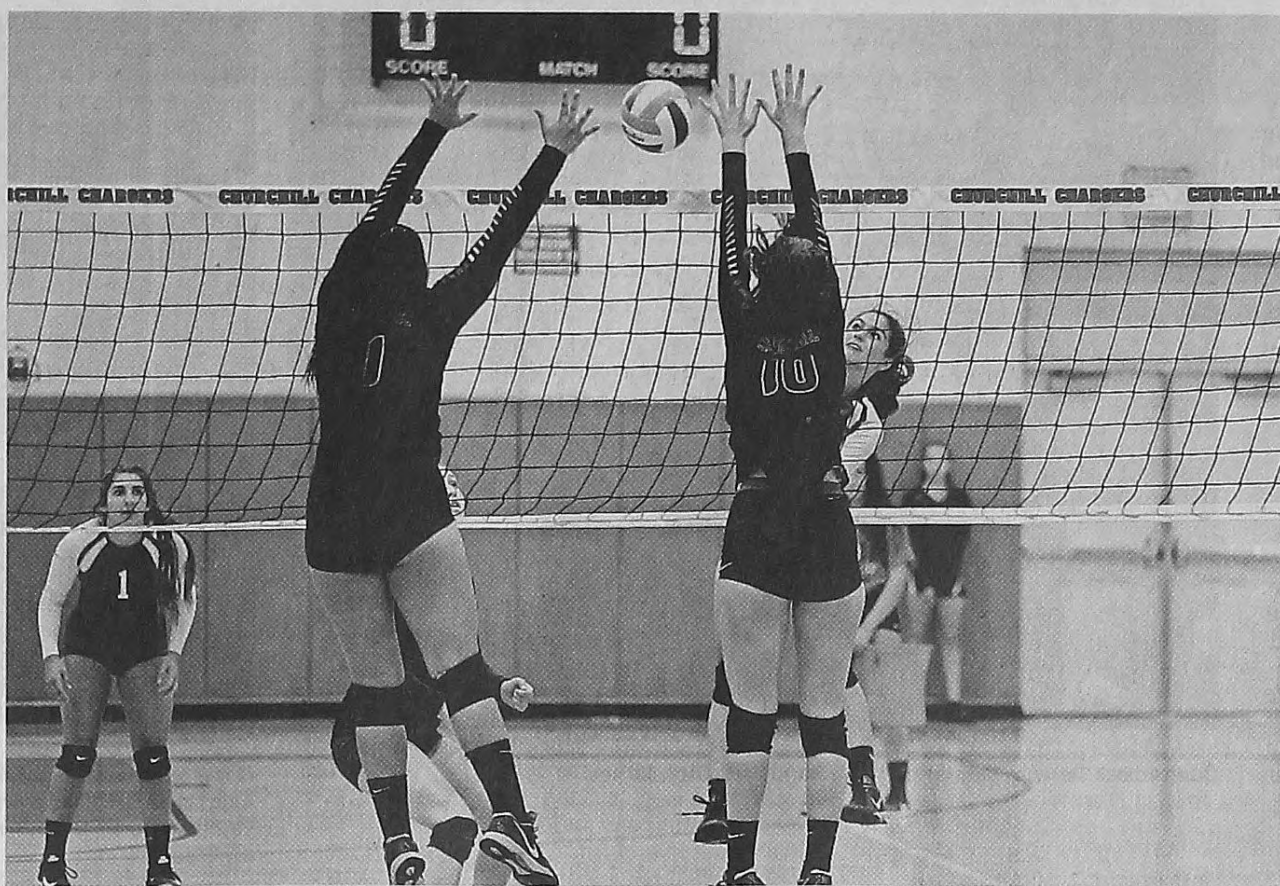
NORTHVILLE 7, HOWELL 0: Senior Andrew Mitchell led the way with two as five different players tallied goals in a victory Aug. 29 at home over the Highlanders (3-0-1, 1-0). Senior Owen Marshall also chipped in three assists, while goalkeeper Reggie Spencer posted the shutout.

CANTON 2, BRIGHTON 1: In a matchup of powerhouses Aug. 29 at Canton, the Chiefs won their conference opener. Goalie David Sadanowicz made some timely saves to preserve the one-goal win. Scoring for the Chiefs were Justin Gottshalk and Tyler Turko, with Jordan Forney and Nick Yono drawing assists. Other strong performances were turned in by Brett McGue, Jake McGue, Ethan Schiffour and Jake Crippes.

PLYMOUTH 3, GRAND BLANC 0: On Aug. 29, the Wildcats were sparked by Justin Wojick, Nicholas Yoshioka and Brent Brownrigg, who each scored a goal.

SALEM 1, FRANKLIN 0: On Aug. 29, host Salem scored a goal in the second half to edge the Patriots.

GROVES 1, NORTH FARMINGTON 0: On Aug. 29, Birmingham Groves



Livonia Churchill players go up at the net in an attempt to block a Salem spike. The Chargers won the KLAA opener, 3-1.

traveled to North Farmington and shut out the host Raiders. The game's lone goal was scored with 1:25 remaining in the OAA White Division battle when Nick Restrepo hit the back of the net with an assist from Isaac Thompson. Goalie Cris-tion Williams made eight saves for the visiting Falcons to earn the shutout. The Raiders (2-1-1) will look to rebound in another home game Thursday against Fern-dale.

SEAHOLM 3, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2: On Aug. 29, Bloomfield Hills held a 2-1 lead with less than 10 minutes left before falling by a goal. Host Seaholm tied the game at 2-all on a goal by Nick Ross. Then, with 38 seconds left, Hagen Cunningham netted what proved the game winner on an assist from Maple goalie Zac Martin. Cunningham accounted for Seaholm's first goal. The Black Hawk goals were

tallied by Josh Cam and Owen Wright.

Volleyball

NORTHVILLE 3, HARTLAND 0: Sophomore Clare McNamara finished with eight kills, while Christina Valentini and Jenna Boksha added five apiece in Northville's 25-18, 25-12, 25-23 KLAA victory Aug. 29 at Hartland. Hannah Grant collected 21 digs, while Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette chipped in with 19 and 11 assist-to-kills for the Mustangs (8-3, 1-0), who also got four solo blocks from Alli Tithof.

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 1: On Aug. 29 in a KLAA season opener at Livonia Churchill, the Chargers won 25-22, 25-15, 23-25, 25-20. Big performers for Churchill included Sarah Dunn (21 kills, 19 digs), Anabelle Dunn (15 kills, 23 digs), Grace Vaeth (48 assists), Jessica Mala-decki (45 digs) and Summer Clark (four blocks, seven kills). Top per-

formers for Salem included Bella Mazzuca and Lauren Ross.

Boys tennis

NOVI QUAD: The host Wildcats took three of four doubles flights Aug. 31 en route to a team-best 20 points en route to their third tournament title of the year. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, the two-time defending MHSAA Division 3 state champions, took second with 16, followed by Grosse Pointe South (11) and West Bloomfield (4). Going 3-0 on the day in doubles for Novi were Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen (No. 1); Venkatesh Nagalla and Chris Kwerderis (No. 2); Ryan Kra-wac and Dilan Patel (No. 3). Novi's Andrew Lu and Robert Xu finished 2-1 on the day at No. 4 doubles. Sid Amarnath (No. 2) was the lone singles champ for the Wildcats, while Alex Wen (No. 1), Tim Tanaka (No. 3) and Mateo Ponton (No. 4) were all

runner-up.

SALEM 5, PLYMOUTH 4:

On Aug. 30, Salem's strength in singles play helped the Rocks edge campus rival Plymouth. Eric Liu won 6-1, 6-1 at 1 singles, and other wins were scored by Parshva Sanghvi (No. 3 singles) and Ajay Bharathan (No. 4 singles). Sanghvi had a pivotal match, defeating Plymouth's Anoop Kotha 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 after all other matches were complete. Nathan Tseng of the Wildcats won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Boys cross country

SOUTH LYON INVITE: On Aug. 26 at the South Lyon Invitational boys race, Plymouth prevailed with 22 points, followed by Novi (45) and Livonia Franklin (85). Plymouth had seven of the top 10 finishers, while Novi had five runners in the top 14. Grant Rudd was 13th for Franklin with a time of 17:55.

Girls cross country

MUSTANG INVITE: On Aug. 29, Livonia Franklin finished fourth out of 20 teams both in the grades 11-12 race and grades 9-10 race. Erin Seibert led the former race for the Patriots, finishing 10th overall (20:50.2). In the latter, Emily Esker was 13th with a 21:39.3 time.

SOUTH LYON INVITE: Sylvania Northview (Ohio) won the South Lyon Invitational Aug. 26 with 33 points, edging Plymouth (56), Livonia Franklin (94) and South Lyon (130). Top finishers for Franklin were Erin Seibert (second, 20:02.5) and Emily Esker (12th, 21:36.9).

Girls swimming

WILDCATS SWEEP TRI-MEET:

Novi opened its season Aug. 29 with a double-win over host Milford (151-35) and Clarkston (94-92) getting first-place individual finishes from Julia Katuski, 50-yard freestyle (25:51); McKaela Hill, 1-meter diving (219.50 points) and Elise Fonda, 100 freestyle (1:03.29).

SALEM 100, HARTLAND 86: Visiting Salem started the KLAA season strong with this victory Aug. 29. Freshman Serena Hao earned her MISCA cut in the 100 breaststroke. Finishing second and third in the 100 freestyle were Jenna Chen and Morgan Davis, while Sarah Griffiths tied for first in the 100 butterfly, also earning her MISCA cut.

Girls golf

CHURCHILL WINS TRI-MEET:

Livonia Churchill defeated Hartland, 184-186 and Canton (184-190) Aug. 30 at Whispering Willows. For the Chargers (3-1), Paige Peterson shot 45, while Ashley Harlock and Halena Harris each registered 46. Medalist was Canton's Manasa Potluri, with 39. Ashley Kahane shot 48 for the Chiefs (1-3).

YORK

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Field.

But when Garden City West athletic director Bill Pinnell asked the teenaged York if he wanted to announce varsity football games in fall 1978 — when the previous job holder moved his family — he quickly took hold of the microphone.

He hasn't let go since.

"Yeah, it's neat," York said before announcing one of the recent Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic games at Wayne State University. "It kind of snuck up on me. We had to do the math a couple years ago to make sure we had it right. "It just snuck up, because it's what I do. I've been doing it since I was a sophomore in high school. I don't know any better, you know? That's where I belong."

Right place, right time

York, whose day job is communications director for the city of Garden City, acknowledged he probably gets more nervous before games now than in the early years.

"I was more excited. I was too stupid to be nervous," he said with a chuckle. "I was too young to be nervous. It was an exciting thing and, luckily, I had a big enough ego."

"I probably get more nervous now than I did then. I didn't know enough to get nervous then."

If he claims to suffer from the jitters, they



CHRISTIAN GIBBONS

When Dan York is not broadcasting or announcing Garden City Cougars football games, he is working football games for the Detroit Lions or Eastern Michigan University.

don't show.

His career is going strong and casting a wide net; the first week of the 2017 high school football season saw York work seven games in four days. Five of those were at WSU, with a Garden City JV football game and Lions preseason game rounding out his schedule.

He can't help but shake his head in amazement about how it all got started.

"There was only one opportunity to announce anything and that was to be the basketball announcer, because the football was announced by one of the adults," York said. "So my freshman year of high school, I ran cross country and I kind of decided that's what I wanted to do when the kid who was a senior my freshman year graduated. They started training me and let me do JV games for practice. "So in the fall of my sophomore year, I was to

do JV football and basketball and whatever else they wanted me to do. But the dad (Jim Tucker) that did the football told the athletic director (Pinnell) about a month before the season started that he was moving. He lived across the street, he had done the games from the day the building (West) opened."

Pinnell didn't have time to do a full search for a replacement for Tucker, but knew young York wanted the gig. "He was, like, 'All right kid, it's yours. Best of luck!'"

Trial by fire

In the first few years of his tenure, which kept going uninterrupted despite attending Eastern Michigan University or later working for the city, York enjoyed moments that some broadcasters or announcers never see in a lifetime. There was his first-ever TV broadcast in fall 1981. He broadcast the

last football game between West and Garden City East (the site of the current high school).

"That was the fall of 1981, the year after I graduated, and the different cable companies were marketing themselves to the city," York said. "We didn't even have cable in Garden City yet. So (Westinghouse) wanted the cable rights for Garden City, they brought in a truck and televised the East-West game."

"Because it was at West, the athletic director said, 'Do you want to do this on TV?' I was, like, 'OK.' I'm all of 17, why not? That was my first time on television, doing the final East-West Game, (which) East won in overtime."

A couple of years following the merger, York did the TV broadcast of a Northwest Suburban League basketball showdown between the Cougars and nemesis Westland John Glenn.

"We beat them with a full-court shot — now you go back and look at it and realize it was just over half-court — but the legend was it was a full-court shot," York said. "A kid named Brett Emery throws up a shot on a rebound after a free throw. And just launches it and it goes in. To be honest with you, no one was sure it went in before the horn or not, because it was so loud you couldn't hear the horn."

"And I was doing that on TV. I remember (then-GC basketball coach) Bob Dropp is shoeing his kids out the door, telling them to go home, be-

cause they can't start playing again if nobody's here. So he's telling his players to get their keys and go home. Let's just get everybody out the door."

It all adds up

In subsequent years, York was on-duty when the softball team competed in the state semifinals in the early 1990s. He also did his share of football and basketball tournament appearances by the Cougars.

"It's not so many individual things, it's just an accumulation of moments that all together kind of mean more than anything else," York said. "With MacLean-Hunter (broadcasting), we did the semifinal the first time (Garden City softball) went to the semifinals."

"We couldn't do the finals because the MHSAA wouldn't let anybody do the finals at the time. So Jeff DeFran, who's at WWJ, he and I did that game on TV. We didn't do a lot of PA for softball back then."

York has no intention of turning in his press box key anytime soon, either. With reliable help from Kevin Kramis and Christian Gibbons, he enjoys the experience as much as he ever has.

Kramis and Gibbons really come to the fore when York is working a high school game.

"Doing a game at Wayne State and I do press box for the Lions and I do Eastern's games, too, the higher up you are, the easier it is to see what you're doing," York said. "Even if the players

are farther away, you can see the play evolve, you can see the separation."

"When you're at Garden City's field, it's a nice field and everything, but when there's a tackle, it's just a mass of bodies and it's hard to pull the numbers out sometimes."

Name game

Yet there are some miscues and mishaps that cause him to blush.

"Yeah, you'll be calling the wrong kid's name for an entire game until his mom comes up and tells you that you've got it wrong, because the coach gave you the wrong name," York said. "And the worst person to ask for pronunciation of a kid's name is the coach, because no kid is going to tell the coach that you're saying his name wrong."

"The kid is going to be called whatever the coach calls him all season long, until his mom comes to the press box."

"So no big things, no major disasters, just little things like that. You don't want to embarrass the kid, but most of the time I assume they can't hear you anyways."

Make no mistake. They hear him loud and clear and are glad they do.

"I've been lucky," York said. "If I hadn't gotten the chance to do this as a kid in high school, I probably wouldn't have done anything I did as an adult."

In the booth or along press row, 50-something York still is that high school kid.

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SHAW CEREMONY AFTERMATH

Trojans players look to build off positive mojo

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Decals honoring the legacy of Tim Shaw — #TShawStrong and #BlitzYourLife — adorned Clarenceville football helmets for the Aug. 26 season opener.

But quarterback Terrence Ealy and wide receiver Kyle Nolan don't need decals to know they are carrying those missions in their hearts for the rest of the 2017 season.

"We took it good, because we know Tim Shaw is somebody that came out of Clarenceville, where we come from," Ealy said during Wednesday's practice on the newly renamed David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium. "We can connect with that. He donates a lot to us; he donated the weight room. We're grateful for what he does for us. We want to show respect for it."

"We really respect him as a football player and as a man in general."

Nolan said the takeaway from Tim Shaw Night, highlighted by an emotional halftime speech by the Clarenceville football legend now battling ALS, is a bit more resolve for the Trojans to get after it on game nights.

"It gives us just something even more to play for," Nolan said. "He's put this little district on the map. And just playing every single Friday night, playing for him and what he's done for all of us."

"I've known about him, I've known what he's done even without naming this place Shaw Stadium. I knew that what he's done for this school, all the things he's donated. I've always had him in the back of my mind whenever I'm playing on this field."

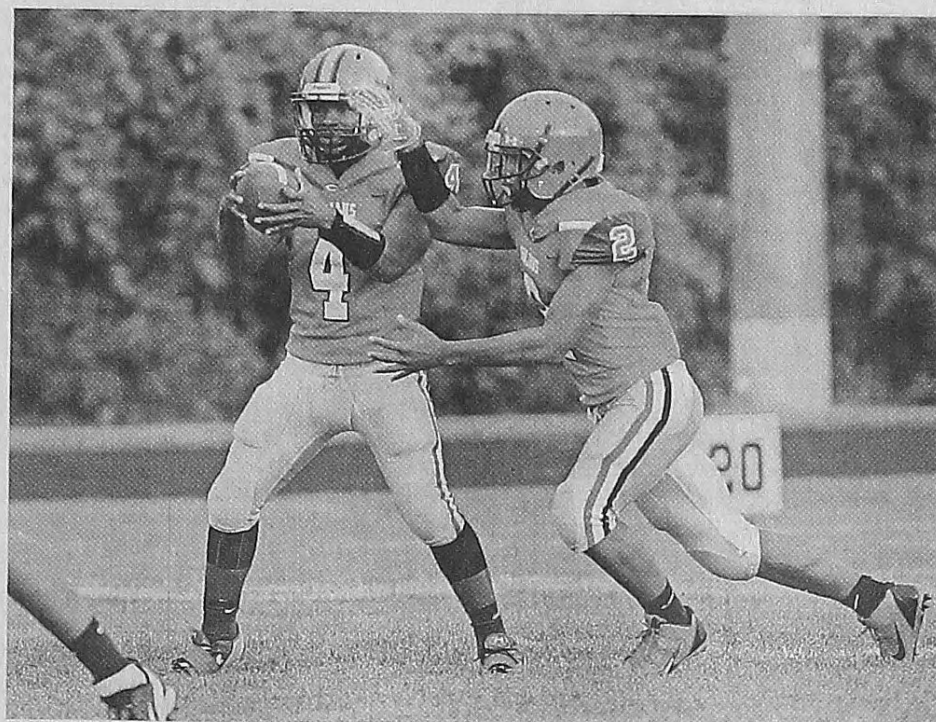
Representing

The only down note from the emotion-packed evening was the final score. Clarenceville lost 42-13 to Macomb Lutheran North, with the Ealy-to-Nolan passing combo working for both touchdowns.

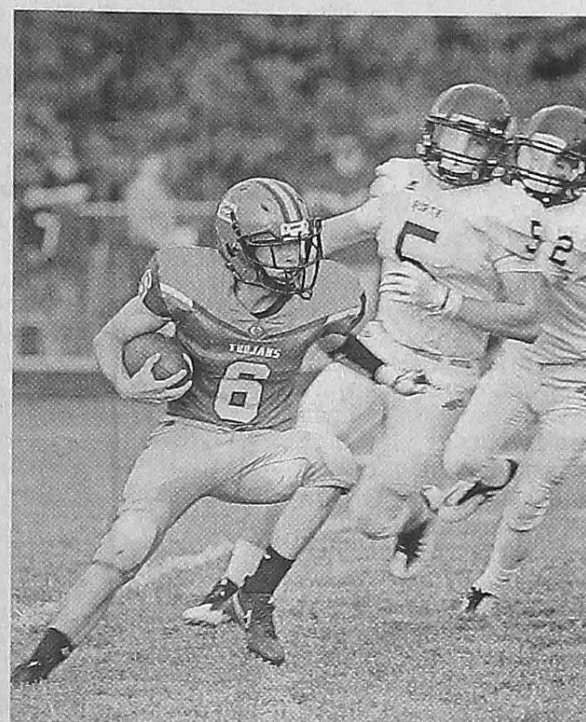
Those TDs came in the second half, with the Trojans apparently getting a boost from the Shaw Stadium renaming ceremony.

"We couldn't get shut out; we had to show up," Ealy said. "So we wanted to come back. That's when we started to jell as a team more."

Clarenceville came up empty on three trips to the red zone during the first half, with fumbles a costly contributor to the



Quarterback Terrence Ealy (left) fakes a handoff to Dion Turner.



It was Tim Shaw's night off the field at Clarenceville, but Kyle Nolan (left) had a pretty good night on it against Lutheran North. Nolan scored both of the Trojans' TDs in a 42-13 defeat.



The turf on the field sends the message of the day.

21-0 halftime deficit.

It only took about 90 seconds of the third quarter for the Trojans to score, on the first Nolan touchdown grab.

"All the people in the crowd, even with what the score was, it was a very good feeling to put some points on the board for him," Nolan said. "It felt

pretty good just to give the crowd something to cheer for."

Ealy concurred that the positive vibe that permeated the stadium isn't going to dissipate if the players have anything to say about it.

"It shows that we got to do our thing, every Friday," Ealy said. "Come out here and represent,

especially for Tim Shaw, for Clarenceville and the whole district."

"Trojans are just about doing hard work, persevering through everything."

Embrace the message

Clarenceville head coach Ryan Irish said the special



Ealy

Nolan

helmet decals will be replaced by the team logo, perhaps as early as the Aug. 31 game at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"We're probably still going to have something to continue to commemorate Tim," Irish said.

In the meantime, Irish emphasized that the Trojans can only draw positives from having Shaw around the team again.

"I think Tim has been a great spokesman for Clarenceville, but really a person that really shows that adversity is going to come at you at so many different ways in your life," Irish said. "And you just got to embrace it and be able to tackle it 100 percent."

"Like Tim says, all day, every day that you have to do that. We try to take that mentality with us. We're AAO — we're 'adjusting, adapting, overcoming' every day. So I'm hoping that they embrace it."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Coach K makes successful debut as Rice trips U-D

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Brother Rice successfully opened the 2017 football season Aug. 25 for new head coach Adam Korzeniewski.

The Warriors used a balanced offensive attack to register a 26-7 Catholic League victory over the University of Detroit-Jesuit at Berkley's Hurley Field. Rice held a 17-7 halftime lead and held the Cubs off the scoreboard in the second half.

Following are five takeaways:

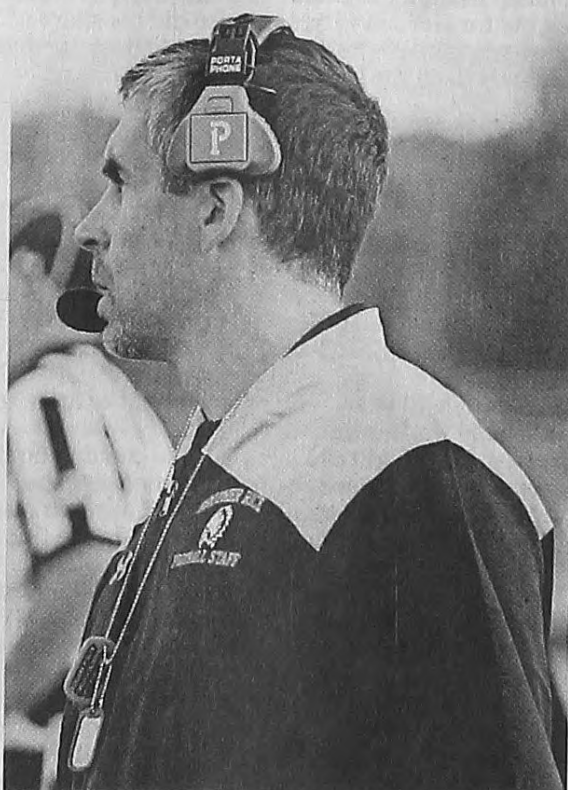
SUCCESSFUL DEBUT

It was a satisfying debut for Korzeniewski, who took over this year for David Sofran.

Rice posted a 7-4 record last season, but elected to go in "another direction" and chose Korzeniewski to take charge last winter. Korzeniewski previously served as a defensive coordinator for the Warriors, so he was somewhat familiar with the program. Sofran had served for three years as Rice's head coach and finished with a winning record.

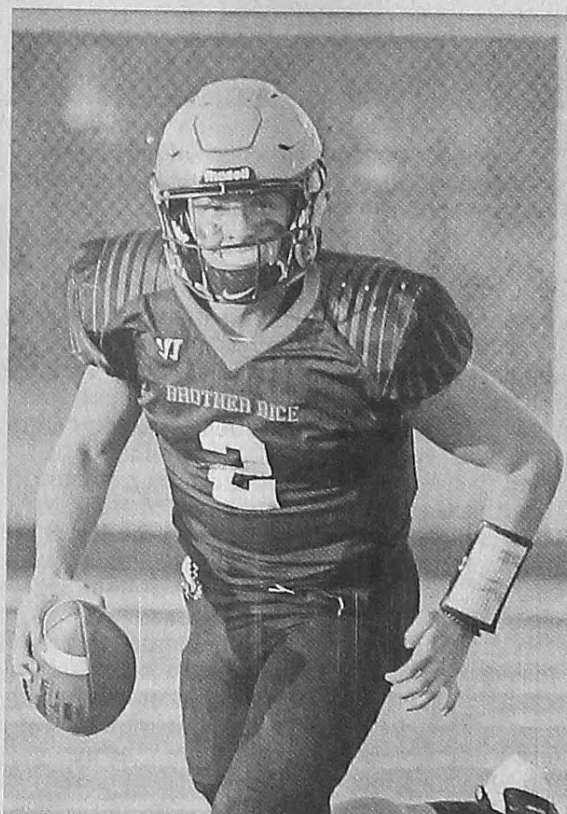
EFFICIENT ATTACK

Junior quarterback Mario Valenti, a three-year varsity player who has offers from Central Michigan and Toledo, led Rice's offense with efficiency after winning a tough battle in camp. Valenti finished



Adam Korzeniewski

MARTY BUDNER



Rice QB Mario Valenti, who threw for one touchdown and ran for another, runs with the ball during Friday night's contest with Detroit U-D Jesuit.

MARTY BUDNER

with 188 yards passing on 17 completions, including a touchdown toss to senior Reese Trehey in the first half. Valenti was also Rice's leading rusher with 59 yards on eight carries. He scored Rice's final touchdown on a 10-yard scamper during the fourth quarter.

KEY PLAY

One of the game's key defensive plays came early in the third quarter by Rice senior safety Mac Menard. U-D had first possession after halftime and looked to be gaining some offensive momentum. U-D's standout running back Elijah

Collins sliced through the front lines of the Warriors defense and appeared to be headed to the end zone. However, Menard came up from his safety spot and tripped Collins with a clutch shoe-string tackle. Instead of getting within three points, U-D was forced to punt the ball. The Cubs never

threatened after that huge defensive play. Collins, however, considered one of the state's top running backs, finished with 97 yards on 17 carries.

DOMINATION

Brother Rice finished with 23 first downs and posted 305 total yards, 117 rushing and 188 passing. The Warriors had 23 first downs to U-D's 18. Rice also earned a safety late in the final quarter, when a U-D punt went awry and was booted out of the end zone.

ALL OVER THE CUBS

Brother Rice has dominated the series against the Cubs. With the wins, the Warriors lead the all-time series by a 48-7 count. Rice had won 33 straight meetings over the years before losing to U-D during the 2015 season, 34-0.

BONUS TAKEAWAY

Rice's legendary former football coach Al Fracassa was in attendance, which was a welcome sight as he's recovering from heart problems that had him hospitalized for a while in the spring. Fracassa is the state's winningest coach who led the Warriors to nine state titles during his storied tenure. Korzeniewski said Fracassa is welcome to come see his former team play at any time.

Keep your prep athlete healthy with these tips

For many of us parents, this time of year really creeps up on us, doesn't it? Quite suddenly, the high school fall sports season is quickly approaching, summer is in jeopardy and all along we thought we were "off the hook" until after Labor Day.

Now that you and your kids are all supposedly well-rested from your summer breaks, it's time for the thrills – and spills – of the fall sports season. That makes it a perfect time to discuss the common high school sports injuries, their prevention and what you should know if your high school athlete does get injured.

Reality of prep sports

If you hurt yourself back in the "good old days," your coach told you to "strap an aspirin to it and get back into the game!" Although that cavalier attitude is not that common anymore, there seems to be an increasing emphasis on sports and our kids.

Although this is generally a good thing, it does have some drawbacks. Our society puts a lot of pressure on athletes to "win at all costs" and it seems that every parent thinks their child is going to make it big in collegiate or professional sports someday. As a result, kids are playing harder, they're in more travel leagues, they're not getting the rest they need and they are sometimes getting pressured to ignore injuries.

Professional and college athletes certainly get a ton of media attention, as well as the so-called "sophisticated" medical care for their sports injuries, but what about the high school athletes?

We are actually pretty lucky in our local communities – we have some of the best athletic trainers around, and most of our coaches tend to be very knowledgeable when it comes to sports injuries. We also have plenty of



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good orthopedic sports medicine specialists that offer very "sophisticated" care for athletic injuries – just like the pros get.

With that being said, let's learn a bit more about injuries in high school athletes.

Teen injuries differ from adults. Every year, millions of teenagers participate in high school sports. Teenage athletes get injured at about the same rate as pro athletes, but injuries that affect high school athletes are sometimes different than those that affect adults.

For instance, growing athletes are prone to growth plate injuries. The bone structure of most young teens is not mature – this means that there are areas of growing tissue (growth plates) near the end of long bones. These areas injure more easily than tendons and ligaments.

Thus, sports activities that would cause a sprain in an adult may cause a more serious injury to the bone in a high school athlete. Growth plate injuries happen most often in contact sports like football. The most commonly fractured growth plates are in the wrist and ankle, but growth plate injuries can happen almost anywhere in the body. Growth plates can also get irritated and inflamed from overuse. This happens most commonly around the knee, heel and elbow.

High school athletes are also quite prone to other injuries as well.

Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries are almost epidemic in many of our young athletes, especially females. Other athletes are dislocating their knee caps or tearing their bumper carti-

lages (called the meniscus). Shoulder injuries such as shoulder dislocations, separations and SLAP tears (a tear in the O-ring around the shoulder socket) are becoming increasingly common in our young contact athletes and throwers.

"Jammed" fingers and ankle sprains are very common in basketball, football and volleyball players. Runners and jumpers may experience shin splints and even get stress fractures. A shin splint is simply irritation of the soft tissues around the bone. If the stresses that led to the irritation continue, that irritation can actually cause the bone to "fail," resulting in a stress fracture. The most common stress fractures occur in the shin, ankle and foot.

Also, be aware of low back pain in your high school athlete. Whereas low back pain in adults is often attributed to a "strain" or a disc problem, low back pain in growing athletes, especially if it persists, could be related to a little stress fracture that can develop in the vertebrae.

All sports injuries and complaints from young athletes need attention. Start with Basics 101. Remember RICE (rest, ice, gentle compression and/or bracing, elevation and Motrin or Advil) when it comes to mild sprains and strains. Generally, young athletes are very anxious to return to sports, so if your injured child expresses concerns about returning to their sports activity, they're probably not lying. Be aware that your young athlete is probably really hurt, or their injury is not completely resolved.

Attention to prevention

Although some injuries are inevitable, there is also something to be said for prevention.

Appropriate warm-up time that includes stretching and

sport-specific maneuvers is essential to preventing injuries. The use of the appropriate equipment is, obviously, very important. Playing when overly fatigued should be avoided. There are programs that have been developed to assist young athletes in developing the strength and flexibility, dexterity, and speed needed to help cut down on their risk of injury.

Finally – it's hot outside and here are some tips to stay cool as your young athlete avoids heat illness (cramps, exhaustion, and heat stroke):

» Drink plenty of water when participating in all sports activities, even if you don't feel thirsty. By the time you do get thirsty, it might be too late.

» Take many breaks during activities in hot weather.

» Participate in your activity in the morning or early evening, when temperatures are cooler. It's important to avoid the sun's most potent heat rays, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

» Eat citrus fruits or bananas, especially if you are participating for longer, because they are rich in potassium and sodium. On the other hand, you should avoid drinking alcohol and sodas that contain caffeine, because they actually work to dehydrate you faster.

» Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing that is made of porous materials.

Some additional tips for staying hydrated:

» Cool water is the best fluid to keep you hydrated during workouts or events that last an hour or less. Sports drinks containing 6-10 percent carbohydrates are useful for longer events. Most sports drinks should be diluted with approximately 50 percent water.

» Drink small amounts of fluid frequently, rather than large amounts less often.

» Drink cold beverages to

cool your core body temperature.

» If you have the opportunity, weigh yourself after exercising, and drink 2 to 3 cups of water for every pound lost. Your body weight should be back to normal before the next workout.

» Pay attention to the amount and color of your urine. You should excrete a large volume that is nearly colorless. Small amounts of urine or dark yellow-colored urine can indicate dehydration.

What to do if you or someone you know is in trouble:

If you are suffering from overexposure to heat or believe someone else is, take steps immediately. If the symptoms include cramping or mild fatigue, the two basic steps are to replenish the body's lost fluids and to cool the body's temperature. Here are some good tips:

» Move to a cool place out of the sun.

» Loosen any tight-fitting clothing and remove any extra layers of clothing.

» Drink fluids, such as water or sports drinks. Do not offer drinks that contain alcohol or caffeine. Try to drink about one half glass of fluid every 15-20 minutes.

» Try to cool off by sponging with cool water or by applying cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets.

» In most cases, symptoms should improve within a few minutes.

For links to more information on sports injuries and prevention, go to www.performanceorthopedics.com.

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RUNNING

HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run

Perfect weather greeted runners Aug. 26 during one of the state's most popular runs. The 2017 HAP Crim Festival of Races took place in downtown Flint drawing thousands from all over the metro and out state areas. For more photos, see the gallery at www.hometownlife.com.



Thousands of runners took part in the Crim 10-Mile Run.

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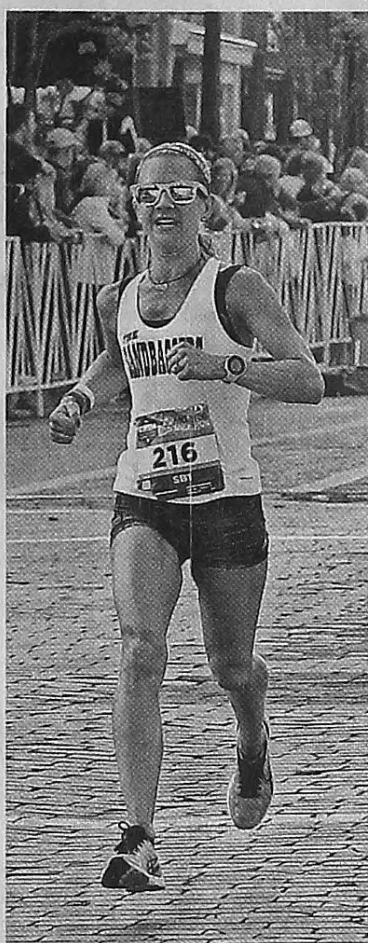
Livonia's Doug Kurtis finished second in the 65-69 age group for the 41st HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run Saturday, Aug. 26.

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Two people kiss after finishing the 41st HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run Saturday, Aug. 26.

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Melissa Broyles of Milford crosses the finish line third in the female 35-39 age category during the 41st HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run Saturday, Aug. 26.

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Brian Collins of Commerce Township.

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Bobby Crim acknowledges a large applause as he crosses the finish line during the 41st HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run.

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Medals await finishers of the 41st HAP Crim Festival of Races 10-Mile Run.

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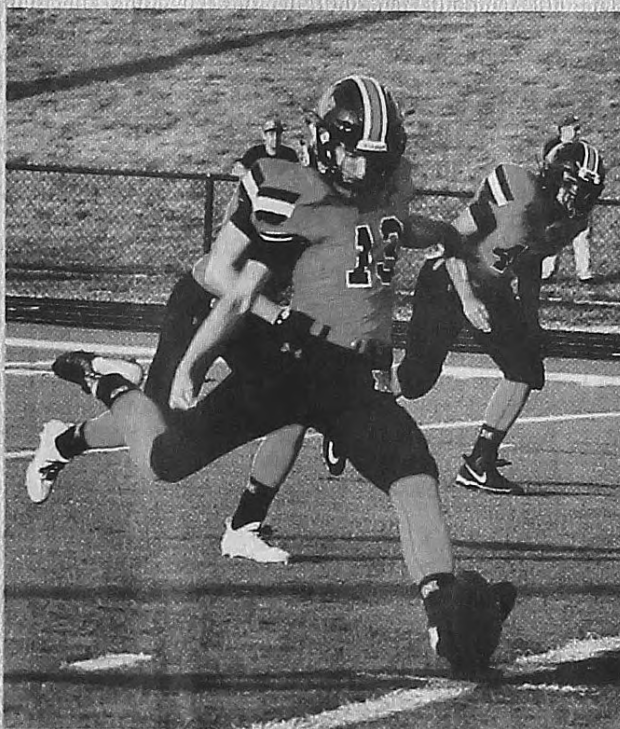
WHAT HE DID: Considered one of the nation's top kickers, Moody put on a show to remember in last Friday's 44-14 season-opening football win over Dearborn. He started the game with a school-record 57-yard field goal, tied for third longest in MHSAA history while breaking his own mark of 52 set during his junior year. Moody also went 5-for-5 on extra points and all eight of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE RECORD FIELD GOAL: "There was a little

bit of breeze," said Moody, who cleared the crossbar with plenty of room to spare. "I didn't have enough time to actually understand what situation I was put in, so I just went in there and kicked

the ball before I actually knew how far it was."

AN EYE ON THE STATE RECORD: Moody is now taking aim at Warren Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski, who booted a state record 59-yarder in 1994. Former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh (Utica) is second with a 58-yarder in 1985. Moody believes he's within range of Kochanski's mark. His best in practice is a 67-yarder.



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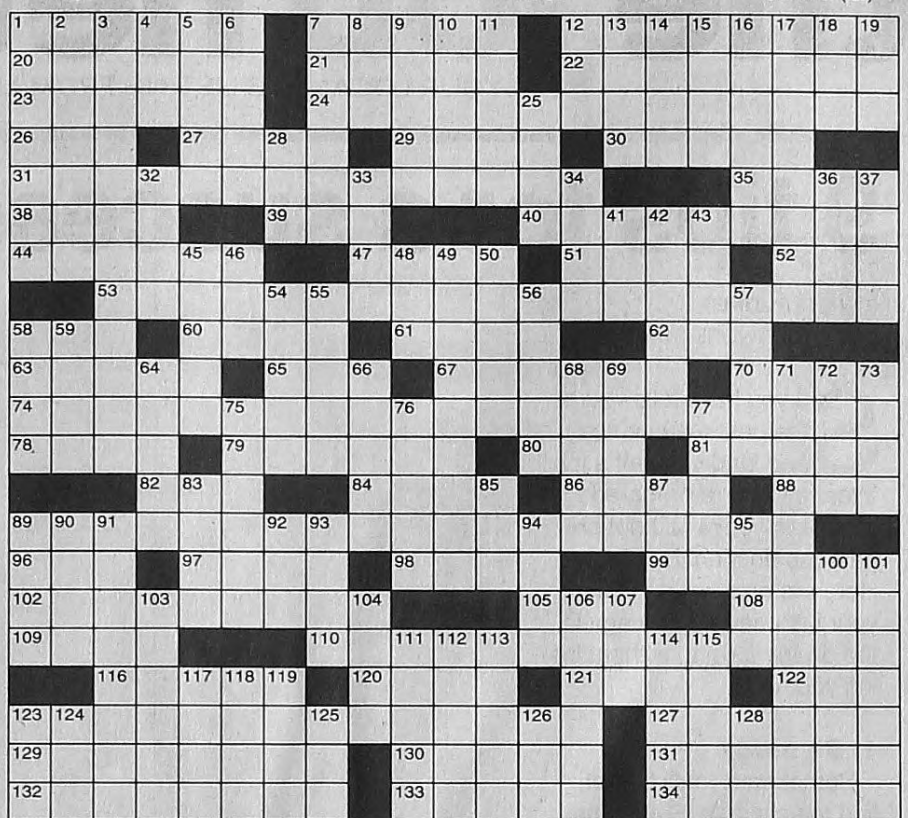


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- 1 Went by ship
 - 7 Old TWA rival
 - 12 Exit doors, e.g.
 - 20 Not certain
 - 21 Top-drawer
 - 22 Feeling like suede, say
 - 23 Actor Freeman
 - 24 Start of a riddle
 - 26 — snail's pace
 - 27 Layer
 - 29 Behavioral quirks
 - 30 Eat soup undaintly
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 35 Short swims
 - 38 Lean (on)
 - 39 Horse cousin
 - 40 Parked oneself
 - 44 British noble, in brief
 - 47 Mountain in Thessaly
 - 51 Cost to get out of jail
 - 52 Pro at W-2s
 - 53 Riddle, part 3
 - 58 Open field
 - 60 Actor Sean
 - 61 — Grey tea
 - 62 Curly's friend
 - 63 "For — Know" (1971 hit song)
 - 65 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
 - 67 Rent splitter, often
 - 70 Not only that
 - 74 Riddle, part 4
 - 78 "Anti-art" art
 - 79 New York governor Cuomo
 - 80 Beauty spot?
 - 81 City in Japan
 - 82 Pull hard
 - 84 Camelot wife
 - 86 Grandson of Eve
 - 88 Diesel of film
 - 89 End of the riddle
 - 96 Balladeer Janis
 - 97 Oahu shindig
 - 98 Relative of "psst"
 - 99 Polish port on the Baltic
 - 102 It's currently newsworthy
 - 105 Flight takeoff abbr.
 - 108 Be like a sot
 - 109 Tex-Mex staple
 - 110 Start of the riddle's answer
 - 116 Set of beliefs
 - 120 Mixed bag
 - 121 Painter Nolde
 - 122 Kylo — ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens" character)
 - 123 End of the riddle's answer
 - 127 Singer Slepici
 - 129 In a tomb
 - 130 Garlic mayonnaise
 - 131 Las —, New Mexico
 - 132 Unrivaled
 - 133 Pulls hard
 - 134 Optimally
 - 11 "Thank you, Yves!"
 - 12 Manning of the gridiron
 - 13 Precious stones
 - 14 Stair user's aid
 - 15 "And you," to Caesar
 - 16 Pot bits
 - 17 Stage scenery item
 - 18 Up 'til
 - 19 Barrett of rock
 - 25 "It — fair!"
 - 28 Clean air org.
 - 32 Bladderlike sac
 - 33 Beginning on
 - 34 Mongolian desert
 - 36 Dad
 - 37 See 124-Down
 - 41 Flower's tool
 - 42 Destiny
 - 43 Choir woman
 - 45 Melville novel
 - 46 Corrida cry
 - 48 Holy Mlle.
 - 49 Give some of yours to
 - 50 1974 and '75 World Hockey Association winners
 - 54 2002 scandal company
 - 55 Ceaselessly
 - 56 Big failures
 - 57 Irish poet
 - 58 Sgt. Friday's force
 - 59 Fitzgerald of jazz fame
 - 64 Marshal Earp
 - 66 Up — (stumped)
 - 68 Power bike
 - 69 Qom resident
 - 71 Remove any potential evidence
 - 72 Pen name of H.H. Munro
 - 73 Where Muscat is
 - 75 Spicy stew
 - 76 Skin-coloring dye
 - 77 "Such a pity"
 - 83 The NCAA's Bruins
 - 85 '50s prez
 - 87 Texter's "Yikes!"
 - 89 Olympic figure skater Katarina
 - 90 "Funny one!"
 - 91 Entertaining little tale
 - 92 Innuendo queen West
 - 93 Need to
 - 94 "— Him on a Sunday"
 - 95 Perry of pop
 - 100 Round solids
 - 101 Most acute
 - 103 Observer
 - 104 "— shalt not ..."
 - 106 Grad-school proposal
 - 107 Like Obama: Abbr.
 - 111 Revin brand
 - 112 Bone of the shin
 - 113 Wise, skillful lawgiver
 - 114 Neopagan religion
 - 115 Observant
 - 117 Young lady
 - 118 Nothing but
 - 119 Quite a while
 - 123 Shred
 - 124 With 37-Down, very poor rating
 - 125 Sts.
 - 126 Moose's cousin
 - 128 Fill in (for)



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7	6	8	9	2	5	2	1	
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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T H E C O M P L A I N I N G D I P S
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9 tips for a successful phone interview

BY PETER JONES
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

So you have followed all the best resume tips and land yourself a job interview. You're prepared to interview, you're just not prepared to do it on the phone. Here are nine ways to adapt your interviewing strategy to the phone format, without losing your cool.

1. Be ready

Sometimes you'll be notified to schedule. Sometimes the call will come straight out of the blue. If you're not somewhere where it would be convenient or possible for you to chat, ask the interviewer if it would be possible to find a mutually suitable time. If not, don't panic: You can do it. Once you've applied for a job — any job, make sure you start mentally preparing for the interview in case you find yourself thrown into one just by picking up the phone.

2. Be organized

Have a copy of the job description and whatever information you've gathered about the company at your fingertips before the call begins. While you're at it, make sure to also have a copy of your resume and your application materials as well. Otherwise, the interviewer will be able to hear that



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frantic stalling and rustling around.

3. Be prepared

The phone interview is just like any other interview. You should be well versed in your answers to common interview questions, or questions you think will be likely to come up for that particular position.

The only difference is you'll have to be charming without your knockout smile and friendly face. Try compensating with more vivid answers. And cut the rambling and

verbal fillers like "um," which will stand out more over the phone.

4. Smile

Seriously. Not only can people hear the difference when someone is smiling over the phone, smiling will have a massive effect on your demeanor. You'll sound much more upbeat and confident. Keep a mirror by the phone if you need reminding.

5. Use the Internet

If it would be too compli-

cated to explain something, or you want to be able to provide a visual, try directing your interviewer to your website, portfolio or LinkedIn page. That way, you can talk them through it during your actual interview, narrating each accomplishment for them.

6. Be easygoing

Initial interviews, particularly over the phone, are not the time to start making demands or asking very particular questions about personal time off, benefits packages or job

duties. Make them want to talk to you again; hopefully that will score you a proper face-to-face interview where you can proceed with your usual interview protocol.

7. Be smooth

Just like in any other conversation, try and match the tone and speed and volume of your interviewer. Ask a friend to assess your telephone voice for you in advance and give you feedback.

8. Be firm

Don't let your interviewer off the phone without scheduling another interview. Or the name and contact information of someone you can be in touch with at the company to follow up.

9. Say thank you

Even though it's a phone interview, the normal rules apply. That means a written thank-you, emailed or handwritten. Don't be too pushy, but it's always OK to subtly remind them of your strengths in your thank-you note.

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 5. Execute 3DCS Tolerance Stack Path Analysis software to perform 3-Sigma, Worst Case, RSS, Monte Carlo Analysis and contribution levels.
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 9. Train associates on GD&T topics and 3DCS software, statistics and reports.

Position requires: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, or foreign equivalent education, and 5 years' post baccalaureate progressive experience working in automotive powertrain industry. 5 years' experience is required in each of the following:

1. Variation Simulation analysis using 3DCS software for automotive powertrain.
2. UGNX modeling, assembly and drafting
3. Accessing components using Team Center / PLM

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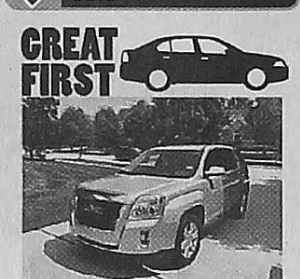


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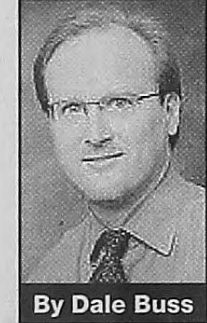
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FORD, DOMINO'S PARTNER TO TEST SELF-DRIVING DELIVERY IN FUSION HYBRIDS THAT WILL PLY STREETS OF ANN ARBOR



By Dale Buss

The two companies, not even an hour from each other in suburban Detroit, are launching an industry-first collaboration "to understand the role that self-driving vehicles can play in pizza delivery," Ford and Domino's said in a joint announcement. The partners will investigate customer reactions to interacting with a self-driving vehicle as part of their delivery experience by using a Ford Fusion Hybrid Autonomous Research Vehicle to deliver orders to randomly

selected Domino's customers in the company's hometown, Ann Arbor. The cars will be driven by Ford personnel. Participating customers will be able to track the delivery vehicle through GPS using an upgraded version of Domino's Tracker, and will receive text messages as the vehicle approaches about how to retrieve their pizza using a unique code to unlock the Domino's Heatwave Compartment inside the vehicle. And of course they'll have an eager audience of Ford engineers and researchers who might just want a slice as well. Partly because of their physical proximity, the match makes sense. Yet it joins a company that has become the unchallenged technology leader in its industry, Domino's, and a company that has been greatly challenged to assume technology leadership in its vertical, Ford. Domino's CEO Patrick Doyle has

dedicated, customized pizza-delivery vehicle, called DXP, that it introduced a couple of years ago. DXP is a reconfigured Chevrolet Spark small car that features huge warming ovens and no passenger seats. More than 150 Domino's franchisees ordered the car, which no longer is in production. In fact, the local company that fabricated DXP, Roush Enterprises, also fabricated the Heatwave Compartment, a crucial component of the prototype for the new self-driven vehicle. And to complete the Detroit connection, Ford and Domino's tested the delivery process using the Fusion Hybrids at MCity, the simulated urban environment on the University of Michigan campus that is being used by automakers and technology providers to advance automated-driving features and systems. "We're interested to learn what people think about this type of delivery," said Russell Weiner, president of Domino's USA, in the press release. "The majority of our questions are about the last 50 feet of the delivery experience." For example, Weiner said, Domino's wonders "how will customers react to coming outside to get their food? We need to make sure the interface is clear and simple. We need to understand if a customer's experience is different if the car is parked in the driveway versus next to the curb. All of our testing research is focused on our goal to someday make deliveries with self-driving vehicles as seamless and customer-friendly as possible."



Domino's customers will be able to enter a code to unlock their order.

elevated Domino's to an unparalleled level of growth in the pizza business through Domino's successful embrace of digital technology, including online ordering and various means of digital communication about orders. "We pride ourselves in being technology leaders and are excited to help lead research into how self-driving vehicles may play a role in the future of pizza delivery," Doyle said in a press release. "This is the first step in an ongoing process of testing that we plan to undertake with Ford."

Yet meanwhile, Ford CEO Mark Fields was sacked earlier this year by Executive Chairman William Ford Jr. in large part because he didn't seem to be moving fast enough in the auto industry's most crucial technology arena: self-driving. And so rapidly improving Ford's grasp of automated driving and other mobility services has become a top priority for Fields' successor, Jim Hackett. Interestingly, Hackett has great

familiarity with Domino's in part because of his association with Ann Arbor through his academic experience as a University of Michigan graduate, and his very recent tenure as interim athletic director at the University of Michigan after the many years he spent as CEO of Steelcase, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Doyle told me earlier this year that he was pressing for Domino's to be able to improve the physical delivery of pizza as well as ordering and tracking food online, noting that total delivery miles driven by Domino's drivers equaled about one-third to one-half the total miles being logged by Uber drivers. "Is there a way to do that far more efficiently than today?" Doyle said to me rhetorically. "We can get dramatically better than what we're doing." Another part of the initiative for the Ford-Domino's self-driving gambit stems from what Domino's considers its successful experiment with a



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