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## GoFundMe created for couple killed

Police still investigating wrong-way crash Tuesday on I-275

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A GoFundMe has been set up to support the family of the victims in the fatal I-275 crash that was caused by a driver going the wrong way on the highway.

About 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, a wrong-way driver traveling northbound on I-275, near near Palmer Road in Canton, crashed head-on into another vehicle, killing Nicholas Pare and Shannon McIntyre.

According to the GoFundMe set up

to support their family, the couple was engaged to be wed and leave behind three children, ages 7, 13, and 15.

"This is a devastating tragedy and something no one, especially Shannon and Nick's children and parents, could ever be prepared for," read a statement on the GoFundMe written by Sheryl McIntyre.

The post went on to explain that the account was created by McIntyre's cousin, mother and father, as well as friends. It was, the post explained, a way to do "something to ease the sudden expenses of both of the funerals" and to start a fund to take care of the

couple's kids.

"If you, like us, want to help, please make a donation in any amount," the site reads.

An investigation into what caused the crash is still underway, according to Michigan State Police First Lt. Mike Shaw, who said the suspected driver has not yet been identified.

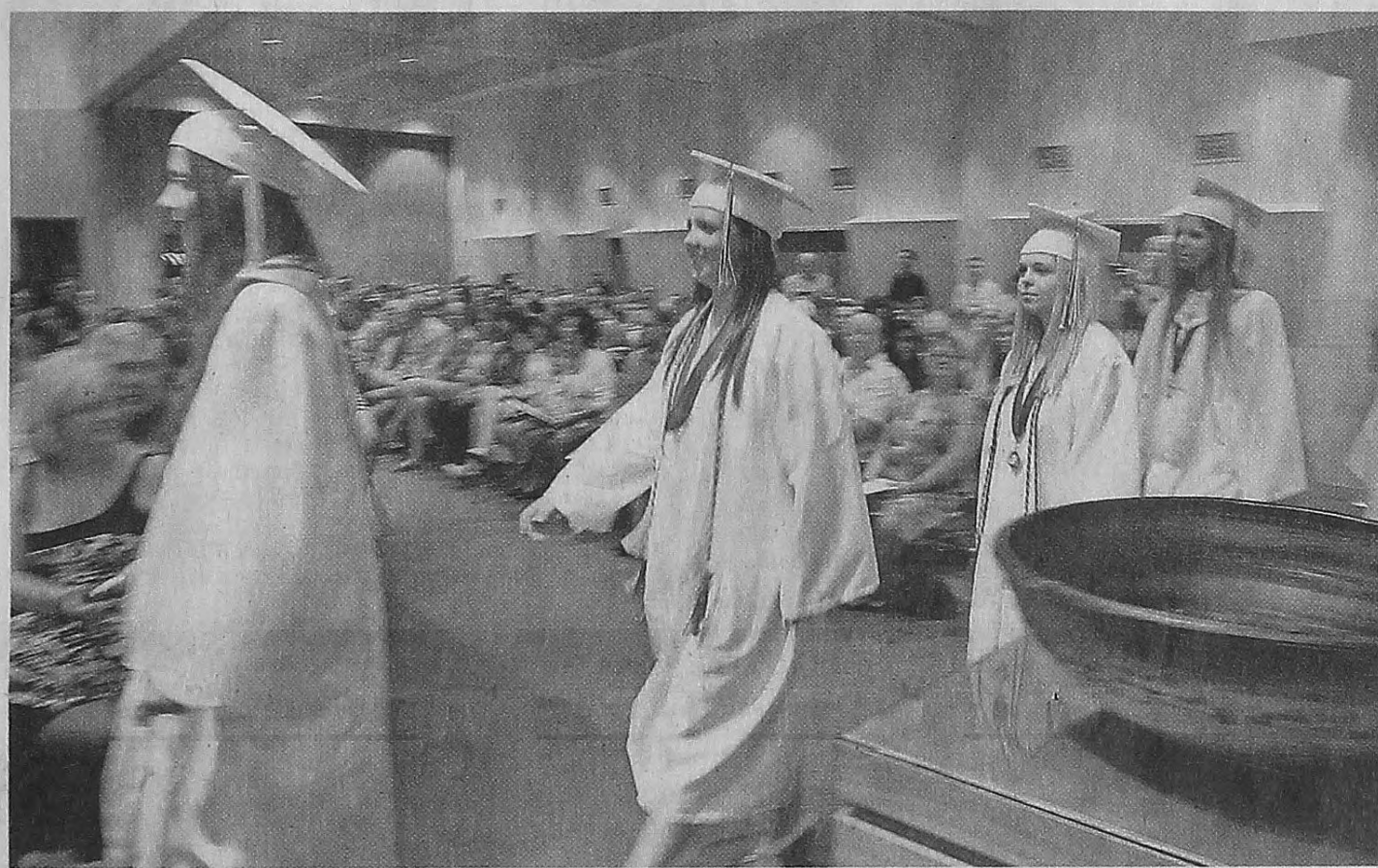
"It will take about six weeks to get back everything we need. And then the prosecutor review," Shaw wrote in an email Wednesday.

While Shaw is declining to give the identity of the suspect, The Oakland Press is reporting that Wolverine Lake Village Councilman Michael Stack was involved in the crash. Following its report on Stack, council President John

Magee addressed the incident at the start of Wednesday's council meeting: "The village of Wolverine Lake municipal offices received credible information that Wolverine Lake resident and council member Mike Stack was involved in an accident on I-275 in Canton Township on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and was treated for injuries."

Shaw would not comment on the claims.

Directly following that crash, police shared that the suspected driver was a 59-year-old man from Wolverine Lake, who was taken to a local hospital. Open alcohol was found in the vehicle, police said. Blood tests are still being assessed to assess if the driver was drunk at the time of the incident.



Ladywood High School's 2011 graduating class enters the sanctuary of St. John Neumann Catholic Church for the baccalaureate Mass and commencement. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Ladywood closing, but sisterhood will live forever, alumnae say

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Ladywood High School may be closing next spring, but it will live on in the lifelong friendships forged there, local alumnae say.

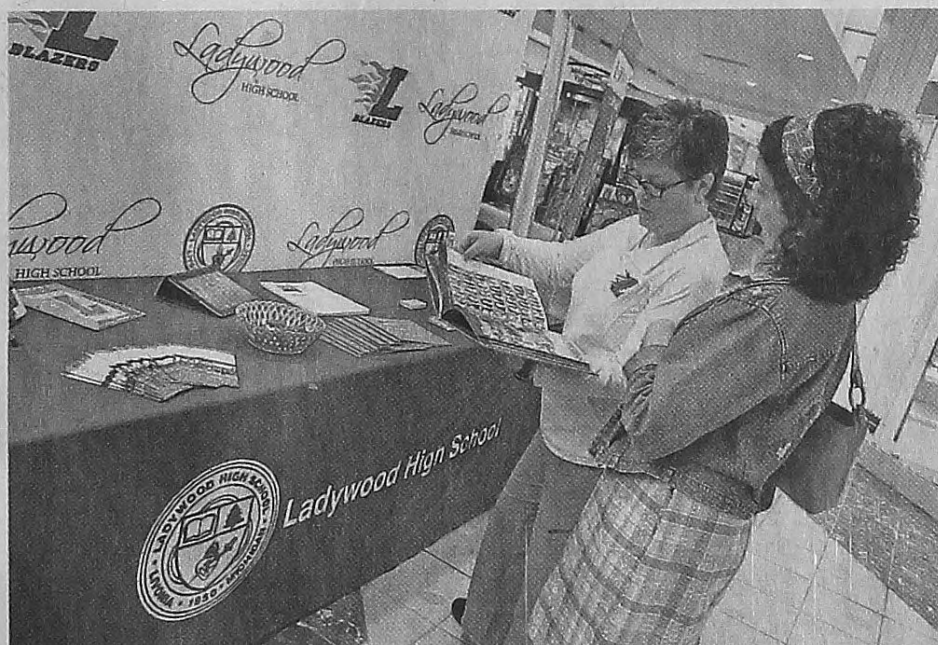
The all-girls Catholic high school in Livonia will shut down at the end of the year because of declining enrollment. The decision, made by the Felician Sisters of North America, the order of nuns that founded the school in 1950 and continues to oversee it, was announced Monday.

Graduates said they got from Ladywood a top-notch education rooted in faith, room to grow as young women that they may not have had at a co-ed school and close friends for life.

"These women have been an anchor in my life and, without Ladywood, I would not have had those beautiful relationships," said Teri Gorski of Dearborn Heights, a 1978 graduate.

"It's a part of us," said Gorski, who has kept up with a core group of classmates for the nearly 40 years since they left Ladywood. "It's a part of our fabric."

"The sisterhood really doesn't end when you leave high school," said Kathleen Bushart of Redford Township, a 2017 Ladywood graduate and now a freshman at the University of Toledo. "One hundred percent, they'll



Ladywood High School parent Michelle Randall looks through a yearbook with Sandy McCrary, graduate of the Class of 1981. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

always be my forever friends."

Gorski, who works in the area as a speech pathologist, lived in Detroit while in high school, but Ladywood drew enough girls from her area that the school bused them in, she said.

Gorski said she and her Ladywood friends get together regularly and have supported each other in good

times and bad. Some, she said, are even godmothers to each other's children.

She said she appreciated the Catholic education — she later sent her daughters to a Catholic high school — and the all-female classes. "I think it

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## Pizza Man raises 'dough' for special-needs program

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Fredi Bello's first contact with the Infant Preschool Special Education Program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district came through his son Antonio, who is autistic.

But that's hardly been his only contact.

Bello, known as Fredi the Pizza Man for his food donations to the school from the pizzeria of the same name he owns in Melvindale, has become quite the generous benefactor to the IPSEP program since being introduced to it.

In two years, Bello has donated more than \$8,000 to the program from golf outings he runs at the Washtenaw Golf Club. His generosity recently earned him a Volunteers in Public Schools Award from the district.

Julie Woodhams, executive director of the district's Equity & Specialized Support Services, praised Bello for his efforts.

The program, which helps students age 6 and younger who are autistic, experiencing early childhood development delay and other special needs, represents "the very beginning of a wonderful journey our parents take with our school district," Woodhams said.

"It's a critical time, so we're very thankful we have this program," Woodhams said. "Our families come in and do wonderful things. (Bello) is absolutely one of our heroes."

The Bellos — Fredi, along with his wife Romina and son — are one of the program's biggest helpers. The golf

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Fredi Bello presents a check for more than \$6,000 raised at a golf outing for the P-CCS district's Infant Preschool Special Education Program. BRAD KADRICH



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Pizza Man Fredi Bello, along with his wife Romina and son Antonio, were honored with Plymouth-Canton's VIP award. BRAD KADRICH

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outings are the most notable, though the family is helpful in other ways.

Bello organized the first golf outing last year and raised some \$2,300, but he did it without much emphasis on getting items for the auction attached to the event. "I didn't want (donors) to think I was just doing it for my son," he said.

Once it was clear the auction was to help everyone, Bello said, "support just exploded." This year's outing raised more than \$6,000.

"I've always found (the fundraiser) isn't about making money ... it's about helping people," Bello said. "Once my son was in the program, I knew we had to help."

The donation represents money raised at the pizza store's second annual golf outing and will be used to purchase equipment for the program's sensory motor room. The IPSEP program is housed at the former Allen Elementary School site on Haggerty in Plymouth Township, with satellites at Gallimore, Eriksson and Field elementaries.

"(The Bellos) have become mentors for our families," said Mary Kay Herr, IPSEP placement coordinator and ASD teacher. "This support helps students learn how to learn."

Bello downplayed the good works, pointing out his family was just trying to help.

"I told my wife, 'We have to do something,'" Bello said. "I didn't do this for my son. I did it for all the children in the program."

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## LADYWOOD

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allowed us to develop certain leadership abilities," Gorski said.

"Being in an all-girls setting, there's an element of safety and appreciation for women," said Kelly Burke of Canton Township, a 2017 graduate and a freshman at the all-women St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. There was emphasis on learning together, cultivating personal growth and building each other up, she said.

"I was able to really

find my identity and become the person I wanted to be," Burke said.

"The all-female environment really helped to build strong friendships," said Meghan Hanley of Livonia, a 1999 graduate who coordinates community outreach and volunteer efforts at a credit union. "I agree with that, that it was a confidence-booster."

The school was academically strong, graduates said.

"I feel really prepared at Toledo," said Bushart, who is studying to become a physical therapist. "I'm really excelling

at my classes."

"The sisters were amazing. They were well-educated," Gorski said. "They had multiple degrees ... it was amazing. They were all excellent role models."

A look at the faculty roster, however, shows there is only one nun currently on the staff.

Gorski said she feels for Ladywood's current juniors, who will have to graduate from other schools.

"You do a lot of growing up in those years. Not to be able to have that closure — it's a tragedy," she said.

The Ladywood school

board is planning to offer help with transfers and the Felicians are pledging \$500 annual scholarships to Ladywood students who enroll at other Catholic high schools.

Bushart, who played basketball all four of her years at Ladywood, said she's talked about the impending closing with Class of '17 friends, as well as with younger former teammates who are still at the school.

"Everyone's just really shocked," she said. Bushart's roommate at UT is also a Ladywood graduate.

There were often ru-

mors the school would close, recent graduates said, but nobody took them too seriously.

"It was kind of something that we would just throw around, but we didn't think it would actually (happen)," Burke said.

Burke said she hopes the closing doesn't portend bad news for other all-girls Catholic schools. Other all-girls Catholic schools in the area include Academy of the Sacred Heart and Marian, both in Bloomfield Hills, Mercy in Farmington Hills and St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom.

"Seeing one less outlet for high school girls to get that (Catholic) education was disappointing to me," Hanley said.

"For parents who desire that all-girls high school experience for their daughters in this area, the inner-ring suburbs of Detroit, there's not that alternative anymore," Gorski said.

"Our high school reunion is going to mean so much more now and I think the legacy of Ladywood will always live on," Burke said.

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## Imported chocolate boutique opens in Canton

ChocoOne Chocolate Boutique opened its doors on Sheldon Road in Canton in September and store owners are now inviting people to the store's official grand opening, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. There will be samples to taste and 10-percent discounts on chocolate assortments throughout the entire store.

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# Area Catholic schools react to Ladywood's announced closure

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USA TODAY NETWORK —  
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As the news spread that Ladywood, Wayne County's last all-girls high school, would close at the end of the year, several other institutions

say they're feeling the pain coming out of Livonia.

"We're praying for the Ladywood community and all their families," said Adora Ibrahim, director of public relations at St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom. "I can only imagine what

they're going through at this time."

It was announced earlier this week that Ladywood High School would close at the end of the 2017-18 academic year after 68 years, with the Felician Sisters of North America citing low enrollment as a major

factor.

Students looking to enroll in another all-girls Catholic school for the 2018-19 school year have five options in the Archdiocese of Detroit: St. Catherine, Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, Marian High School in Bloomfield Township and Regina High School in Warren.

The Felician Sisters, who run the Livonia school, are reportedly offering a \$500 annual scholarship to students who go on to attend another Catholic high school in the region. Cheryl Delany Kreger, president of Mercy High School at 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, said the connections between the two schools run deep and it has been a sad time at the school as students and staff process Ladywood's impending closure.

"At this point, we, at Mercy, are still saddened and processing the announcement in our community as well," she said in a voicemail. "Both Ladywood and Mercy and other all-girl Catholic schools have long, rich traditions in the Catholic League and in Catholic education.

"To lose one of our members is sad for all of us."

A message was left at Marian High School seeking comment.

Kreger said Mercy is more than happy to open its doors to the freshmen, sophomores and juniors from Ladywood if those students and their families are interested in continuing their education there.

Ibrahim said St. Catherine of Siena is also available for students to

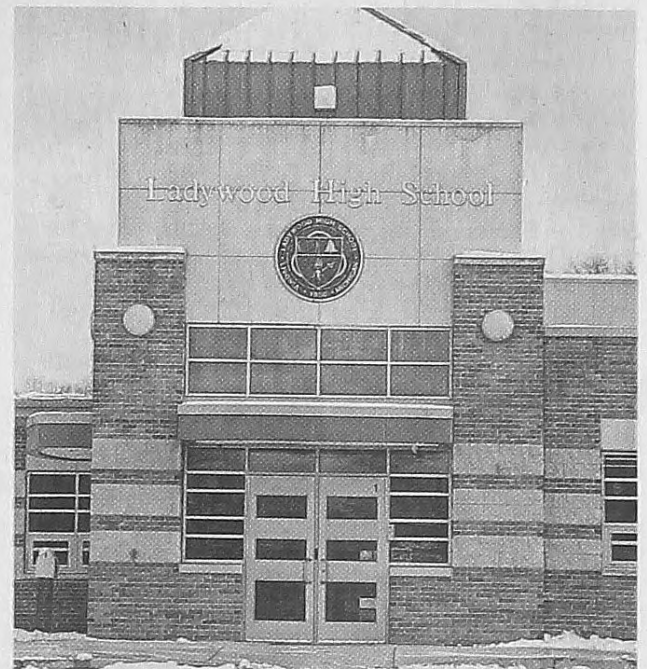
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- Regina, Warren : \$10,560

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BY THE USA TODAY NETWORK

A comparison of tuition for all-girls Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ladywood High School in Livonia will close at the end of this academic year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

look into if they decide to continue in that tradition for their education. That includes potential assistance for tuition.

"The same thing would apply to any new students," she said. "We're going to try to make room in the inn for everyone."

She said the entire community is praying for those affected by the

closure.

"I would say that as Catholic schools in the Archdiocese in Detroit, we stick together," she said. "Anytime a member of the Body of Christ hurts, we hurt."

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**Details:** Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for a full December program schedule.

#### Preschool Storytime

**Details:** Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents

must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

#### Baby Storytime

**Details:** Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Registration is required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

#### Teen Boredom Busters

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**Details:** Enjoy a half-hour of tunes that will make you want to grab a dance partner and get on your feet. Intended particularly for caregivers with new walkers up to 5 years old, dancing is a great way to have some fun together and build gross motor skills. No registration required.

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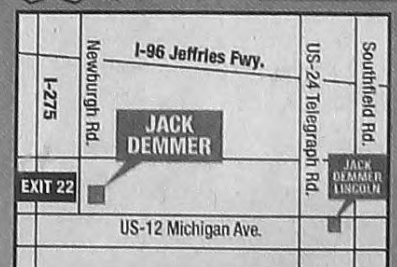
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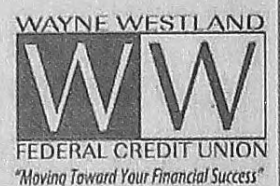
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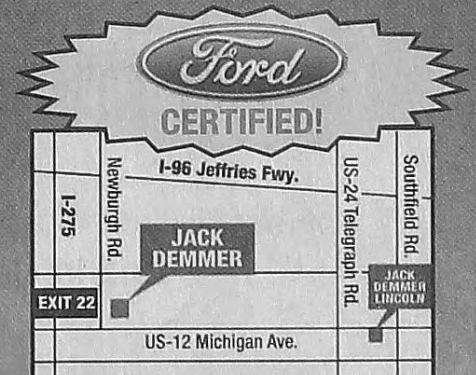
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- » 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St.
- » 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
- » 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
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- library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
- » Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Holiday Inn Express, 3950 S. Lotz, Canton
- » 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi
- » Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Northville Fire Department, 45745 W. Six Mile

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### Winter Snow Spree

**When:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19

**Details:** Celebrate family, snow and all things winter at our Snow Spree. Carousel Acres will be flying over a live reindeer who will be visiting with us outside and we will be giving CPL Express train rides in our front loop, so dress for the weather. Then, come inside and warm up with some hot chocolate, video stories, crafts and more. Enjoy while supplies last. No registration required.

### Bilingual Storytime Series

**When:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27

**Details:** Early child research shows that bilingual children have an edge in development. Speaking two languages benefits children's overall learning, marked by larger vocabularies, flexible problem-solving skills and higher-level cognitive abilities. Bilingual learning also supports a set of mental skills that allow children to thrive academically, regulate emotions, and grow into mentally healthier adults.

Join us as we share books, rhymes and songs that will help foster an appreciation of our wonderful multicultural community and language. Activities presented will be geared to children between the ages of 0-5 years old.

### Teen Service Opportunity: Card Making

**When:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28

**Details:** Looking for a way to give back to your community? Stop in and make greeting cards for our friends at Waltonwood Senior Living Center. This opportunity is available to teens ages 13-18. Bring any paperwork to be signed with you to the event.

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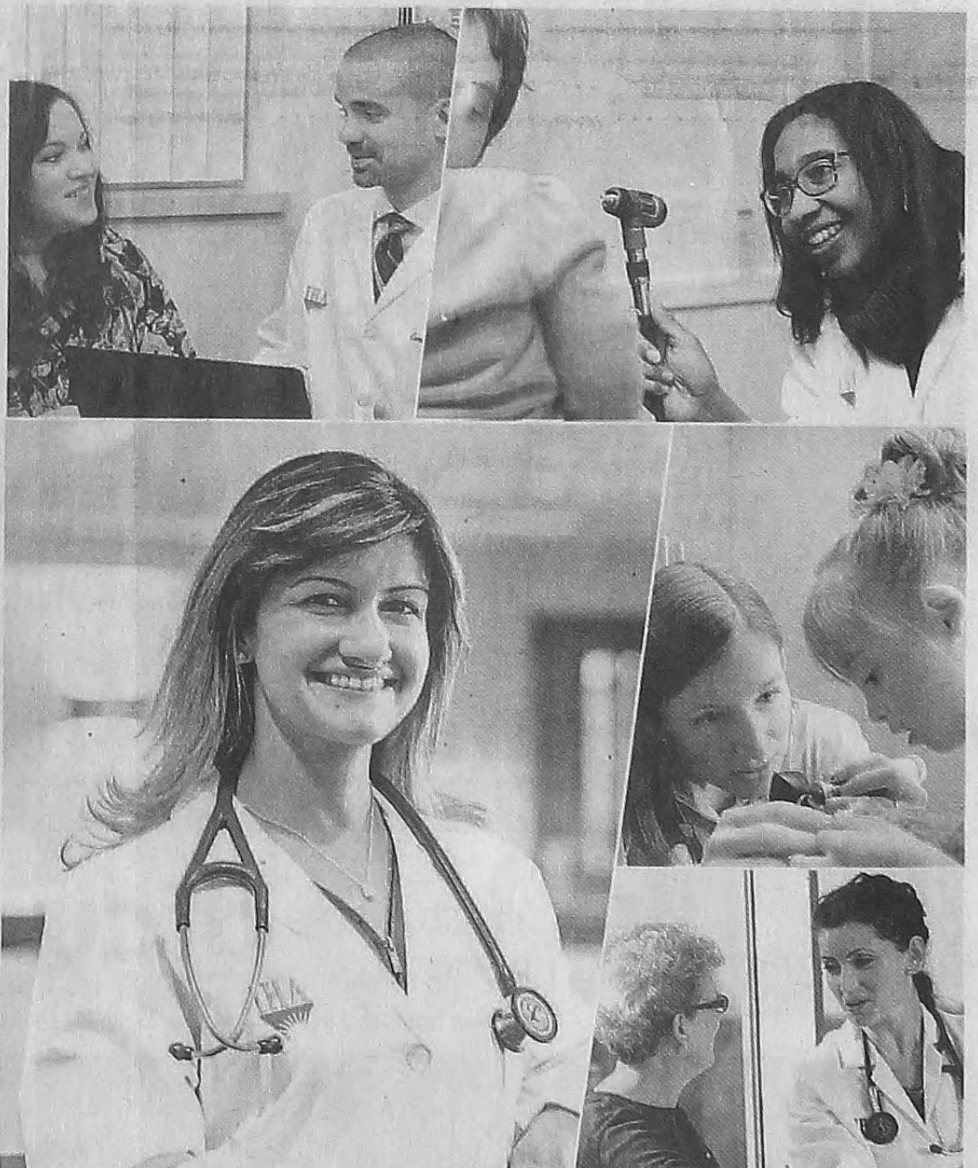
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# Max out 401(k) plan, but be wary of company stock

**Q: I work for a publicly listed company and I've been there for about 20 years. The great bulk of my retirement savings is in my 401(k) plan. Typically, I keep about 50 percent of my money invested in company stock. The other 50 percent, I have spread out in other funds. I have been putting the max into the 401(k) plan, but I wonder if I should continue to do so. The company has just stopped its matching program. My questions to you are 1) Do you think that it still makes sense to invest in the 401(k) plan, even though the company is not matching? 2) I am thinking about lowering the percentage of my company stock from 50 percent to 25 percent; what do you think?**

**A:** I have always been a believer that, if you have the opportunity to use a salary deferral program such as 401(k) or a 403(b) plan, it makes sense to invest the maximum, whether the company is matching or not. When a company matches, it is a no-brainer; you have to take advantage of it. It's sort of like getting free money.

Even though in your particular case you're not getting a match, it still makes sense to invest the maximum possible. Not only are there the tax breaks associated with salary deferral programs, it is an easy and somewhat painless way to invest for retirement. You cannot have too much money invested for retirement and that is why I encourage people, whether they receive a



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

match or not, to put the maximum in their 401(k) plan. Retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and, in order to have a comfortable retirement, you need resources. The only way most people are going to be able to obtain those resources is to invest on a regular basis and there's no easier way of doing it than with a salary deferral program.

One other thought is, if your company offers a Roth option, you may wish to use it. The downside of the Roth 401(k) is that you're putting after-tax money into the plan vs. a traditional 401(k) plan, where you invest pre-tax money. The benefits are that when you withdraw the money from the Roth 401(k), it is tax-free. When you withdraw money from a traditional 401(k), you're taxed at that point in time. In addition, money in a Roth 401(k) is not subject to the rules regarding required minimum distributions.

With regard to company stock, not only do I think 50 percent is too high, I also think 25 percent is too high. In today's world, I prefer most employees not have any allocation to their company stock. My reasoning has nothing to do with the company or being a loyal employee, it's purely based on what's good for you as an investor.

It's important to keep in mind that, when you invest in company stock,

you are taking a greater risk. If something went wrong with the company, not only would your investments be affected, it's possible that your job could be impacted. In today's world, I prefer to keep one's investments and job separate. That's why I'm not a fan of investing in company stock in the great majority of situations. When you look at reallocating your 401(k) plan, other than the amount you may have to leave in company stock, I would prefer you have zero allocation in company stock.

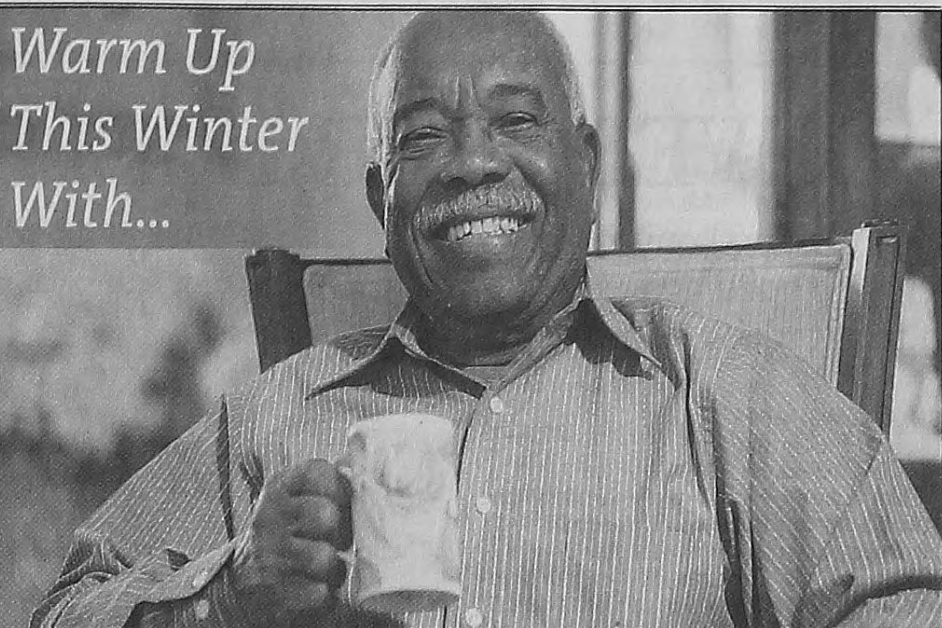
It is important for all investors to diversify. By keeping money in your company stock, you are at greater risk if bad things happen to the company. Look at the situation with General Motors. If you were an employee and an investor in GM stock, you took a double-whammy when it went into bankruptcy. There were many cases where people not only lost their jobs, but a substantial portion of their 401(k) plan evaporated. If it could happen to General Motors, it could happen to just about any company.

Remember, as an investor, we wear different hats than employees. As an employee, you should be loyal to your employer. As an investor, you shouldn't have loyalty to the investment, but you should have loyalty to your portfolio and achieving your specific goals and objectives.

Good luck!

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# DEVELOPER FEELS 'A DUTY TO SHARE'

He's turning Louisville's historic buildings into affordable homes

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Gregg Rochman is the son of a surgeon and, in his own words, was born with a platinum spoon in his mouth.

"I had everything available to me," said the New York City native. "I grew up in a very affluent area, and I could have done anything I wanted. But, because of that privilege, I have a duty to share" and to give back.

Rochman, who moved to Louisville, Kentucky, 10 years ago, has invested in the city with a vengeance, putting a significant sum as the developer or co-developer into the renovation of about 15 properties in the low-income Portland neighborhood in western Louisville.

The effort has included a variety of nonresidential projects — among them the conversion of one old warehouse into an art gallery and another into an office and roastery for a coffee company.

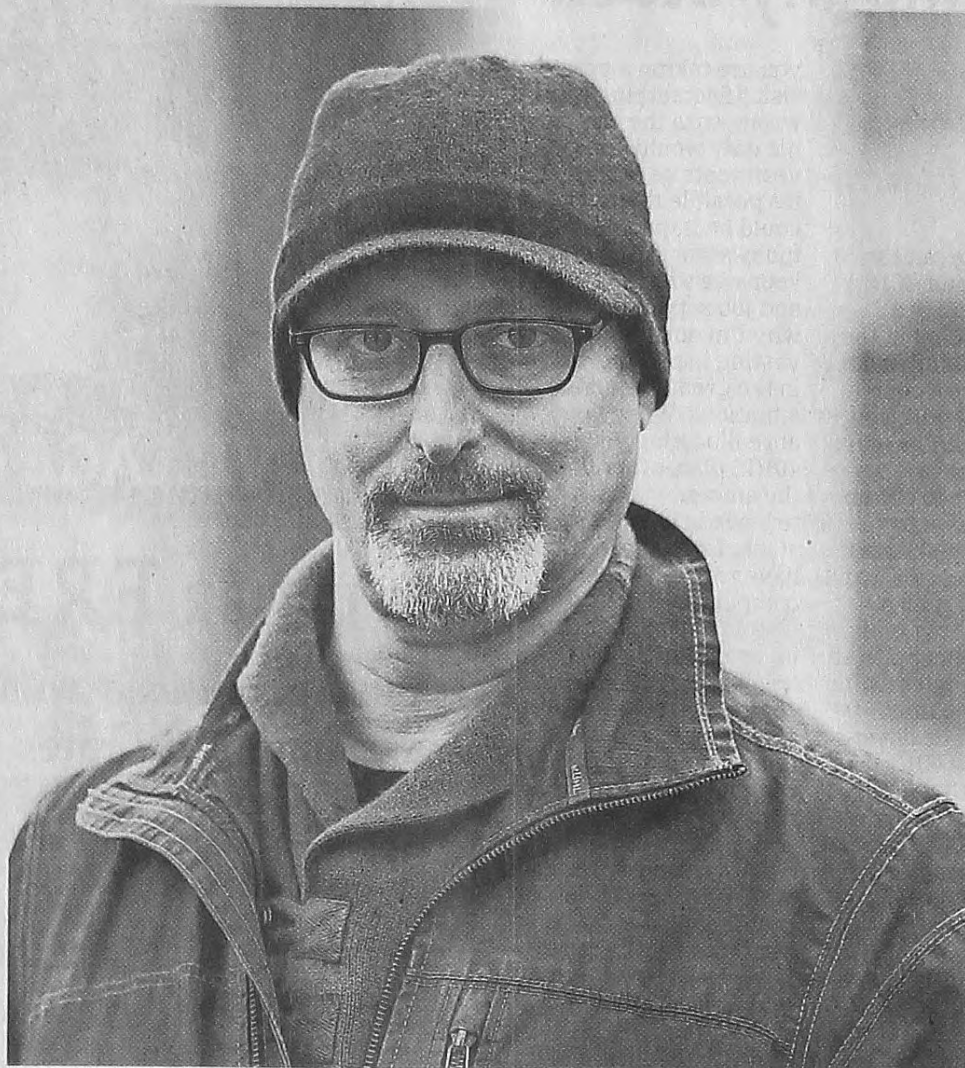
Rochman for five years has served as the volunteer treasurer of New Roots, a nonprofit based in the Portland neighborhood that he described it as a food justice organization that wholesales fresh produce while trying to connect residents directly with farmers.

His latest undertaking is serving as the project manager for Vital Sites, a new nonprofit venture that strives to renovate historic properties into affordable housing.

He works to find lenders to supply money to redevelop the units and to find contractors to develop the properties. He also works with the architects to complete the restorations and coordinates with real estate brokers to sell the sites.

Vital Sites partners with individuals and other groups to redevelop abandoned or neglected spaces.

It has targeted five vacant, historic houses just east of downtown Louisville that date to the 1890s for renovation and



Gregg Rochman is renovating historic properties into affordable housing in Louisville, Kentucky. MICHAEL CLEVENGER/LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL

## Q&A WITH GREGG ROCHMAN

### What does it mean to be an American?

An American is inclusive and accepting of others, fortunate, and honored to have the privilege of living in our truly great and abundant country. We have a land with vast resources and a people capable of anything. Our advantages are used for the good of the planet and all its creatures — all people, all living things. Currently, however, Americans are divided from one another. We do not do everything in our power to house the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the cold, educate the poor and support each other with the goal the betterment of everyone — even though it is all within our reach. We should be ashamed. I am.

### What do you hope to get out of your work with Vital Sites?

With the help of our team, I hope to revitalize these five shotgun houses and sell them to people to live in, so that Vital Sites can gather some much-needed funds to continue the important work of preservation. The bigger picture is that I will learn from the experience and talent embodied within the people of Vital Sites to improve my capabilities at historic preservation, in turn feeding my addiction to old structures. Historic preservation maintains the fabric of our past, while connecting us to our future. It activates our history on a human scale. This work is truly fascinating and not for the faint of heart.

### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

The music scene in Louisville gives me hope. There are many examples of excellent musicians in numerous different styles. The musicians play with one another, go to see each other's shows and support each other. It's a microcosm of what I wish it was like in America.

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to create five beautiful homes for five beautiful families.

reuse as affordable housing.

Funds from the sale of the parcels will go into a revolving fund to provide a resource to redevelop additional sites.

"The preservation of old buildings is incredibly important for the history of our city — to keep the fabric of our built environment," he said.

"Vital Sites is taking the talk out of preservation and putting 'doing' into it."

## GREGG ROCHMAN

**Location:** Louisville, Kentucky

**Age:** 51

**Profession:** Developer

**Mission:** "I have a duty to share" and to give back.

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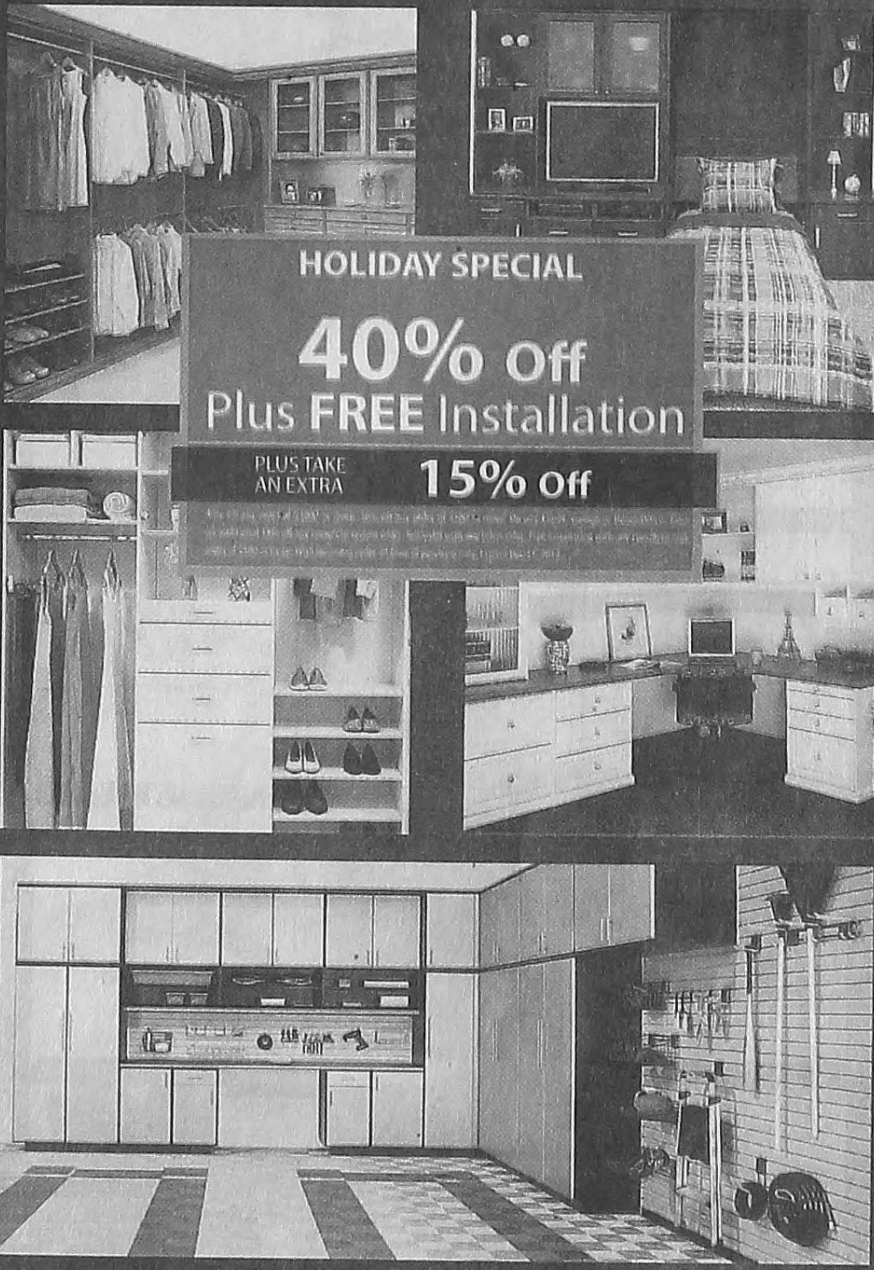
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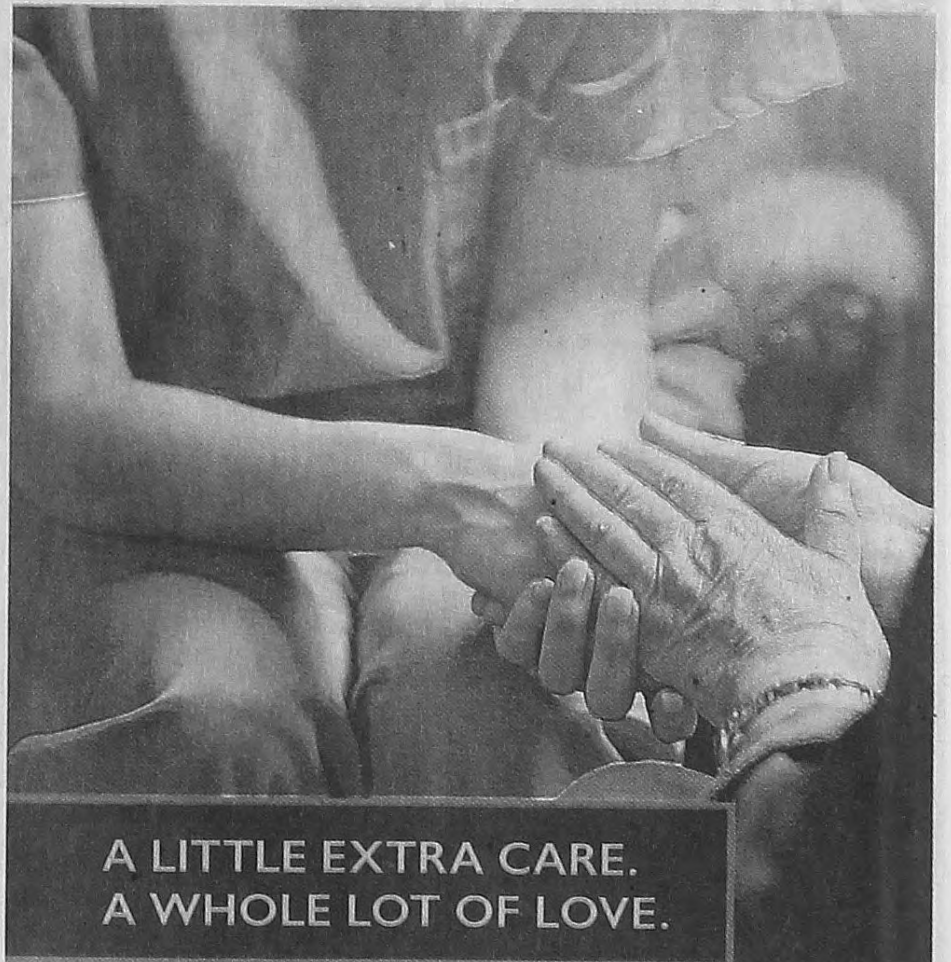


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## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to [LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com](mailto:LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com). Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

### 88.1 The Park sponsors 'On the Beat'

Radio station 88.1 The Park will partner with local police departments to give the community a chance to understand how local law enforcement works. Officers have agreed to answer the community's questions on policing and law enforcement on the "On the Beat" program, which will air Monday, Dec. 18.

The station aired the first "On the Beat" in September. Community members submitted questions regarding traffic rules, police responsibilities and more. 88.1 The Park is accepting questions for the December program. Questions can cover any topic affecting our local police departments.

88.1 The Park is a local radio station that is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

### Village Theater art exhibit

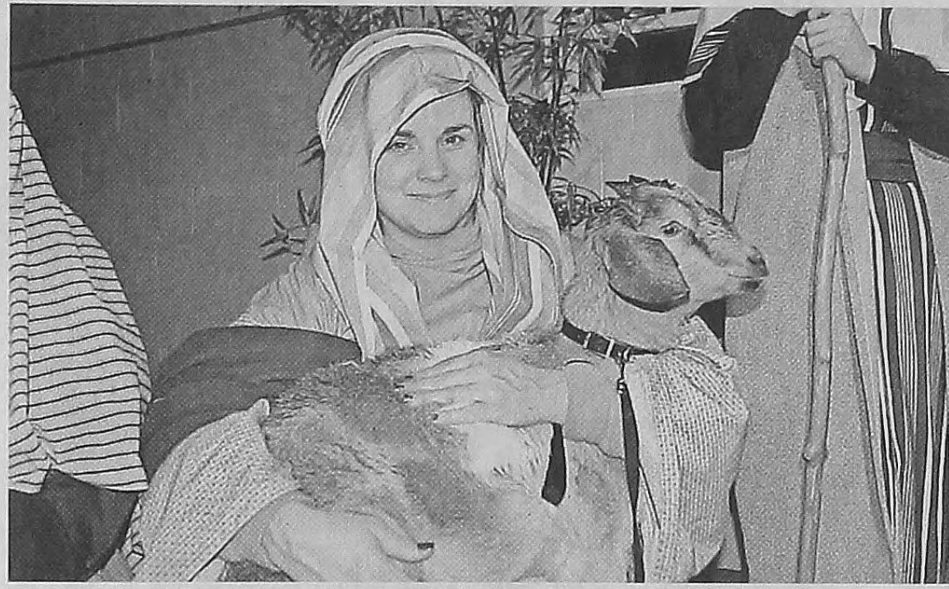
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild in the Gallery@VT through Jan. 1. Works on display include a wide variety of fiber art, such as basketry, beading, bead embroidery, bead weaving, kumihimo, crochet, doll making, dyeing and painting, embroidery, felting, garment design and construction, handmade paper and book art, knitting, knotting, quilting, sewing, spinning, weaving and surface design.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The gallery is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, 734-394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

### Canton library Winter Snow Spree

The Canton Public Library will host a Winter Snow Spree 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. Carousel Acres will fly over a live reindeer who will visit with us outside and we will offer CPL Express train rides in our front loop, so dress for the weather. After the outdoor



Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth will host a live Nativity scene Saturday, Dec. 23

activities, come inside and warm up with some hot chocolate, video stories, crafts and more. Enjoy while supplies last. No registration required.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call the library at 734-397-0999.

### Mitten Theater presents 'Knife Before Christmas'

The Mitten Theater will host the premiere of "The Knife Before Christmas," an original murder mystery production that runs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. The Mitten Theater is located inside of PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex), 650 Church St.

Tickets are \$45 at [theknifebeforechristmas.brownpapertickets.com](http://theknifebeforechristmas.brownpapertickets.com), but early bird tickets are available for \$40 while supplies last. They will be \$50 at the door. Groups of 10 or more can contact Vince Sabatini at 609-233-0226 or [vince@mittentheater.com](mailto:vince@mittentheater.com).

Ticket price includes a strolling hot and cold hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet. Food may be limited for non-reserved tickets; door ticket prices will be reduced to \$25 in this case. A \$50 prize will be given to the best detective of the night. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show is rated PG-13. This production is not appropriate for children. Contains coarse language, sexual innuendo, mythical creatures, scenes of violence

(including an extended death scene) and singing.

For more information, go to [MittenTheater.com](http://MittenTheater.com).

### Living Nativity at Lake Pointe Bible Church

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth invites the community to come to a live Nativity scene 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. Included will be the babe in swaddling clothes in the manger, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The hallelujah chorus will entertain visitors with song, while a roaring fire will keep them warm. Refreshments will be available during the free, interactive, family friendly event.

The living Nativity scene will take place in the field in front of the church and will proceed rain or shine. Visitors are advised to dress warmly. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road.

### Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade

items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org).

### PARC community forum

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will hold a community forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. PARC will update the community on its future plans to preserve and re-purpose the historic former Plymouth High/Central Middle School into an arts and recreation center and add a new Performing Arts Center as well as respond to questions.

Everyone is invited to witness the progress made since its inception and share in the vision for the future. Preliminary designs, site plans and renderings of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity. For more information, contact Don Soenen at 734-516-4053 or [dsoenen@gmail.com](mailto:dsoenen@gmail.com).

### Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

### 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.detroitbluessociety.org](http://www.detroitbluessociety.org)). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

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.

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](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

# Obituaries

## Joseph Charles Samyn

-- passed away at home with family on Thursday, December 7. Born May 10, 1931, in Detroit, and raised on the East Side. Son of Alphonse and Rachel. Brother of Michael, Elsie, and Gloria. Graduated from St John Berchmans Elementary School and St. Joseph's High School. Worked at his family's store, Samyn's Market, before going to The University of Michigan, where he earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry (class president, College of Pharmacy). Met Ann Marie Markey at The Newman Center at U of M in Ann Arbor. They married at St. Teresa's in Detroit in 1955. He worked at Parke-Davis in Detroit and later in Rochester at Parke-Davis/Warner Lambert. Resident of Royal Oak since 1960 where he and Ann raised their five children: Ellen Haley of Pacific Grove, CA; Joseph, M.D. (Dee) of Crown Point, IN; Margaret, M.D. (James Akao, Ph.D.) of Brookfield, WI; Ruth Ware (Joseph, Ph.D.) of Los Altos, CA; and Mary Ann of Morgantown, WV. Beloved grandfather of Laura Haley (Brent Keast), Jacqueline Samyn, Joseph Samyn, James Samyn, Sophia Ware, Mark Ware, and Michael Akao. Longtime parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Beverly Hills where he was an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club, Beaumont Cardic Rehab, and the Gazette van Detroit, where he served on the board. Generous philanthropist with special support of Marygrove College, The University of Detroit, The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, and The Capuchin Soup Kitchen/Solanus Casey Center. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his sister, Elsie Vande Putte (Frank), sisters-in-law Irene Markey, Virginia Markey, and Marilyn Markey, and cousins Nancy Panetta (Otto), Irene Lauwers (Al), Jim Vande Velde (Verna), and 36 nieces and nephews. The family is very grateful for all the care Joe received from his nurses, especially Annmarie Shelton and Melissa O'Neil. Funeral Mass was held Monday December 11, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Beverly Hills. Christian burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-59-0500 View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)



## Charles Shandor

WEST BLOOMFIELD - age, passed away December 7, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Bernice for 50 years. Loving father of Steven (Bridgett) Piche and Cathy (Rick) Cunningham. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Kara), Christopher and MacKenzie. Mr. Shandor retired from Farmington Public Schools as a Biology teacher.

Services have already been taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Farmington Hills Public Library. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

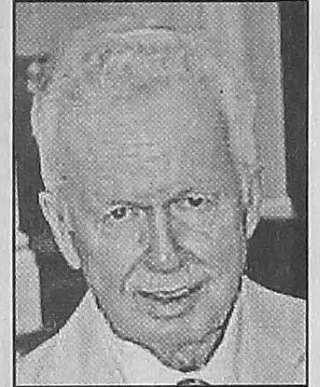


## Kenneth C. "Ken" Dettmer

CANTON - age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Dec. 13, 2017.

Preceded in death by his son Devon. Loving husband of 42 years to Mary Ann. Beloved father of Jeanne Klynsmma (Thomas). Cherished grandfather of Damon. Brother of Ross.

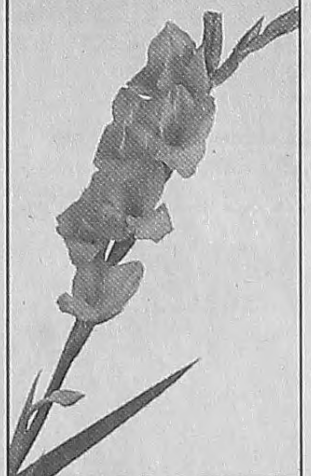
The family would like to thank all of the men and women of Brightstar Care and Residential Hospice for their wonderful care. Family will receive guests Sunday from 3-9 PM at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Rd (btwn Sheldon & Canton Center Rds) where a memorial service will be held Monday at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Paws With A Cause. Visit [www.TurowskiLifeStory.com](http://www.TurowskiLifeStory.com) to sign the online guestbook.



## Audley Graves

MARICOPA, AZ - 85, Beloved husband of the late Katherine. Loving Father of Arlene White, Thomas (Veronica), Pamela (David) Westfall, Cheryl Fay, Annette Enders, Patrick (Betty), Marie (Paul) Holly, Katherine Gass, 19 grand and 11 great grandchildren.

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Featuring Youth and Children's Choirs and  
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10:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service  
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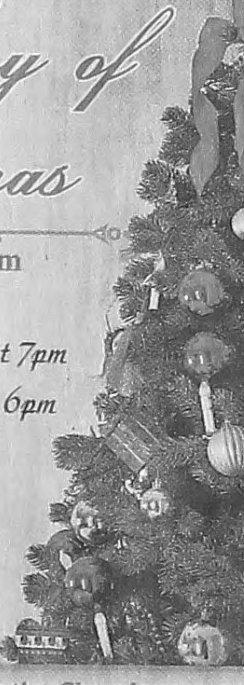
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9:00pm Worship

10:30pm Music of the Season  
11:00pm Worship

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4:30 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT  
8:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**FRIDAY, DEC. 29:**  
5:30 PM COMMUNITY FREE DINNER

**SUNDAY, DEC. 31:**  
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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# Three Cities Art Club winners announced

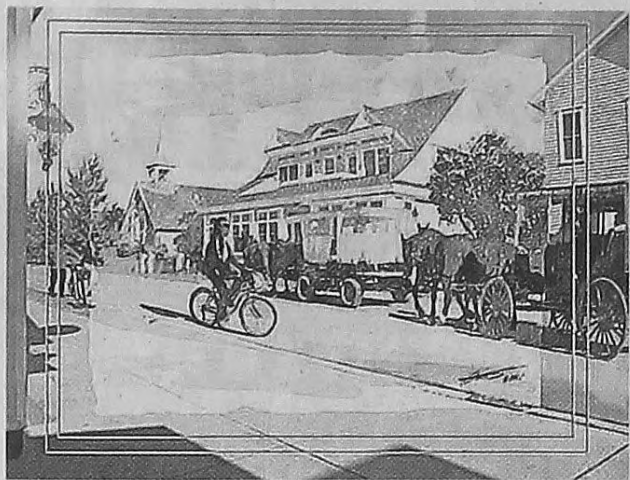
Winners have been announced in the Three Cities Art Club's sixth annual juried art exhibition, which is on display through Jan. 30 at Westland City Hall. The top entrants were selected by Monte Nagler, a local photographer. Westland Mayor William Wild also chose his personal favorite for an additional award. Nagler selected his favorites in two categories, photography and all others, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, printmaking, air brush, collage, pencil and pastels.

In photography, first place went to John Mittelstadt of Bloomfield Hills and best of show went to Dennis Koski of Sterling Heights. Tim Tonachella of Plymouth received an honorable mention award and second place, Allen Brooks of Livonia received an honorable mention award and third place and Aileen Mozug of Livonia received an honorable mention award.

In all other two-dimensional works, Mireille Ripley of Ann Arbor took home first place, best of show and an honorable mention. Kay Masini of Plymouth received an honorable mention and second place, Jon Lange of Livonia took third place and Susann Smith of Westland received an honorable mention.

Wild selected his favorite piece for the Wild About Art Award, which was awarded to Laurel Raisanen of Wayne.

The Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, in Westland's City Hall, is a beautiful venue for



"Mackinac Transportation" by John Mittelstadt was awarded first place in photography.



"Le Neptune" by Mireille Ripley was awarded first place in non-photography.

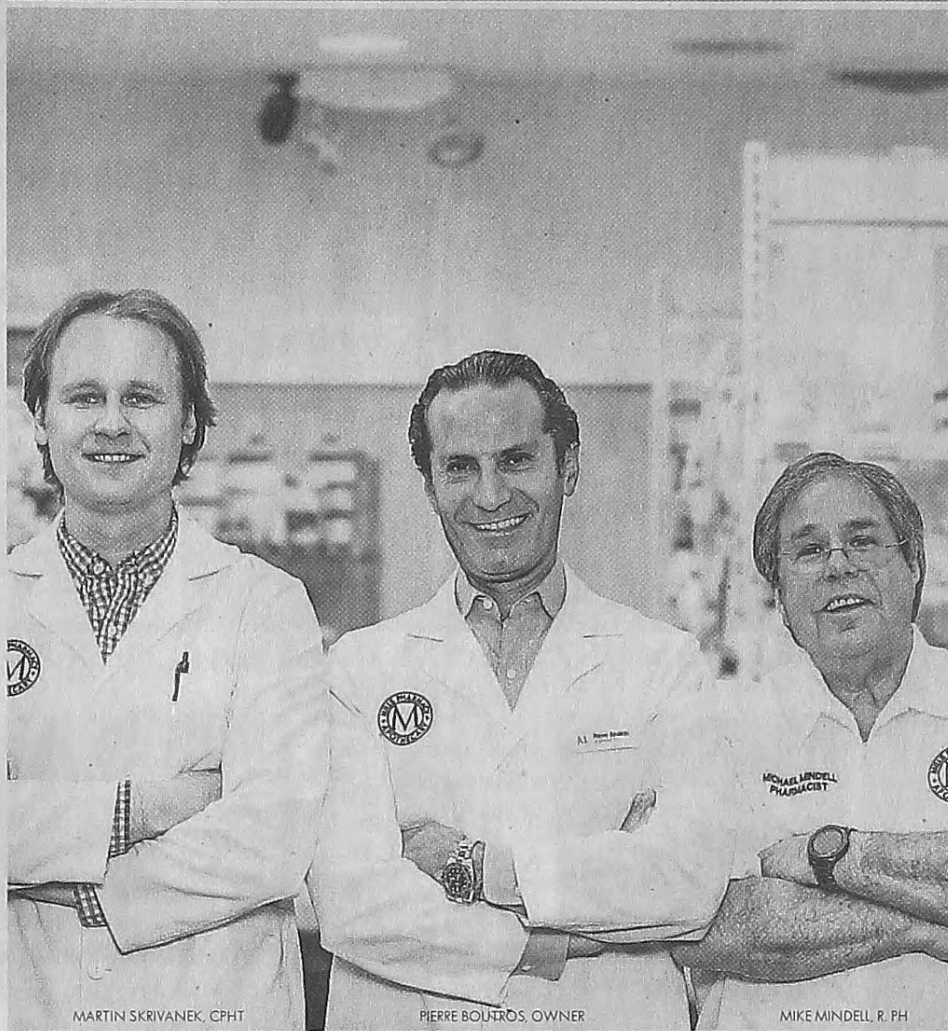
showcasing the works of the area's talented artists. The exhibition continues through the end of January and is open to the public anytime city hall is open. Free guided gallery tours are available for individuals or groups or art can be purchased by calling Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939. Book your next meeting, luncheon or special event to be held either in the Gallery or one of the banquet/conference rooms by contacting parks and

recreation at Parks@cityofwestland.com or calling 734-722-7620.

The event is sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Center, D&M Art Studio and Ari-El Enterprises, Inc. To learn more about the exhibition, attending the event or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Meredith at 313-231-3939 or by email at marilynmeredith@wowway.com. For more on the club, go to www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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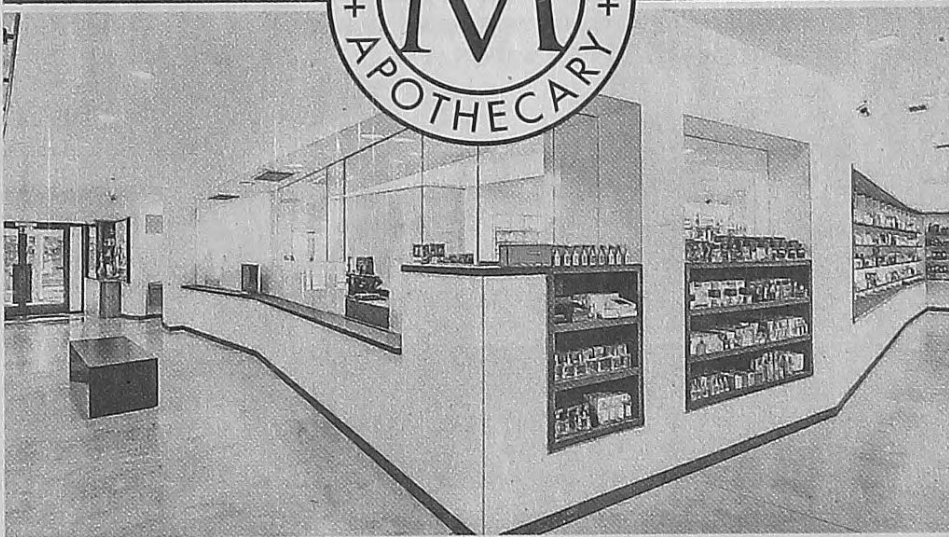
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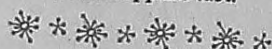


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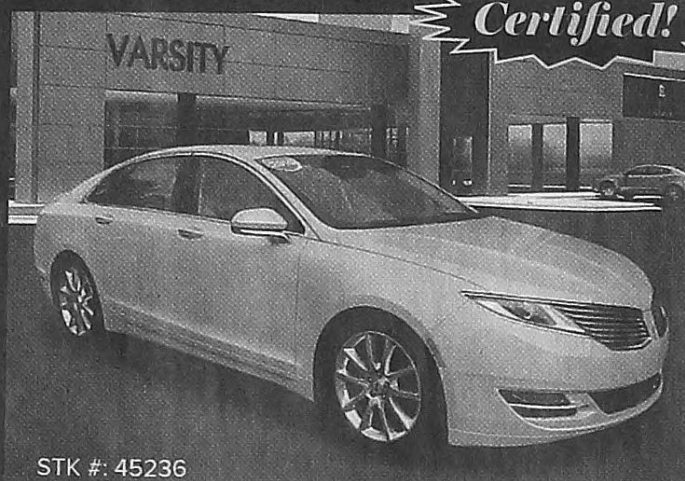
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BOYS HOCKEY

## Father-son weekend a smash

Inaugural event blends hockey, fun and togetherness for Plymouth Wildcats squad

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Do those Plymouth hockey guys know how to have fun or what? In just over a 48-hour period, from Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, Plymouth varsity boys hockey players — and their dads — enjoyed father-son bowling, pizza and steak, a visit to Grand Valley State University and good ol' camaraderie and kibitzing. There even was enough time for two Wildcats hockey games (against Forest

Hills North-East and Grandville), as well as morning skates where dads were invited to lace up their skates and get out on the ice.

Book ending all the fun, of course, was a chartered, two-hour bus ride between Canton's Arctic Edge Arena and Holiday Inn Express in Grand Rapids.

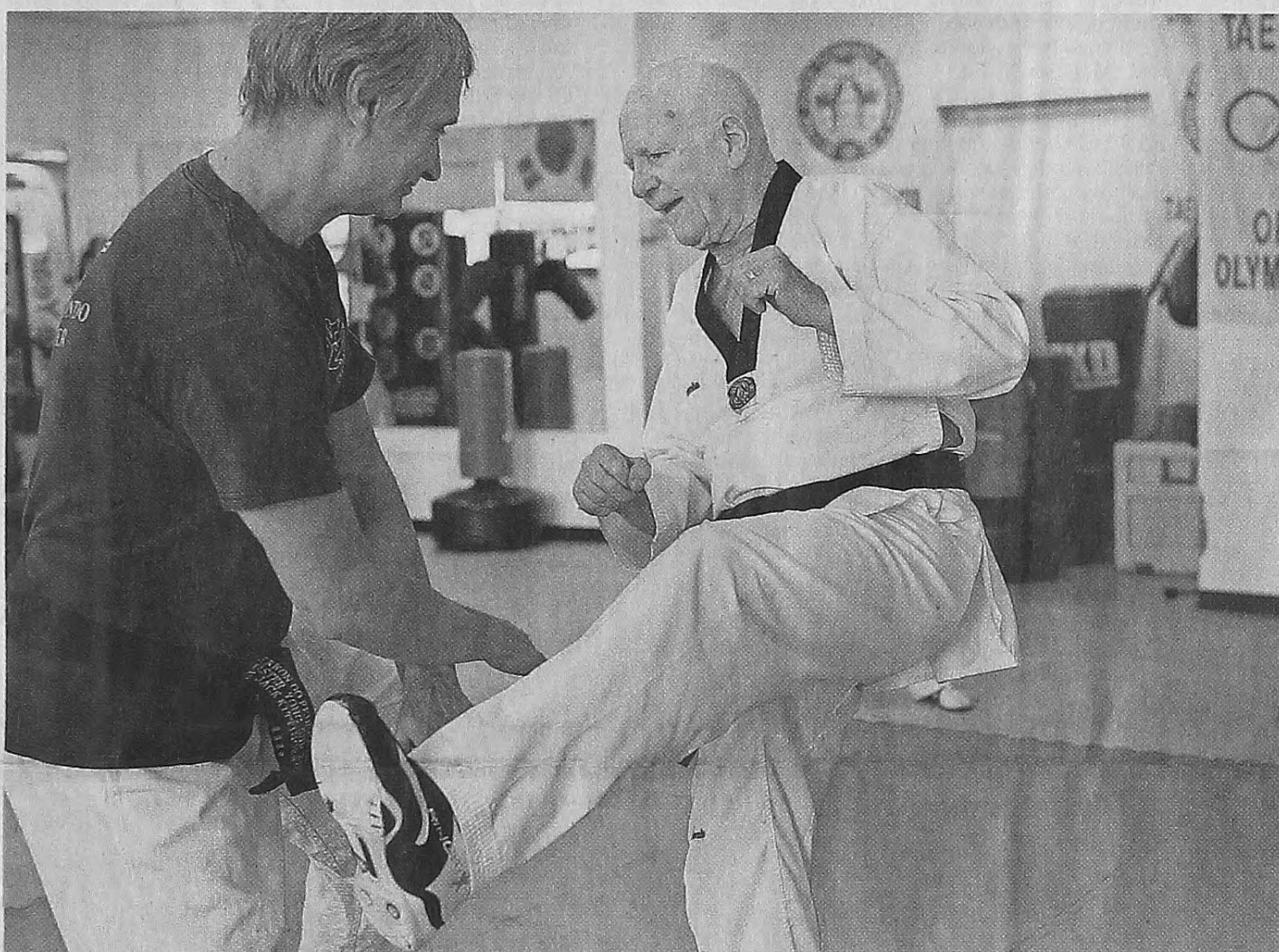
"Anytime you can go on a road trip with your team, it is always great in helping to build team chemistry, which you hope transpires on the ice," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "The more time players can spend with each other in a relaxed environment away from the outside pressures, it really helps them to get to know each other as individuals and not just hockey

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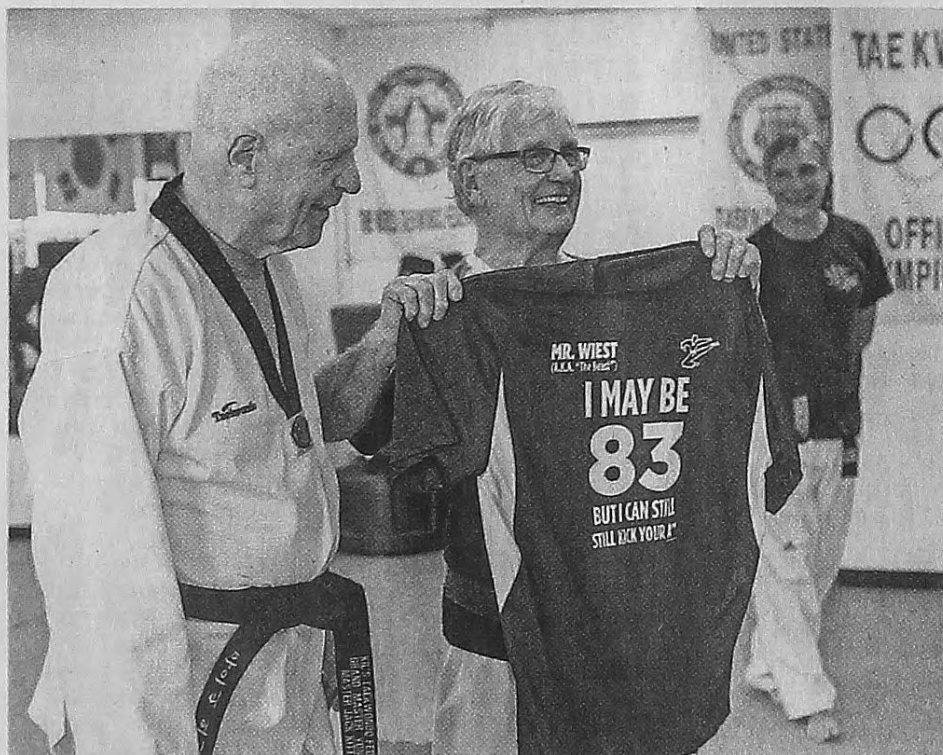
Players on the Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys hockey team enjoyed a rare opportunity to go on a father-son weekend. A number of dads joined their sons for morning skates Dec. 1-2 in Grand Rapids. PLYMOUTH HOCKEY

MARTIAL ARTS



Northville resident and ex-Marine Mike Wiest (right) spars with Master Paul George during a session Tuesday afternoon in Farmington Hills. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## PASSION PLAY



Jack Kittinger presents Mike Wiest with a shirt commemorating his years in the sport. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Quest for health drives 83-year-old Wiest's black-belt work ethic

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Eighty-three-year-old Mike Wiest and nine of his closest martial arts friends met for an informal workout Tuesday at Kil's Tae Kwon Do in Farmington.

Jack Kittinger, a fifth-degree black belt who runs the prestigious award-winning Do-Jang (tae kwon do center), organized the activity.

Grand Master Sang Sop Kil, a 10th-degree black belt from South Lyon, led calisthenics and conducted an impromptu self-defense question-and-answer session. Fifth-degree black

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BOYS BASKETBALL

## Spartans roll to lopsided win as wheels fall off for Patriots

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After a Jekyll-and-Hyde first half for host Livonia Stevenson, the Spartans boiled things down to their simplest terms during halftime Tuesday: play team defense and let the offense flow from that.

The pep talk from head coach Kareem Smart paid fast dividends, as Stevenson outscored Livonia Franklin 23-10 in the third quarter and pulled away for an 83-62 KLAA boys basketball victory.

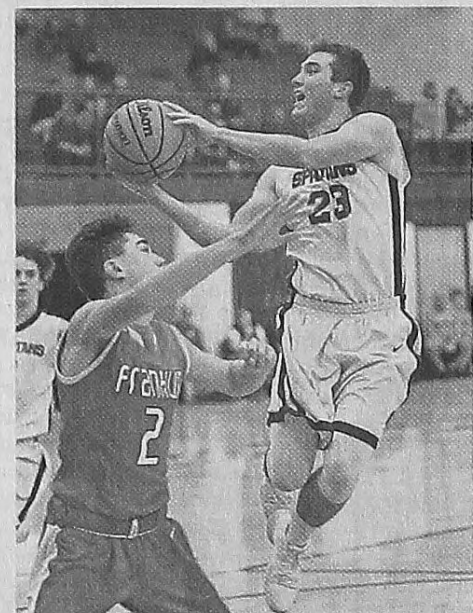
"Our main thing we talked about in the locker room was defense," Stevenson senior guard Devin Dunn said. "We weren't playing any defense at all the first half. So we kicked it up a notch in the second."

Stevenson trailed 44-42 at the intermission, letting an early lead (it was 14-2 just minutes into the contest) evaporate as Franklin senior power forward Mark Mettie (30 points, 21 in the first half) spearheaded a Patriots rally.

That the Spartans (1-0) were able to hit the reset button and come away with the victory "feels great," Dunn said, and, "gives them (Patriots) a little payback from football."

In Week 9 of the football season, Franklin defeated Stevenson 35-21 and then rolled all the way to the Division 2

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Livonia Stevenson's Devin Dunn (right) takes to the air. Dalton Gasior of Livonia Franklin can't stop him. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# WIEST

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belt Paul George and second-degree black belt Rohini Sonawane also attended the hour-long gathering.

Wiest — a black belt like the majority of his friends — is by far the group's senior member. The next closest is Kittinger, 10 years younger.

Despite the age disparity, Wiest is a respected workout participant.

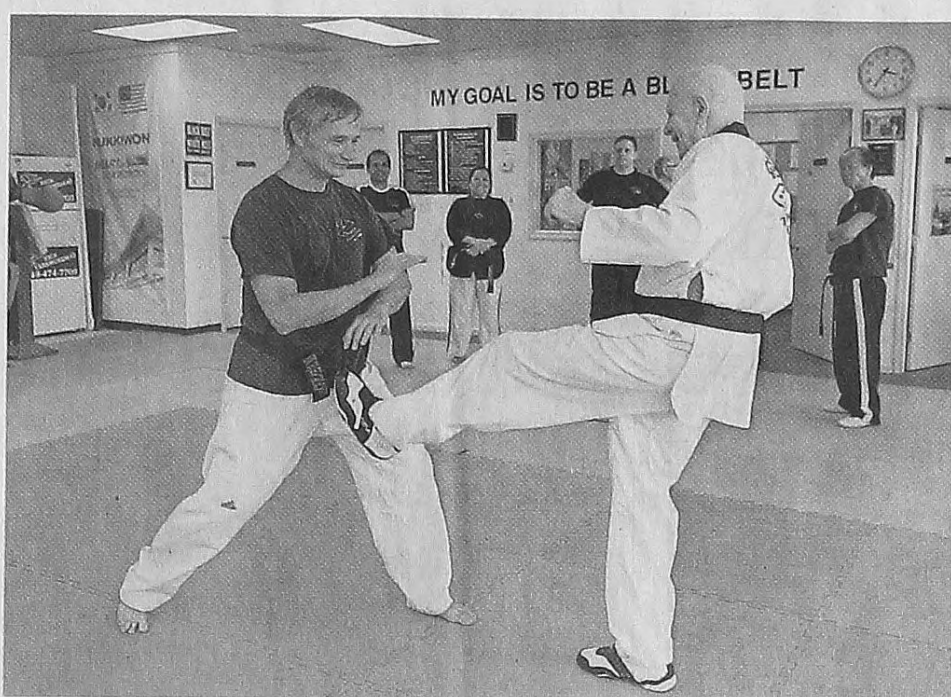
"Mike is a wonderful guy and is revered by everyone here," said Kittinger, a Farmington Hills resident. "He likes the camaraderie of the group. We do a lot of trash talking, too, and it's all in fun.

"His cardiovascular system is awesome. He is very, very strong and he can keep up with the best of us," he added. "He's in super shape and he's a wonderful example to all."

Sonawane, 44, a native of India, earned her black belt in 2011, just four years after she took up the Olympic sport that emphasizes head-high, jumping and spinning kicks. The Farmington Hills resident is absolutely inspired by Wiest.

"Mike is one of my idols. When I look at him and see him going on with his daily life, it is so motivating," Sonawane said. "I want to be like him when and if I'm lucky enough to reach his age. He is a good friend and he's very humorous.

"We will spar, we kick each other and he likes the competition," she added. "He still keeps up his energy levels and his



Mike Wiest may not be able to kick as high as in his younger days, but he holds his own against Paul George. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

health. He is a regular (student) here, he does not give up for any reason and I'm so honored to have him as my friend."

### Drive overrides age

Wiest, a.k.a. "The Beast," does not let age affect his drive.

The former U.S. Marine lieutenant is an energetic octogenarian who simply wants to remain active and healthy.

A Northville resident married to his wife Isabella for 60 years, Wiest seriously got involved in taekwon do after retiring from his job as an insurance executive in 1999. He successfully ascended the 11 required degrees to become a black belt, averaging a level per year as he attained the coveted belt in 2010.

It was a personal challenge in which he takes

great pride.

"I got two of my grandsons involved in it years ago and I figured, as long as I was taking them, I might as well get involved with it, too," Weist said. "I never played any contact sports when I was younger and I thought (taekwon do) would be good for me. It's turned out to be the best thing I ever did.

"I've been here with Jack for 15 years and I did a little before that, so I would say I've been involved with the sport for about 20 years. I'm motivated to do it. You develop a lot of confidence when you do this — and I like the camaraderie.

"You become real friends, even though you're in competition with them," he added. "You're out there kicking and punching each other,

but you don't take it personally. I wish I started it when I was 15 years old, but the past is the past."

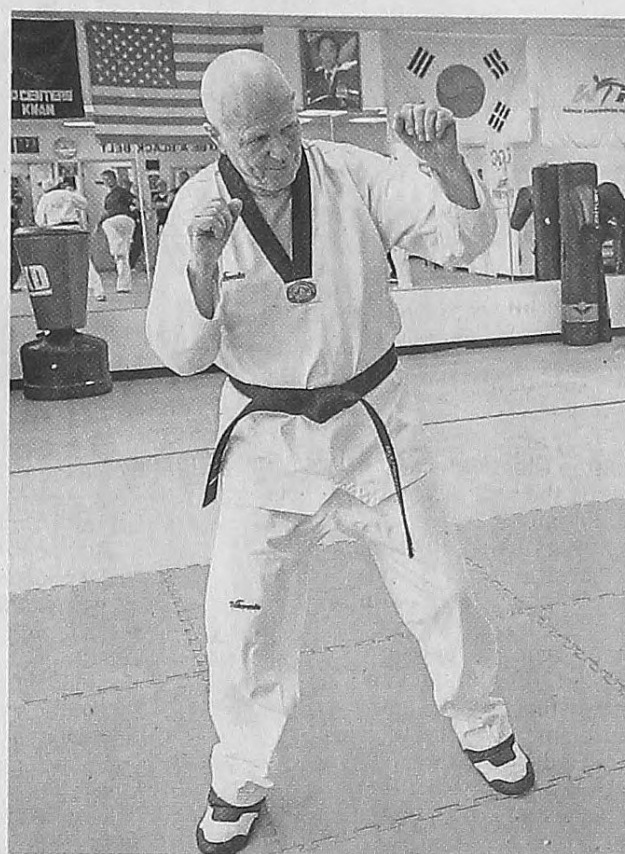
### Staying in shape

Wiest's ultimate passion is to stay in shape.

He works out twice a week for 60 minutes at Kil's Tae Kwon Do, which was elevated to Family of the Year status in 2011 by USA Taekwondo for its service in advancing the sport. In addition, he lifts light weights three times a week at his house.

The native Pennsylvanian, who grew up in New Jersey, is also a big proponent of meditation to help reduce stress. He said working in life insurance taught him how to deal with life experiences.

"I was a life insurance underwriter for my whole career and I would look at people's medical



Mike Wiest is 83 years old and still practicing the sport of taekwon do. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

history, their mental history and I would see what really hurts people," Wiest said. "Three of the big factors are stress, lack of exercise and loss of motivation. If you sit around and watch TV too much and start to eat junk food, you're going to get fat and clog your arteries up.

"I like that (the sport) forces you to stay in shape. If you put on too much weight or you slow down or don't have the motivation, you're going to miss this opportunity. It's a motivator for me to stay in shape and watch what I eat. I like to read, but reading is not physical enough.

"I get a kick out of

this, because it's competitive. It's friendly competition," he added. "Nobody's trying to hurt you, but you don't want to look like a shmuck out there. I don't want to look like an old man who can't compete. I love this and I have some great friends here."

Kittinger is so enamored with the inspiration Wiest provides that he made a specially-designed shirt which he unveiled Tuesday. It reads: "Mr. Wiest (a.k.a. 'The Beast') may be 83, but he can still kick my a--."

Now, that's respect.

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# WEEKEND

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players.

"Add to that the fact they are spending it with their dads in a one-on-one setting makes it even better. It was great to see the players interacting with their dads at the various events we had planned outside of your typical hockey setting.

"And it was really rewarding seeing the dads get to know each other in a way they wouldn't typically be able to do by simply seeing each other at the rink on game day."

### Bowl 'em over

The highlight (or low light, depending on whom you talked to) of the inaugural Plymouth hockey father-son weekend was a bowling outing Dec. 1 at Northfield Lanes.

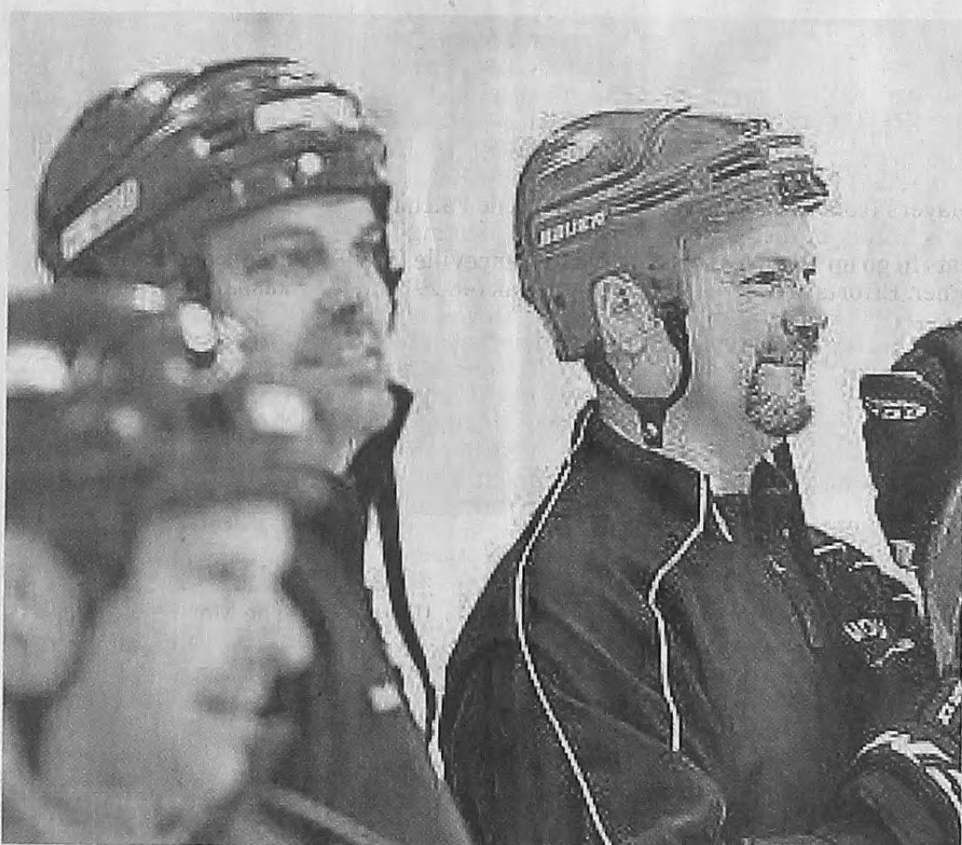
"I learned that when it comes to bowling, my son (Jack Chumley) should stick to hockey," Todd Chumley, one of the dads on the junket, said with a laugh. "I'm no (professional bowler) Earl Anthony, so he gets it from me."

Todd then put the bowling event — and fun-filled weekend — into perspective.

"That was a great moment, just hanging out in bowling alley on a Friday afternoon," he said. "It had nothing to do with bowling. Just being with my son and the dads, laughing, not thinking about work and life's other responsibilities and enjoying a moment that I may never get to be a part of anything like it again. It really was a special couple of days."

Jack Chumley also said bowling was a blast, but so was every other entry on the jam-packed schedule. (Steak at Brann's and a catered team meal at Smokey Bones, what's not to like?)

"The trip was definitely something I'll never forget," said Jack, a senior forward and team captain. "I had a ton of



The weekend excursion enabled Plymouth hockey dads a chance to see their sons and other dads in a more relaxed environment than on typical game days. From left are Tim Gallaher, Joel Roach and Joel Gavin. ED OLEPA

### TO-DO LIST

Following is the official itinerary for Plymouth hockey's father-son weekend, Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. The Wildcats and their dads traveled to and from Grand Rapids.

#### THURSDAY, NOV. 30

4 p.m.: Team charter bus leaves from Canton Arctic Edge Ice Arena  
6-6:30 p.m.: Bus arrives at Holiday in Express  
6:30 p.m.: Check in at hotel  
7-8 p.m.: Team meal at Ucello's restaurant  
8-8:30 p.m.: Return to hotel  
8:30-9:30 p.m.: Team-building event at hotel  
9:30-10:30 p.m.: Players' free time at hotel  
11 p.m.: Bed check and lights out

fun and it was just such a great experience.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised by anything my dad did. He's a really funny guy, so it's never a surprise that wherever he goes, everybody's laughing."

### It's all good

If the Chumleys struggled with their strikes and spares, that wasn't the case for dad Mike

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 1

7:30 a.m.: Wake-up call  
7:45-8:45 a.m.: Team breakfast in lobby  
9 a.m.: Bus leaves for team skate  
10-11 a.m.: Team skate at Patterson (including dads)  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Team lunch at Brann's  
1-3 p.m.: Bowling outing at Northfield Lanes  
3-4:30 p.m.: Back to hotel  
4:30-6 p.m.: Team meal at hotel, catered by Smokey Bones  
6 p.m.: Bus departs restaurant for game vs. Forest Hills North-East  
8-10 p.m.: Game at Patterson Ice Arena  
10:30 p.m.: Return to hotel  
11 p.m.: Bed check and

Baldwin and son Tim (a senior forward and assistant captain). The third player with a letter on his jersey is senior forward and assistant captain C.J. Mullenax.

"The father and sons teamed up for a bowling match," Tim Baldwin said. "Our team came in second overall. My dad is a good bowler and it gave me motivation to keep up with him and help the

lights out

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 2

8 a.m.: Wake-up call  
8:30-9:30 a.m.: Team breakfast in lobby  
10-11 a.m.: GVSU campus tour  
11 a.m. to noon: Quiet time for players  
Noon: Lunch back at hotel  
1-1:30 p.m.: Players back in room  
1:30 p.m.: Bus leaves restaurant for game vs. Grandville  
3-5 p.m.: Game at Georgetown Ice Arena  
5:30-6:30 p.m.: Pizza  
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Presentation by Charlie Link re: GVSU and junior hockey back at Georgetown  
7:30-8 p.m.: Bus departs for Arctic Edge

team win. It was a fun time."

Although doing well at the bowling event was a bonus, it wasn't the pre-vailing takeaway for Mike Baldwin.

"Getting to know all the new dads and watch the boys interact with each other," he said, responding to a question about his favorite non-hockey moments of the trip. "It was fun to see



The Plymouth varsity boys hockey team visited the Grand Valley State University campus Dec. 2, as part of the inaugural father-son weekend. ED OLEPA

how well they all really get along."

Another positive part of the weekend was a chance to visit Grand Valley State University for a campus visit Dec. 2. Leading the tour was Corey Smith, a former Plymouth Wildcats player now skating for Grand Valley. Smith is one of six Plymouth alums now playing club hockey at GVSU, Vento said.

Smith went over everything from where to live to what to eat to potential classes and extracurricular activities.

Later that afternoon, Plymouth played Grandville at Georgetown Ice Arena, enjoyed post-game pizza with their teammates and dads and listened to a presentation by Charlie Link about potential opportunity after graduation, whether at GVSU or in junior hockey.

"Charlie stressed to the players that finding the right college for your future is far more important than the hockey program it may have," Vento said.

Of course, the weekend had plenty of hockey. The morning skates were a chance for the dads to join their sons on the ice.

Plymouth split the games, defeating Forest

Hills North-East (ranked No. 6 in Division 2) 4-3 and losing 3-2 to Grandville (No. 6 in D-1).

### Family time

Jack Chumley and Tim Baldwin concurred that memories from the father-son weekend will never fade — and that the 2017-18 Wildcats might very well have a secret ingredient when they need to come together during tough times on the ice.

"I think that the trip has had a positive effect on the players, because it shows what a good environment we have around," Chumley said. "There's support from everyone. All of the dads are such nice people and getting to know some of them just makes you realize that our whole team is really a family and, with what we want to do this year, that's important."

"This team is very close," Baldwin said. "Everyone gets along and we all work hard. We work together. Each player helps the other and we push each other to be better. We have one goal for this season. This weekend strengthened that goal — one team!"

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PREP GYMNASTICS

# Chiefs squad looking to hit the 'reset button'

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Year after year, the Canton Chiefs literally are on the beam as among Michigan's elite high school gymnastics teams.

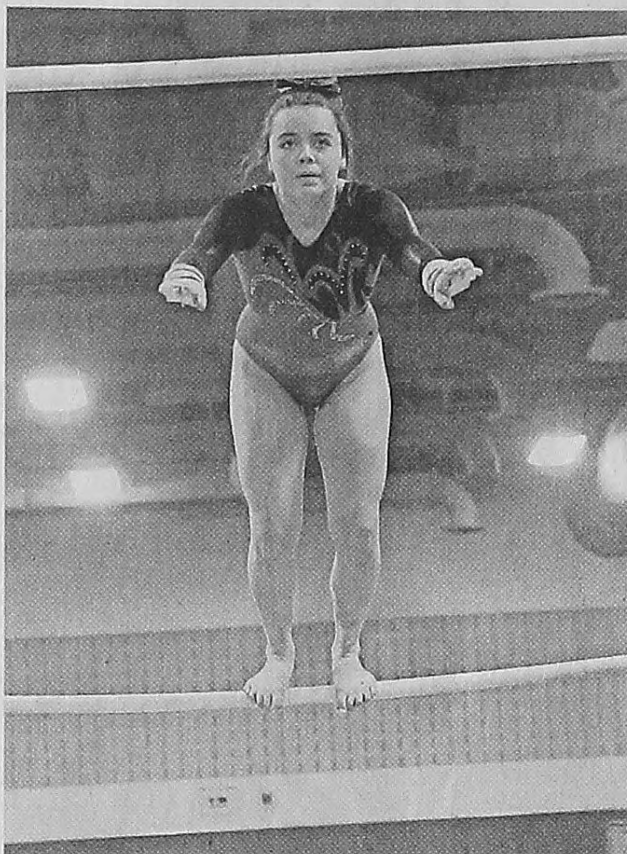
Veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham always finds a way to guide teams to the top and 2017-18 shouldn't be any different. But Cunningham recently acknowledged that the Chiefs will need to jell after losing key gymnasts to graduation.

"With the graduation of team leaders Jana Hilditch and Canton's female athlete of the year Kelsea Kernosek, this year's squad will take some time to reset," Cunningham said.

Canton, last year's runner-up in the MHSAA state finals, opened the season losing 140.7-134.25 to a strong Farmington United team that placed fourth in the state finals last season.

Farmington United posted at least 9.0 in three events, led by Elisa Bills (9.45 on vault; 9.25 on balance beam and 9.35 on floor exercise). Ava Farquhar and Emily Stecevic registered 9.1 and 9.025, respectively, on beam.

For Canton, the lone performer to reach 9.0 in any event was Annika Wang, who tallied 9.1 on



Canton's Rachel Socha performs her routine on uneven parallel bars Dec. 5 against Farmington United. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

beam.

Cunningham said his team's best event of the night was vault, led by Katherine Najduk's 8.95 score. Other Chiefs to perform well in that event were Rachel Socha (fourth, 8.75), Zoe Graves (fifth, 8.7) and Nehal Harish (sixth, 8.65).

Other Canton scores of note included Graves's second-place finishes on

uneven balance bars (8.55) and floor (8.675) and Socha's fifth on floor exercise (8.525).

"Generally, it was a good overall team showing with 25 of the individual performances achieving regional qualifying scores," Cunningham said.

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PREP ROUNDUP

## Winter sports season gets into full swing

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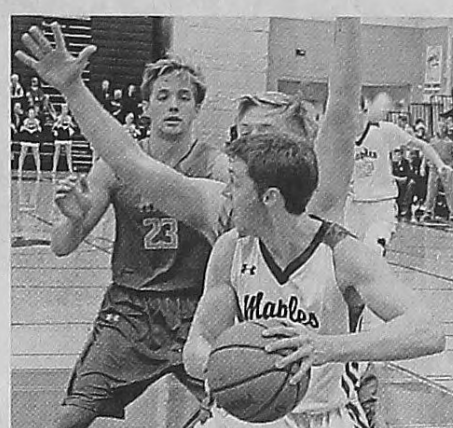
**Wrestling**

**WATERFORD MOTT INVITATIONAL:** North Farmington's young wrestling team went 1-5 in the Waterford Mott Invitational on Dec. 9. The Raiders defeated Pontiac, 42-12, and, even though they voided five weight divisions, lost in a nail biter to Bloomfield Hills, 39-31. North Farmington junior Scott Hampton had an excellent showing, winning all five of his matches to remain undefeated on the season. He won a pair of matches by technical fall and survived another with a tough 5-3 decision over a Salem opponent. Anthony Williams went 2-1 on the day while sophomore Aiden Keenan had a big pin over a foe from Dearborn Heights Crestwood to earn to his varsity letter. Freshmen Peyton Williams and Matt Myles both earned letters with wins over Bloomfield Hills foes.

"We are wrestling tough," said North Farmington head coach Jon Castle. "We're young and we're working through the growing pains every program that has to rebuild goes through. The key is the progress being made from week to week, and match to match. We've made some steps forward from Wednesday night and now we need to get back in the room and get ready for the (Oakland) County meet next Friday."

**HAWK HAVOC INVITATIONAL:** Farmington placed third in the Hawk Havoc Wrestling Tournament held Dec. 9 at Harrison High School. The Falcons went 3-2, beating Livonia Clarenceville (57-19), Royal Oak (48-29) and Livonia Stevenson (54-30). Farmington's losses were to Southfield A&T (48-27) and Fenton (61-18). Farmington's featured wrestler for the day was Anthony Averiette III who posted five wins. Aidan Kiline, Jack Fowler and Trevor Averiette logged four wins each.

**Boys swimming**  
**HARRISON-FARMINGTON 99, TROY 86:** Harrison-Farmington made a successful debut in the OAA Red Division. The Phoenix, which won the OAA White Division title last year, were moved up to the Red and opened with this 13-point road victory on Tuesday. Senior captain Drew Hinckley (50- and 100-free) and



Seaholm's Zach Ziegler (with ball) netted eight points in last week's win over Clawson. MARTY BUDNER

freshman Trevor Jones (100-fly, 200-free) were double individual winners for the Phoenix. Sophomore Brody Jameison (200-IM) and senior captain Charlie Jones (500-free) were the team's other individual winners. The 200-free relay team also came up with a strong effort and earned a Division 1 state-meet qualifying time. Harrison-Farmington will host perennial power Birmingham Seaholm in another OAA Red Division battle on Thursday.

**Boys basketball**

**SEAHOLM 49, CLAWSON 36:** After falling to Catholic League foes Catholic Central and Brother Rice to begin the season, Seaholm captured its first victory of the season Tuesday. The host Maples registered this 13-point non-league victory over Clawson without one player reaching double figures. Senior Cooper Mixon led Seaholm with nine points while senior Zach Ziegler followed with eight.

**ANN ARBOR GREEN-HILLS 52, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 34:** Roeper dropped its first game in two outings Tuesday evening. Despite the defeat, the Roughriders had a pair of double-figure scorers. Josiah Smith finished with 18 points and Evan Akkashain mustered 11.

**Girls basketball**

**MERCY 41, LUTHERAN NORTH 30:** The final score reads Mercy won by 11 points, but the game was much closer than it appears. Mercy trailed after the opening quarter but went to lead 22-20 at the half. The Marlins held a slim 30-26 lead after three quarters and outscored the Mustangs by an 11-4 fourth-quarter margin. "It was a hard-fought game. The final score is a bit deceiving, but we managed to get the win," said Mercy head coach Gary Morris. "It was very tight right down to the end. We made out free throws down the stretch which really helped." Mercy was 17-of-22 from the

charity stripe; Lutheran North 7-10. Bella Dugas led the Mercy offense with 13 points. Julia Bishop and Jenna Schluter each scored 11 for the undefeated (5-0) Marlins.

**SACRED HEART 47, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 40:** Host Sacred Heart held a 20-13 halftime lead and went on to this non-league victory Tuesday over Southfield Christian. Kelleigh Keating led the Gazelles with 26 points. The Lady Eagles were led by junior Kelly Hunter who mustered a career-high 27 points.

**NORTH FARMINGTON 72, WEST BLOOMFIELD 39:** Sam Cherney had another strong game for host North Farmington in this OAA crossover victory Monday night. The senior center logged a double-double (20 points, 18 rebounds) and also had six blocked shots. Maya Kelly added 17 points, six rebounds and four assists for the Raiders. Patil Tcholakian (14 points, five steals), Molly Simpson (six points) and Abby Hanus (six points) also had strong games for undefeated (3-0) North Farmington.

**Gymnastics**

**FARMINGTON UNITED 138.925, WALLED LAKE WESTERN MAROON 124.80:** Farmington raced to its second straight victory of the young season Friday. FUG hosts its first home meet of the season Friday when Plymouth Salem comes to town.

**Boys bowling**

**NORTH FARMINGTON 30, ROYAL OAK 0:** Anchor Spencer McCallum led the way with a pair of 236 games. Jaylen Payne rolled games of 204 and 213 while Parker Kent contributed a 399 series.

**Girls bowling**

**NORTH FARMINGTON 20, ROYAL OAK 10:** Lyric O'Steen led the way with games of 224 and 197 for the winners. Marissa Bruni added a 181 and a 187 to pace the Raiders who remain undefeated at 2-0.

BOYS HOCKEY

## Rivalry game Dec. 27 to benefit United Way

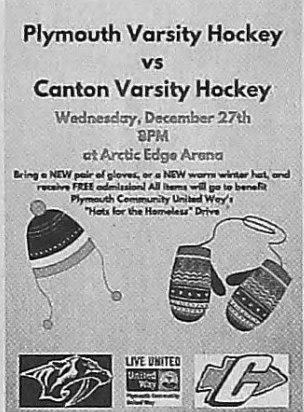
Plymouth alums to play first, followed by Plymouth-Canton varsity contest

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Hockey indeed has heart, especially around the holidays.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, folks who bring a new pair of gloves or new winter hat will receive free admission to the 8 p.m. varsity rivalry boys game between the Plymouth Wildcats and Canton Chiefs.

Those items then will be distributed by Plymouth Community United Way for its Hats for the Homeless drive.



The Dec. 27 Plymouth-Canton hockey game at Arctic Edge will give fans a chance to help the needy.

And the varsity game won't be the only hockey fun at the arena, located at 46615 Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center. Drive.

**Alumni game, too**  
Plymouth's alumni hockey game is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m., with

players from the decades-plus history of the Wildcats to go up against each other. Efforts are ongoing to recruit as many alums as possible; cost to play is \$20. A vintage Plymouth varsity jersey will be auctioned off to an alum.

"It will be a great opportunity for alumni to reconnect with each other and bridge the gap between current and former Wildcats," current varsity coach Gerry Vento said. "In addition, it allows everyone the opportunity to help with a great cause."

Vento said up to 36 former skaters "plus goalies" will participate in the alumni game.

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## BASKETBALL

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state final.

**It starts with defense**

According to Smart, the second half showed that his team knows how to rev it up defensively in crunch time.

"The first half, we were kind of playing passive and letting them do what they wanted to do," Smart said. "In the second half, (we) turned it up, (senior guard) George Ferguson, especially, and it was just a collective effort that we began rebounding and playing better team defense than we did in the first half."

Leading Stevenson with 21 points was senior guard Chris Fazica, a career best.

Fazica buried a trey from the right wing in the opening minute of the third quarter to pull the



Livonia Stevenson's Thomas Demers (left) tries to stymie a drive to the basket by Livonia Franklin's Matthew Elrod. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Spartans back to within 46-45 and that launched a 23-point quarter. A close game at halftime was 65-54 Stevenson after three.

"(The Patriots) showed us what they got and we just put it to them the last two quarters," Fazica said, adding that he thought Stevenson's full-court press seemed

to tire out the Patriots down the stretch.

Ferguson had a solid all-around night for the Spartans with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while senior center Thomas Demers and Dunn registered 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Scoring seven points each for Franklin (1-1) were senior center Jacob Mass and senior guard Roger Carpenter.

Franklin head coach T.J. Hurley, whose squad dropped to 1-1, said his team just did not play consistent defense.

"You don't want to give up 40 first-half points or second-half points, obviously," Hurley said. "Defense is what killed us."

Following are several other takeaways:

**EARLY HOLE**

Franklin put itself in a precarious situation in the opening minutes, down 14-2 with Fazica's 3-pointer and fast-break layup sparking the Ste-

venson run.

But the Patriots clawed back to trail 20-17 after one quarter and pulled ahead — albeit briefly — in the second.

"We came out really flat early, spotted them 10 points," Hurley said. "(Stevenson) is a team that has been playing together forever, they got some excellent guys who really shoot the ball well."

**SPARK-PLUG FOR PATS**

For the second time in as many games, Franklin was lifted by the play of 5-8 junior guard Chase Crespi, who scored six points on a pair of treys.

Down 20-8 with less than a minute to go in the first quarter, Crespi drained a triple from the right corner. He followed up 30 seconds later with another 3-pointer, from the opposite corner.

Mettie then stopped and popped a triple from beyond the top of the arc at the horn — and all of a sudden, Franklin trailed

by only three points.

"He's a spark-plug, he's a tough kid and that's what we really like about him," Hurley said about Crespi. "He's not afraid to take the three. He really helped us out. That's two games in a row Chase has hit a couple threes (coming off) the bench."

**MOMENTUM SWING**

Ferguson keyed Stevenson's decisive run in the third quarter. Midway through, he stole the ball and went in for a base-line layup.

Seconds later, Ferguson took a perfect pass from senior forward Parker Graham and connected on a triple to put the Spartans up, 54-48.

**OUT OF RHYTHM**

Hurley said Stevenson's relentless pressure in the second half gave his team fits and the Patriots could not recover.

"Their guard, Devin Dunn, he did a great job pressuring our guards

and throwing us out of rhythm and, once we cross half court, we weren't getting into our motion offense at all," Hurley said. "Once it was the fourth quarter, we started down 10 and we started to panic a little bit and try to play a little hero ball. That being said, that's something our guys can work on and fix."

**WORTH A SMILE**

With Stevenson already up 67-55 early in the fourth quarter, Dunn sank a trey from the left corner. He turned toward his teammates on the bench, flashed a grin and proceeded to run back down the floor.

"That really gave us a boost," Dunn said. "Right out of halftime, we started playing defense and then we started hitting our shots and that just got us more hyped."

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Wieseler scores her 'dream job' at Groves

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Things couldn't have worked out any better for Jessica Wieseler.

After taking off a year from coaching, Wieseler was hired last June as the Birmingham Groves girls basketball head coach. The fact that she lives in Beverly Hills, about a mile away from Groves, makes it that much sweeter.

"This is our (family's) home district and we always followed Groves a bit," Wieseler said. "So this is like the dream job for me. This is very exciting to be coaching right in my own district. This was always the goal for me."

Wieseler, who teaches honors and organic chemistry at Grosse Pointe South High School, most recently served for two years as the varsity girls basketball head coach at Hazel Park. She had previously been an assistant and JV coach at South and Novi High School, where she played prep basketball for Bill Kelp.

"I love basketball and the goal was always to teach and coach," said Wieseler, who graduated from Michigan State University, but did not play college basketball.

"I knew I wanted to stay involved in basketball, so anywhere I did any student teaching or any volunteer work while I was at Michigan State, I coached with their programs also," she added. "So it gave me a lot of exposure coaching with a lot of different people and getting a lot of different ideas from there."

#### Inheriting a talented team

Wieseler inherits a talented Groves team that finished last year with an 18-3 record en route to the OAA Gold Division championship. The Falcons enjoyed a 17-game winning streak, which was snapped in the Class A district opener by arch rival Seaholm.

She plans to have Groves play a controlled style of offense, with a renewed emphasis on strong defensive play.

"I like to emphasize defense and I like my teams to play fast, but under control," Wieseler said. "So this team is very athletic and this team kind of fits right in that wheelhouse. I'm asking a lot of them and they are stepping up."

"It's a big change for them to play in a completely different system,

to play a different structure," she added. "I'm asking a lot of them in terms of sets and offenses and plays and things like that. Plus, we're focusing a lot on team defense and being in the right positions."

Groves has eight returning players (five seniors), including all-state guard-forward Sha Carter.

An athletic player with all-around skills, Carter averaged 21 points per game last year and led the Falcons in rebounds and assists. She scored a game-high 25 points in the season-opening victory over Lake Orion and figures to again be the cog that keys the Falcons this year.

"The first thing people notice about Sha is her speed, her athleticism and the way she can finish around the basket," Wieseler said. "She's the complete package. Her leadership is really impressive and a really vital part of our team. She's really a team player and that's not speaking about the obvious skills she has on the court."

"She can run the floor, she finishes around the basket, which is one of her best attributes, and she sees the court, so it's great when she has the ball," she added. "We're working a lot on her defensive positioning and making her a really complete player."

#### Talent alongside Carter

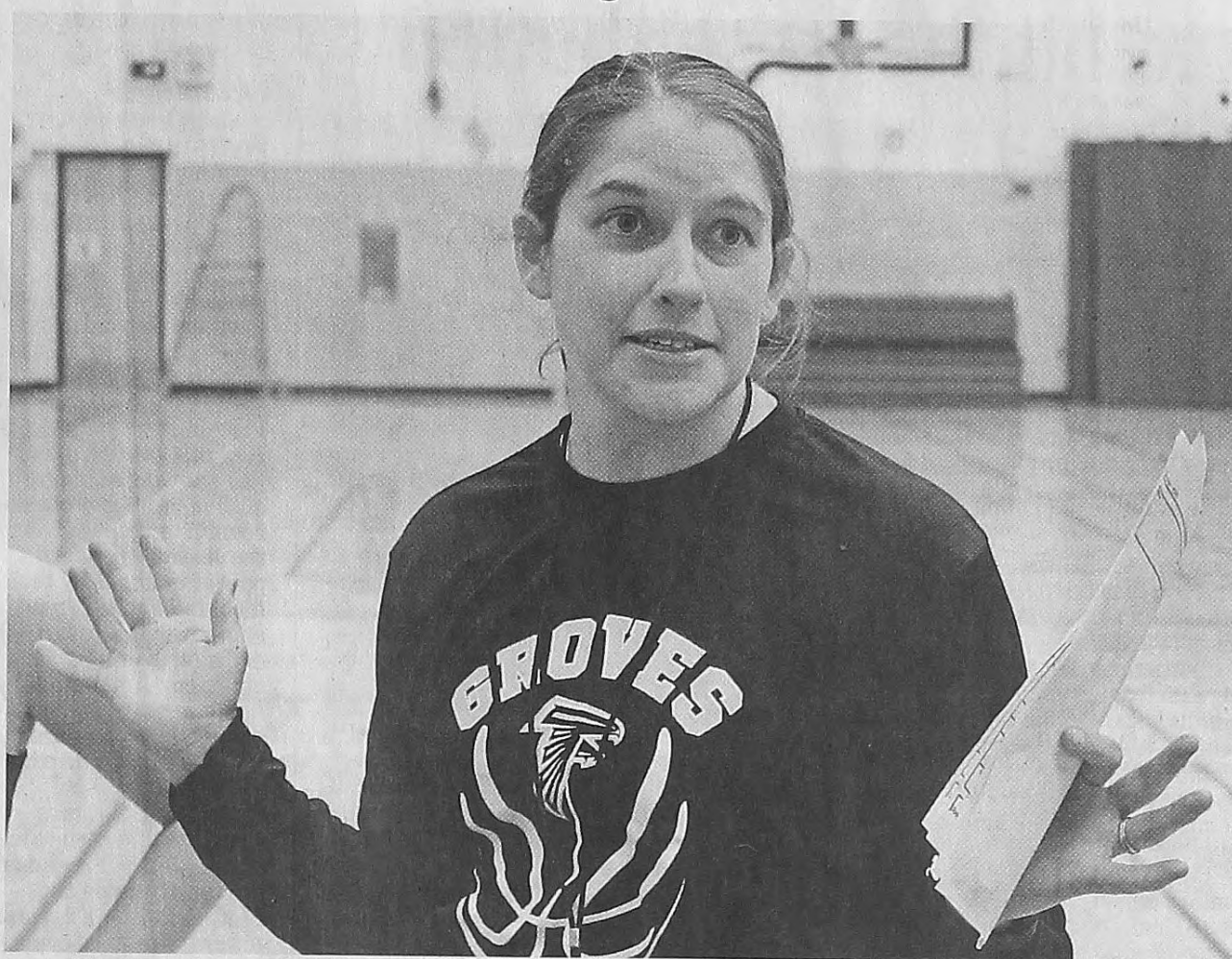
Carter should have plenty of help from fellow senior captain Lauren Palmer, who also hit double figures in the opener with 11.

"Lauren is another great leader, more of a quiet, lead-by-example kind of kid, which everybody needs on the court," Wieseler said. "She has really stepped it up defensively by pressuring ball handlers and really making them work. And she runs the floor well, too."

Seniors Bella Boardman (the team's third captain), Sacha Tyler and Kayla Nelson, junior Emilie Felax and sophomore twin towers Ellie Ruprich and Jasmine Worthy are other returning players. All of them are expected to get a lot of playing time and give Wieseler much-needed depth.

The team's other seniors are Skye Taylor and Kendall Pollard.

"I knew that they had a lot of success last year in the Gold and that was probably lower than they should have been, so I



Jessica Wieseler takes over the Groves girls basketball program this season and will emphasize strong defensive play. MARTY BUDNER



Senior guard Sacha Tyler is one of eight returning players this season at Birmingham Groves. MARTY BUDNER

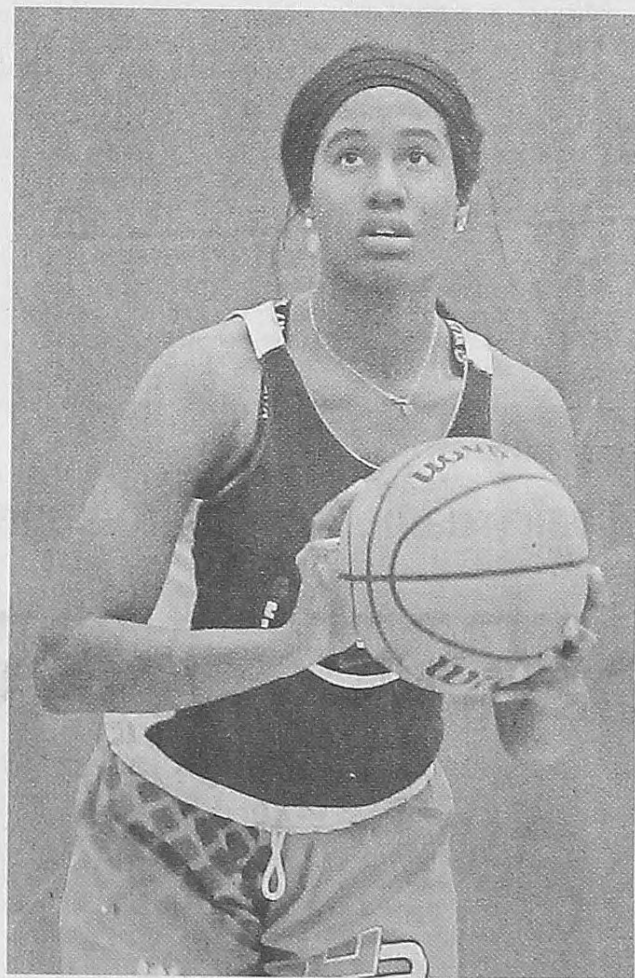
wasn't completely surprised to see them keep winning last year," Wieseler said. "I knew some of the players, but I didn't know exactly who was coming back. So I just went in with an open mind and I was going to work with whoever I had and I've been very pleasantly surprised at how athletic we are."

"They are very coachable, they are learning a lot, they are changing a lot and they are working hard to get into those positions that we're talking about," she added. "I've been amazed at what I can ask them to do athletically and they can do it. They are smart and they are great girls."

#### Moving up to the White

After winning the now disbanded Gold Division, Groves has moved up two spots to the OAA White Division. The Falcons will face much stiffer competition against division foes like Seaholm, Royal Oak, Rochester, Troy and West Bloomfield.

"(The White Division is) the right spot for us and the girls are taking it as a challenge," Wieseler said. "Everything is a higher level of competition from what they were used to last year and every game we are asking them to step it up a little bit. It will be an



Senior Sha Carter averaged more than 20 points per game last year and figures to lead the Groves offense again this season. MARTY BUDNER

adjustment.

"Our two major goals are to make a run in the postseason and to also make a good showing in the White. We think there is no reason why we can't compete to win it. There are some good teams in there, but we think we can hang with the best of them."

"You know, I have seven seniors this year and I want to do justice for them," she added. "But at the same time, I'm looking to build a sustainable program that's going to continue to grow year after year after year. I hope to be around for a while."

#### PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

## Birmingham Unified, Farmington register victories

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Birmingham Unified remained undefeated in the Oakland Activities Association White Division at 3-0 following a 4-2 victory Dec. 9 over West Bloomfield at the Birmingham Ice Arena. The Bulldogs scored twice in each of the first two periods while the Lakers scored once in each of the first two periods. The teams played a scoreless third to account for the final score. Birmingham's offense featured four different goal scorers — Jack Muir (even strength), Dane Hamilton (power play), Matthew Bachand (power play) and David Breaugh (even strength). Daniel Zalesin had a pair of assists to lead Birmingham. Brett

Hutchison, Andrew Beggs, Will Sanders, Bachand and Muir also were credited with assists. BU goalie Gabriel Barish registered the victory.

**FARMINGTON 7, GAYLORD 2:** Farmington defeated Gaylord in the second game of the D-3 tournament Dec. 9 by five goals. The Falcons held a 2-0 lead after the opening period and iced the game with a four-goal second. Tanner Neill (two), Joe Carbone (two), Nate Arnold, Will McCarthy and Collin Rea were Farmington's goal scorers. The game featured 19 penalties.

**HANCOCK 6, BROTHER RICE 4:** Brother Rice traveled to the Upper Peninsula last weekend and dropped this high-scoring affair by two goals Dec. 9 to host Hancock. The teams were

tied 1-1 after the opening period and the visiting Warriors held a 3-2 lead heading into the third. However, Hancock, the 2016 Division 3 state champion, rallied by outscoring Rice 4-1 in the final period. Rice's goal scorers were Joe Serra, Connor Cadieux, Chris Andoni and Nick Marone. Garrett Moore was credited with two assists. Pierce Cadieux played in goal for Rice.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 3, CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 2:** In this tightly contested game Dec. 9 in Grosse Pointe, the host Blue Devils broke a 2-2 tie halfway through the third period. South scored the first two goals, but the Cranes countered with power-play goals by Connor McGrath and Hugh Lambert to forge the tie. South's Conor KcKenna

put in the game winner at the 8:29 mark of the third period on assists from Garrett Bollenbacher and John McShane. Cranbrook outshot South by a whopping 46-19 margin, but could only put two shots past Blue Devils netminder Camden Mills. Drake Bradshaw played between the pipes for CK.

**ROYAL OAK 5, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4:** Royal Oak scored a late goal Dec. 9 to slip past visiting Bloomfield Hills at Lindell Ice Arena. Each team scored once in the first and twice in the second. The Ravens scored twice in the third, including the game winner by Stephan Metcalfe with 1:13 remaining to break a 4-4 tie. Jonah Stone (power play, even strength), Colin Segasser (power play) and Nolan Wooley (even strength)

were the Black Hawks goal scorers.

**FARMINGTON 4, BIG RAPIDS 2:** In the opening game of the D-3 tournament Dec. 8, Farmington doubled up Big Rapids. Big Rapids took a 2-1 lead early in the third period to break a 1-1 tie, but the Falcons rallied for the next three goals. Joe Carbone, Nate Arnold and Tanner Neill (two) were the Falcons goal scorers. Tony Eaton assisted on all three of Farmington's third-period goals. Nick Rogers earned the victory in the nets by making 19 stops on 21 shots.

**BROTHER RICE 2, HOUGHTON 2:** Host Houghton soared to a 2-0 lead and Brother Rice rallied for the next two goals to earn the tie Dec. 8. The teams played a scoreless eight-minute overtime period. Garrett

Moore (Nick Dippre and Connor Cadieux) and Ethan Nystrom (Dippre) were Rice's goal scorers. Pierce Cadieux was Rice's goalie.

**CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 3, HARTLAND 2:** On Dec. 8, Cranbrook scored the game's first two goals and the last one to sink Hartland. Cranbrook had only two shots in the first period but scored on both of them. Hugh Lambert (power play) and Case Kantgias gave the host Cranes a 2-0 lead after the opening period. Hartland mustered the second period's lone goal and tied the game early in the third. However, Cranbrook's Tyler Lee netted the eventual game-winner at 6:43 of the third on assists from Mac Brice and Andrew Gunlock. The Cranes outshot Hartland, 25-24.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# 'Hat' tip for Stevenson defenseman Beaune

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Livonia Stevenson senior defenseman Jake Beaune went on the offensive in his team's Dec. 1 game against Northville.

Beaune went off with his three-goal outing at Novi Ice Arena as the Spartans took down the Mustangs 6-3 in a key early season match-up of KLAA Gold Division rivals.

In addition to helping his team bag two points in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association standings, the big game enabled Beaune to win the Hometownlife Sports Athlete of the Week Poll for the week ending Dec. 2.

"It was great, I never really had anything like that before," said Beaune about winning the weekly poll. "And having that opportunity was great, it was unreal."

Beaune was a hit on the ice that night and with voters. He collected 11,229 votes — nearly 49 percent of the 23,055 votes cast.

He easily topped the field, with Farmington hockey player Tanner Neill in second place with 5,649 votes (24.5 percent). The third-place finisher was Birmingham Groves girls basketball player Sha Carter (4,590, 19.9 percent).

According to Beaune, a 6-3 blueliner who



Shown during a 2016-17 game, Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune won Hometownlife Athlete of the Week honors after scoring a hat trick Dec. 1 against Northville. SCOTT LEONARD



Beaune

notched his second career hat trick, the key to the award was working hard and cashing in around the Northville cage.

"I thought I earned it, I had a great game and

good things happen after that," Beaune said. "Definitely getting a hat trick was the reason why I got that."

"It was hard to get that (hat trick) but I fought through, opportu-

nity came and I finished."

The Spartans are starting to gain some early season momentum, and Beaune is looking forward to the MIHL-KLAA Showcase set for

Saturday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Stevenson will face Orchard Lake St. Mary at 5:30 p.m.

"I think we're pretty solid right now, we're getting pumped for it

(showcase)," he continued. "We're going hard at practice and getting ready for the weekend."

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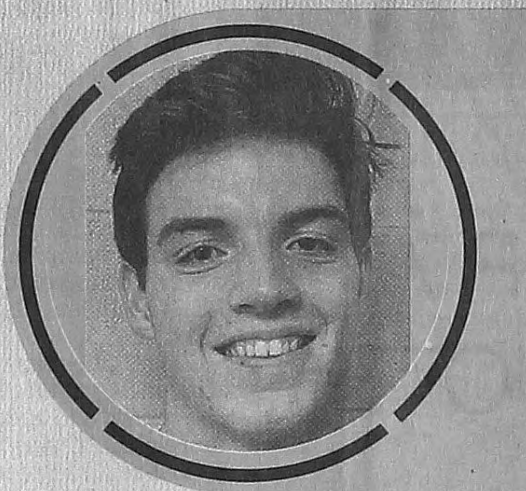
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## NOAH GRIMES

BASKETBALL SENIOR SOUTH LYON LIONS

South Lyon's boys basketball team, thanks to a superb start from senior Noah Grimes, began the season with a pair of impressive non-conference victories.

The Lions opened with a 64-61 triumph over Temperance Bedford where Grimes registered 27 points and 11 rebounds — a career high in points and the first time he can remember hitting for a double-double. The combo guard-forward also dished out four assists.

In the 43-35 victory over Plymouth Salem, Grimes poured in 15 points to lead the South Lyon scoring charts for the second straight game. In addition, he grabbed five rebounds.

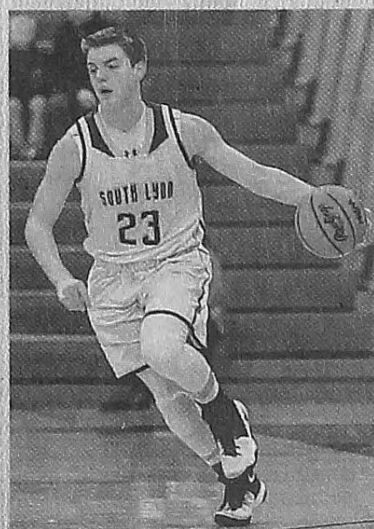
As a result of those efforts, Grimes was voted the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week. He collected 8,300 votes in three days (56 percent) to get past North Farmington girls basketball standout Sam Cherney who was runner-up with 4,687 votes (32 percent of the votes).

Grimes thanked his coaches and teammates for his season-

opening performances which led to the Athlete of the Week honor.

"I'm very honored (to be named Athlete of the Week) and to be representing the South Lyon community," said Grimes. "It's a cool thing. I know a couple of my buddies heard about it and they were giving me a lot of support in the voting."

"I kind of like to think it's about my teammates too. The last two games they just put me in good spots where I could capitalize on things," he said.



"It's really as much about them as it is about me. It's kind of an honor for all of us. I'm very thankful to be in a position to do this."

South Lyon's first-year head coach Troy Weidman said Grimes, who was recently selected as a team tri-captain, earned the honor with his strong off-season.

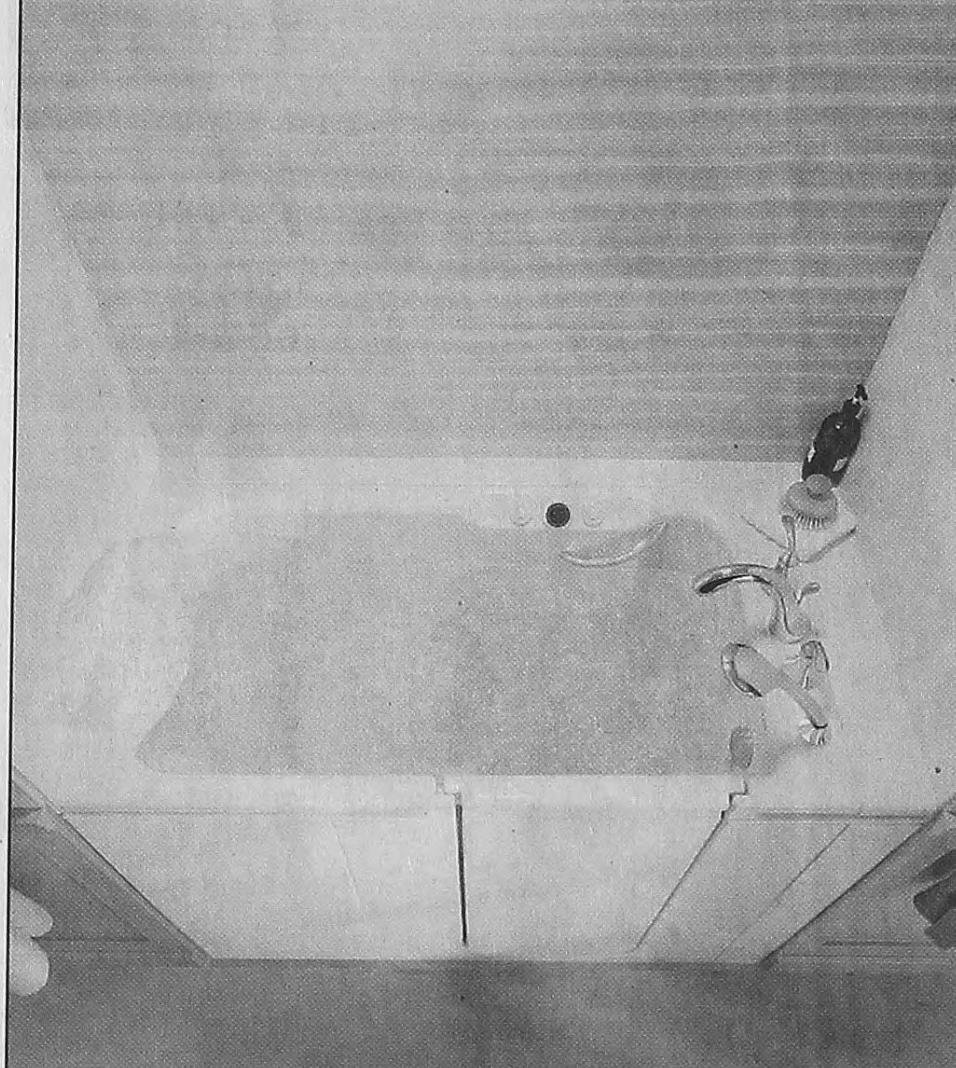
"I'm very proud of Noah," said Weidman, who previously served as the program's junior varsity and varsity assistant coach. "Noah earned this opportunity in the off-season by putting up a ton of game-speed shots and adding speed and muscle through his dedication to the weight room."

"Noah also went above and beyond by doing things like attending back-to-back four-man skill development sessions which helped equip him to play both the guard and forward positions," he said. "I'm most proud of the teammate and leader Noah is to our Lion basketball family. Our staff is blessed to be this young man's coach."

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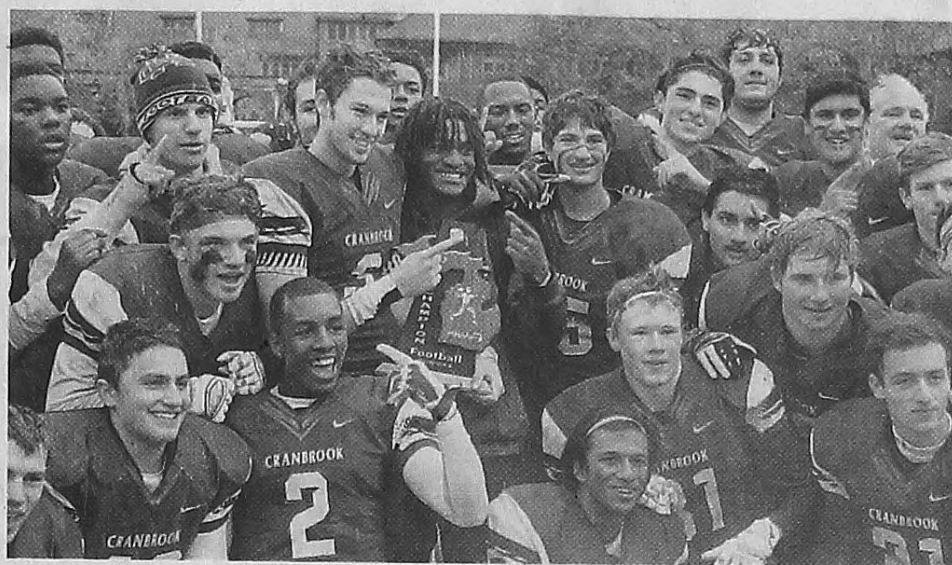
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## PREP FOOTBALL



Cranbrook Kingswood defeated Detroit Mumford to bring home the school's first district championship trophy this season. MARTY BUDNER

## McConnell leads Cranbrook to record-setting season

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Cranbrook Kingswood's seniors knew they had the opportunity to do something special in 2017.

They achieved those preseason expectations with impassioned determination, setting extraordinary new gridiron standards. The Cranes made history this season in a number of ways.

For the first time in program history, Cranbrook Kingswood played an unprecedented three straight postseason home games at the Thompson Oval.

The Cranes opened with a convincing Division 4 pre-district win over Madison Heights Lamphere (35-0), then defeated Detroit Mumford (7-0) in the district championship game before falling to highly-touted River Rouge (21-14) in the regional title game.

Cranbrook Kingswood not only captured its first district championship, but won two playoff games for the first time. The Cranes had never reached the regional round in eight previous playoff appearances.

Head coach Joe D'Angelo's team won its second straight Catholic League Intersectional crown and repeated as the Catholic League C-D Division champion. It had never won a Catholic League title until last year.

The Cranes finished with an 8-1 regular-season record and added two more playoff wins for a school-record 10-victory campaign. They had won nine games three times before.

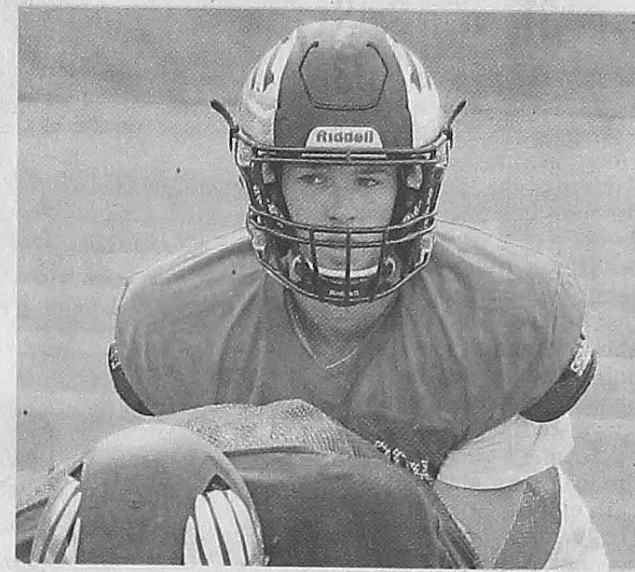
"We were in uncharted territory. We had never gone this far (in the playoffs)," D'Angelo said. "I really believed that this was a team of destiny. I really thought this team could do it. I didn't tell (the team), but I thought if we could get by (River Rouge), we could get to the finals. I give them a lot of credit."

### Seniors carve out niche

While it was tough ending the year with a respectable seven-point loss as a decided underdog to River Rouge, the seniors will always remember a four-year journey during which they brought the Cranbrook Kingswood football program back to the forefront.

Cranbrook Kingswood's four-year varsity players finished with 32 wins and four straight state playoff berths. It matches the four-year period from 2002-05, when the Cranes achieved those same lofty numbers.

As a senior captain and four-year varsity veteran, quarterback Trevor McConnell's lead-



Senior quarterback Trevor McConnell was a four-year varsity veteran for Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Joe D'Angelo. MARTY BUDNER

ership was invaluable during this record-breaking season.

The other four-year seniors who played key roles in the team's success were Christopher Smith (T/DE), Tim Hauxwell (T/DE) and Aaron Wiggins (RB). Seniors Marqis Stokes, Andrew Mertz and Adam Samet were two-year starters.

"These guys, this year, put so much into it and it was an amazing experience just to be out there with them and to be able to lead them," an emotional McConnell said after the season-ending defeat. "What we did for this program over these past four years means so much to us. It's all of us — Mertz, myself, Wiggins, Stokes, Pierson, Chris, Timmy, the senior class. You just can't say enough about them."

"Then the underclassmen, they stepped in and bought in in June, when we said we could make history here. They bought into us and they knew what we could do and it was an incredible ride. I was lucky enough to be a part of it and one of the leaders of it."

"We had an amazing coaching staff that I can't say thank you to them enough," he added. "It's an emotional time because we are so close. We are just such a family. It was quite the team and I enjoyed being on it. I couldn't be prouder of this team."

### McConnell excels

McConnell, also a pitcher on the baseball team, finished the season with a 55-percent completion average (89-of-161) for 1,561 yards and 24 touchdowns. He played in all 10 games last year, starting four of them when starting signal-caller Tyler Santangelo got injured, completing 50 percent of his passes for 574 yards and six touchdowns.

McConnell's signature win was against perennial Catholic League power Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. He passed for 286 yards and three TDs in leading the Cranes to their first victory over Lakes.

He would have liked to lead the Cranes to at least

one more monumental victory against River Rouge, but it just wasn't to be.

"We thought this was the state title (game) in the regional round," McConnell said. "We knew we had the ability to compete with them, even though quite a few of the news articles said the opposite."

"We were ready and I couldn't have been prouder of the way we played," he added. "Everybody counted us out. We knew it was going to be a fight and we were ready for it. It's the character of this team. We knew we could compete with these guys."

Since D'Angelo took over the program five years ago, his teams have compiled an excellent 34-18 record. The Cranes had a losing record in 2013, his first year, but have not had a losing season since with four straight playoff appearances.

### Keep the momentum going

The Cranes will return a number of key people, including juniors Kobi Russell, Danny Files, Abhi Thakur and Chris Williams and sophomores Will Kerr and Jack Fairman, to name a few. They will all be counted on to keep the momentum going from this year's historic run.

"I've had more people call, a lot of the alumni, and they see what's out there," D'Angelo said. "We are playing some real football now. We are physical and it's rewarding to get this far in the state tournament."

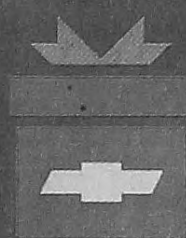
"It hurts to lose, but we'll be better and we'll build on this. We will be better. I think this will be an incentive for us to work hard in the off-season. They know how to win now. We'll see how they come back."

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to win the Catholic League championship and to move on in the playoffs farther than we ever did," he added. "We didn't accomplish that (in the playoffs) — we didn't get to the state finals, obviously. But I predict we'll be there in the future."



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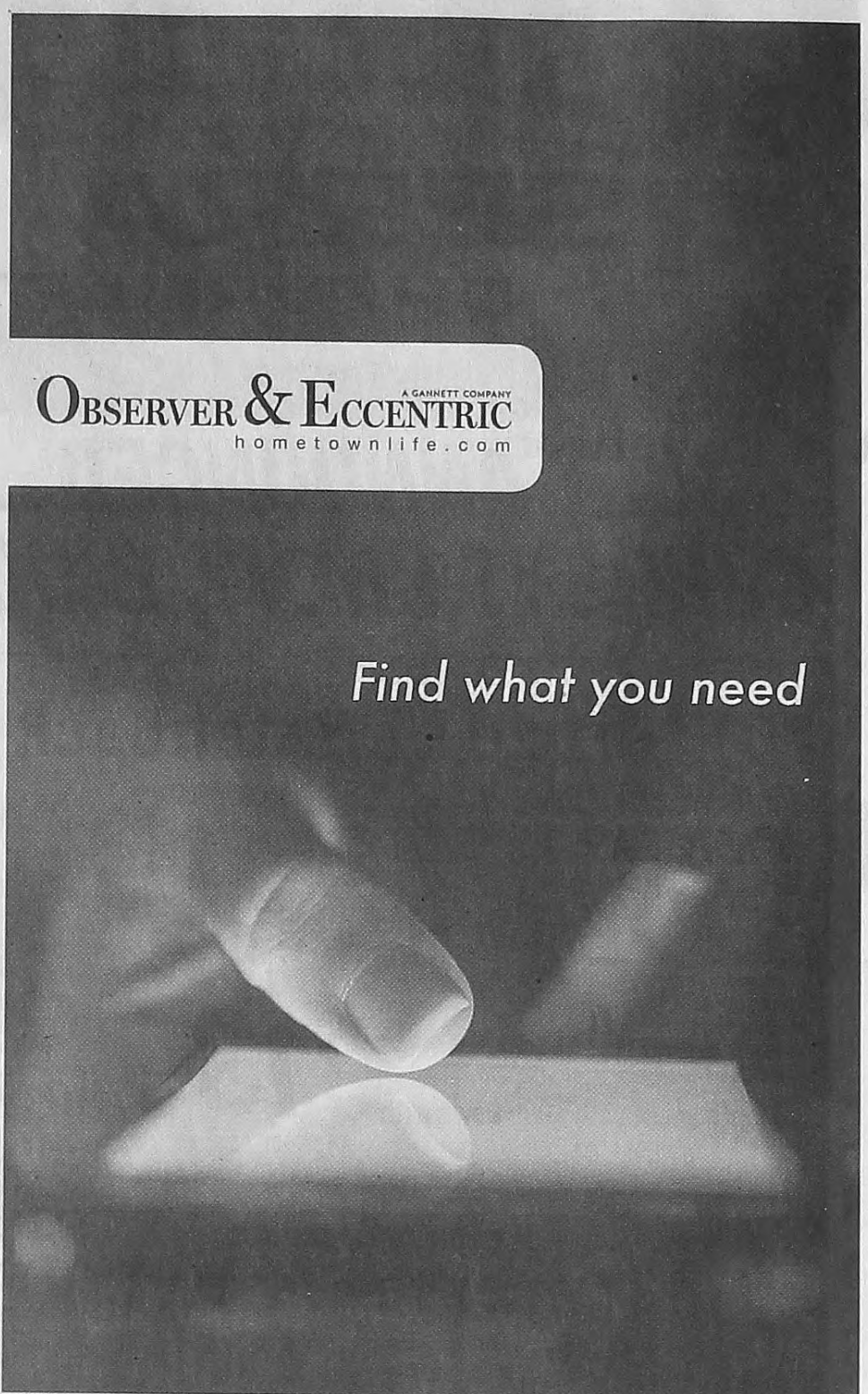
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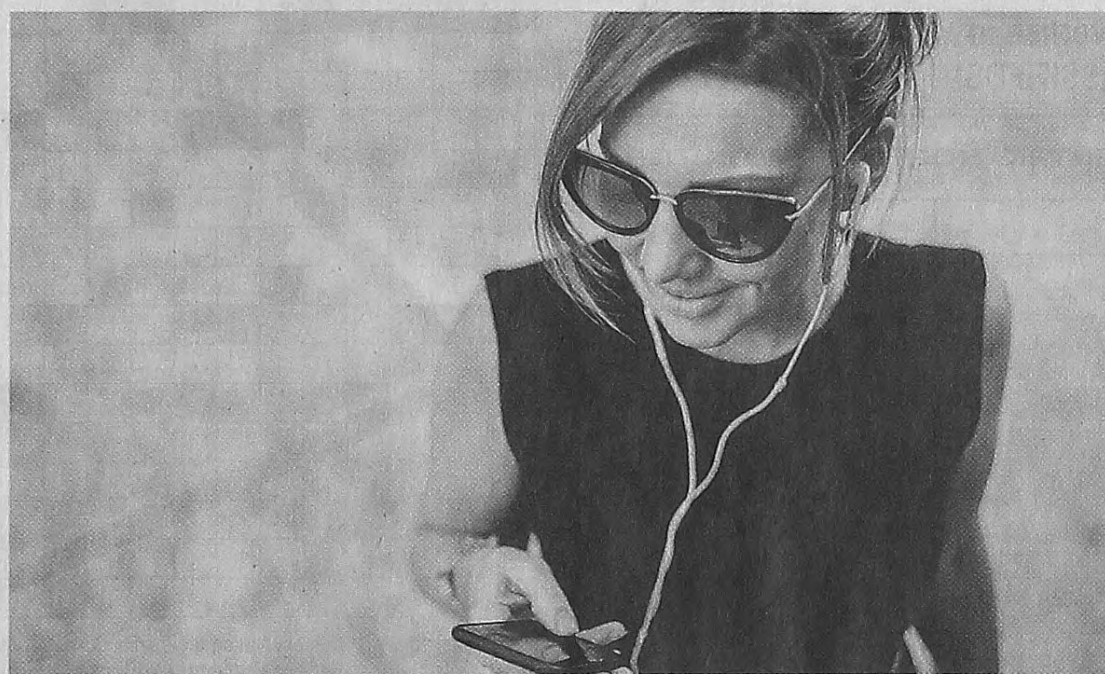
If you want to feel better so you can work better, you don't have to make huge life changes in order to see results. Start small with the following tips and fold them into your life bit by bit. If you're diligent about changing your ways, your physical and mental energy are sure to see a boost.

### Eat good, whole foods.

Whole grains, protein and fruit are great ways to keep your brain and body going, even if you're not feeling your perkier.

Try oatmeal with a banana or berries and a sprinkling of nuts for breakfast instead of that muffin or bagel. Store healthy snacks in your desk or in the common fridge so you have good options when you're lagging and need an energy or blood sugar boost — try almonds, carrots and hummus or plain popcorn.

If you're prepared when hunger strikes, you won't go



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searching for a vending machine. And don't forget to hydrate. Keep a refillable bottle by your desk for water and a mug for green tea, which is less dehydrating and much healthier than coffee.

### Get enough sleep.

"Enough sleep" will differ from person to person. According to the National Sleep Foundation, adults need seven to nine hours.

Of course, this is just an average, and you know your body best. For you, a restful sleep might mean eight hours, or it might mean five. If you're

exhausted every day, chances are you need to increase your sleep time.

Try adding 30 minutes every day and taking note of how you feel the next workday. Once you start to feel more rested, you likely have found a sweet spot.

The issue for most working adults is finding the time at the end of the day to wind down and actually fall asleep at a reasonable hour. If you establish a bedtime routine and turn off electronics in the hour leading up to your bedtime, sleep will come easier. Adding in exercise a few days

a week can only help.

Finally, it's not the best idea to consume caffeine after lunch, so watch your coffee and soda consumption.

### Move around.

If you're drooping midday, move your body to wake it up. Are you able to get out for a lunch break? If so, take advantage — even a 20-minute daily walk in fresh air will do wonders for your energy levels and your morale.

Can you make it to the gym, do a quick workout video or go for a jog at least three times a week? Even better. If

you just don't have the time, take 15 minutes at home (in front of the TV will do) to stretch your body every night. Anything to get the blood moving will make you feel and perform better at work.

### Check your vices.

Smoking and drinking alcohol might feel like crutches that you desperately need to keep functioning, but both can have adverse effects on both your energy and your health. If you don't want to cut them out, at least aim to cut back.

### Make a workday soundtrack.

This one is fun: If you're allowed to play music or use headphones while you work, take advantage.

Every night, take a few minutes to create a playlist of tunes that will keep you motivated throughout the next day. It's more difficult to doze off when you're (silently) singing along to your favorites. When a long day stretches ahead of you, a curated music list is a small pleasure you can anticipate.

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

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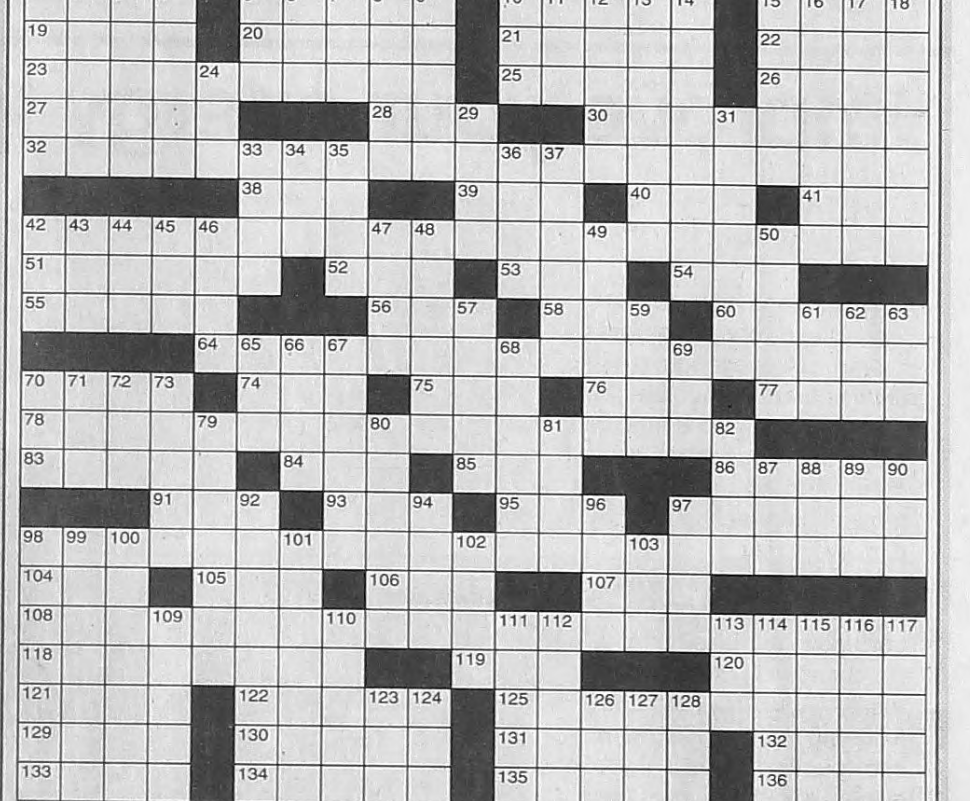
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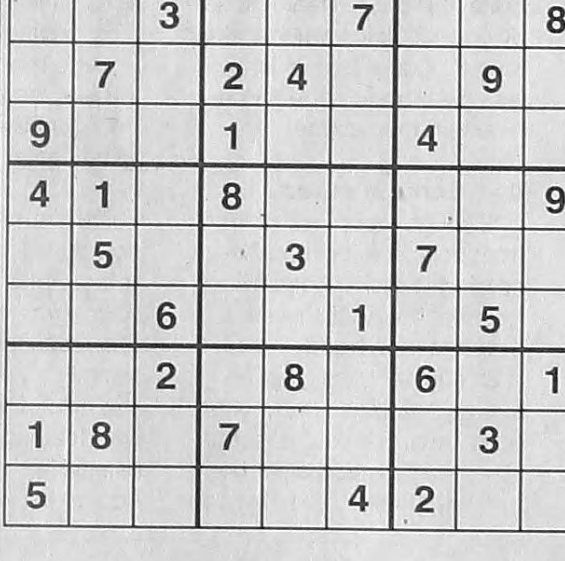
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Santa — (desert winds)
  - 5 Heroic tales
  - 10 "Zombie" network
  - 15 Marathoner's statistic
  - 19 Promote
  - 20 Horror, e.g.
  - 21 Prefix with gram or liter
  - 22 Strong — ox
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 "That is to say..."
  - 26 Piper's garb
  - 27 AWOL part
  - 28 Pal lightly
  - 30 Short literary sketch
  - 32 Riddle, part 2
  - 38 Jaillbird
  - 39 Poet's "always"
  - 40 German's "one"
  - 41 Suffix with suc- or lact-
  - 42 Riddle, part 3
  - 51 Starting point
  - 52 Ike's inits.
  - 53 Cell stuff
  - 54 Government loan agcy.
  - 55 Runway user
  - 56 Clumsy sort
  - 60 He beat Romney
  - 64 Riddle, part 4
  - 70 "Look, I did it!"
  - 74 Ostrich kin
  - 75 Bohea, e.g.
  - 76 That, in Chile
  - 77 Oil gp.
  - 78 Riddle, part 5
  - 83 '90s-'00s boy band
  - 84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
  - 85 Wimbledon unit
  - 86 Swimming (in)
  - 91 Sue Grafton's "—" for Evidence"
  - 93 Mind-reading ability
  - 95 Lilted syllable
  - 97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik
  - 98 Riddle, part 6
  - 104 Pitching whiz
  - 105 Ballpark fig.
  - 106 Prefix meaning "equal"
  - 107 Syllable after "Mao"
  - 108 End of the riddle
  - 118 Merit the best score, maybe
  - 119 Half of hexa-network
  - 120 See 45-Down
  - 121 Lacking width and depth, for short
  - 122 Els of golf
  - 125 Riddle's answer
  - 129 Baseball team count
  - 130 Actress Tierney
  - 131 Plants used in first aid
  - 132 Borscht vegetable
  - 133 Anti-DUI org.
  - 134 More sneaky
  - 135 Flirty laugh
  - 136 Probability
  - 111 That bloke
  - 12 School pupil, in Franca
  - 13 Acrosses Bloom and Danes
  - 14 Fancy shoes
  - 15 George of "Star Trek"
  - 16 "... true statement, correct?"
  - 17 Dog or cat breed
  - 18 Went inside
  - 24 Ida, borderer
  - 29 British TV network, with "the"
  - 31 Tiny self-propelled machine
  - 33 Clicked-on graphic
  - 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
  - 35 With a sharp image, briefly
  - 36 — do-well
  - 37 Long ditch
  - 42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
  - 43 — Magnon
  - 44 Prefix with day or week
  - 45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
  - 46 Sledding site
  - 47 Work like —
  - 48 Cherished by
  - 49 Ramble on
  - 50 Verboten act
  - 57 Feudal lands
  - 59 Cubs hero Sammy
  - 61 Galaxy buy
  - 62 Pal of Larry and Curly
  - 63 Jels' gp.
  - 65 Conifer
  - 66 Apple
  - 67 Sipped on
  - 68 Sex cell
  - 69 Down vote
  - 70 Earthy color
  - 71 Muscles below: pecs
  - 72 Handyman's initialism at LAX
  - 73 Nixon's veep
  - 79 Actress Annabella
  - 80 Not make the event in time, say
  - 81 Other, in Chile
  - 82 Delhi wear
  - 87 Concave pan
  - 88 Stupefy
  - 89 NBC skit show since '75
  - 90 Kin of "Psst!"
  - 92 Secondary details
  - 94 Elegant
  - 96 Voting 69-Down
  - 97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
  - 98 Particles composed of quarks
  - 99 South Pacific region
  - 100 Soho locale
  - 101 Left-leaning
  - 102 Ring around a castle
  - 103 Pa. hours
  - 109 Surrendered
  - 110 Listless feeling
  - 111 Yummy morsel
  - 112 Edge shyly at LAX
  - 113 Abbr. gesture
  - 114 1990s fitness fad
  - 115 — a drink!
  - 116 Looked at provocatively
  - 117 Swift homes
  - 123 Wrath
  - 124 Acoustic pan
  - 126 "So fancy!"
  - 127 Peace gesture
  - 128 Nationality suffix



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7	8	2	4	1	3	6	9	5
5	3	6	9	2	7	4	8	1
1	4	9	5	8	6	2	3	7
2	5	8	1	7	4	9	6	3
4	1	4	7	6	3	9	8	5
6	9	3	2	5	8	7	1	4
3	7	4	8	9	1	5	2	6
9	6	5	3	4	2	7	1	8
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T I H S E S R A U K C I O T E T E L N E  
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E G K C B H S I E E I O G S K U T C T I  
F R K E D I U G M N R N B H F D S K I G  
P A M F O B N V G M C G V V A N U O O E  
D B C N I O M D U A O Y G X S I S U N P  
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- ### WORDS
- ACCOMMODATION
  - ADD-ON
  - ADVENTURE
  - AFFILIATE
  - AGENT
  - AGGREGATOR
  - BARGAIN
  - BED AND BREAKFAST
  - BLACKOUT
  - BOOKING
  - CHARTER
  - COMMISSION
  - CONCIERGE
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  - KEYCARD
  - LEISURE
  - MERCHANT
  - OVERBOOKING
  - PASSENGER
  - SIGHTSEE
  - SUITE
  - TOUR
  - TRIP
  - VACATION

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

#### Crossword Answers

ANAS EPICS THECW TIME  
TOUT GENRE MILLI ASAN  
IFRENOWNE UMEAN KILT  
LEAVE DAB VIGNETTE  
TELEVISIONERTAINER  
CON EER EIN OSE  
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## WITH DASHBOARD MARKETPLACE ON LATE-MODEL VEHICLES, GM AIMS FOR COMMERCIALIZED, CUSTOMIZED COMMUTE



By Dale Buss

There are many ways for brands to create loyalty as the driving and riding experience undergoes vast changes. General Motors is taking a further plunge into this new era of mobility by creating what it

calls "the industry's first commerce platform for on-demand reservations and purchases of goods and services."

Dubbed "GM Marketplace," it allows customers to buy coffee, order take-out food or make dinner reservations by tapping an icon on the vehicle's dashboard touchscreen. Brands that have already signed up for Marketplace include Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Applebee's and Shell.

In a nod to consumers' demand for personalization, GM's on-board analytics will use information from consumers' established digital relationships with those brands as well as location-based data from the vehicle to shape and customize experiences.

If your favorite Starbucks order is a grande Cinnamon Dolce Latte, for example, a driver with Marketplace can make that preferred order—and pay for it—just by pushing the Starbucks icon on his or her car's screen.

"The beauty of this platform is that it is designed from the get-go to be used while driving," said Santiago Chamorro, GM's VP for global connected customer experience, in a press release. And because the simple (and distraction-free) user interface integrates a clear UI with driver preferences and machine

learning, "it's an even faster and simpler interaction the more you use it."

More than two million GM vehicles on the road—the late-model ones that are embedded with 4G LTE connectivity—are now equipped with this service, which makes car ownership (in a time of sharing) even more relevant and useful.

In addition to branded dashboard buttons, Marketplace also features a "Shop" section dedicated to offers specific to GM vehicles, such as purchasing Wi-Fi data, discounts for an oil change or deals on GM accessories.

Given that the average U.S. driver spends 46 minutes a day behind the wheel, GM figures Marketplace could "make this time more productive, more enjoyable and safer."

At the same time, brands get a big opportunity to cater to consumers when previously the only time to reach them safely on the road was with a radio ad.

Shell, for instance, is tapping into Marketplace for easy notification of drivers of its more than 14,000 stations, representing the largest refueling network in the U.S.

Shell's Marketplace presence also offers discounts through its loyalty program as well as seamless digital payments.

GM's Marketplace move is a win-win as a brand partner, says Dan Little, head of North America marketing for Shell, and "a testament to both brands' leadership in their respective fields and our shared commitment to quality and mobility innovation."

The first brands accessible through Marketplace include:

- GM lets customers buy 4G LTE Data packages, extend their OnStar subscription or receive offers for certified



service, parts and accessories for their specific vehicle.

- Starbucks offers another convenient way for customers to order ahead and enjoy their favorite handcrafted beverage or food item. And as part of the Starbucks Rewards™ program, members enjoy more value by earning Rewards towards free food and drink. (Early 2018)

- Dunkin' Donuts will help customers start their day off right through an experience that allows DD Perks members to preorder and pay onscreen for their favorite coffee and donut, at their preferred pickup location.

- Wingstop will allow you to skip the wait by re-ordering your favorites and paying ahead, so you can get home in time for the big game

- TGI Fridays will let customers schedule a table reservation for them

and their closest friends and family when they need a break from the week.

- Shell will enable the exceptional driver experience, providing ease of payment and savings with INSTANT GOLD STATUS in the Fuel Rewards® program. Customers' closest Shell station will be identified and station amenities showcased among the largest fuel station network in the U.S., with the ability to pay in-dash coming soon.

- ExxonMobil will quickly locate Exxon and Mobil fuel stations with details of what they offer, route you there and get you back on the road faster.

- Priceline.com gives drivers access to hundreds of thousands of hotels and exclusive hotel savings on the go.

- Parkopedia allows drivers to find, reserve and pay for parking, all at the click of a button.

- Applebee's ensures customers are never too far from Eatin' Good in the Neighborhood whether close to home or miles away with the ability to locate their nearest restaurant, order featured menu items and reorder recent favorites through the convenience of their vehicle's touchscreen.

- IHOP makes it easy for guests to enjoy hot, fresh all-day breakfast favorites like fluffy buttermilk pancakes on the go, thanks to safe and secure on-dash ordering and location service capabilities that help search and find the nearest restaurant for pickup.

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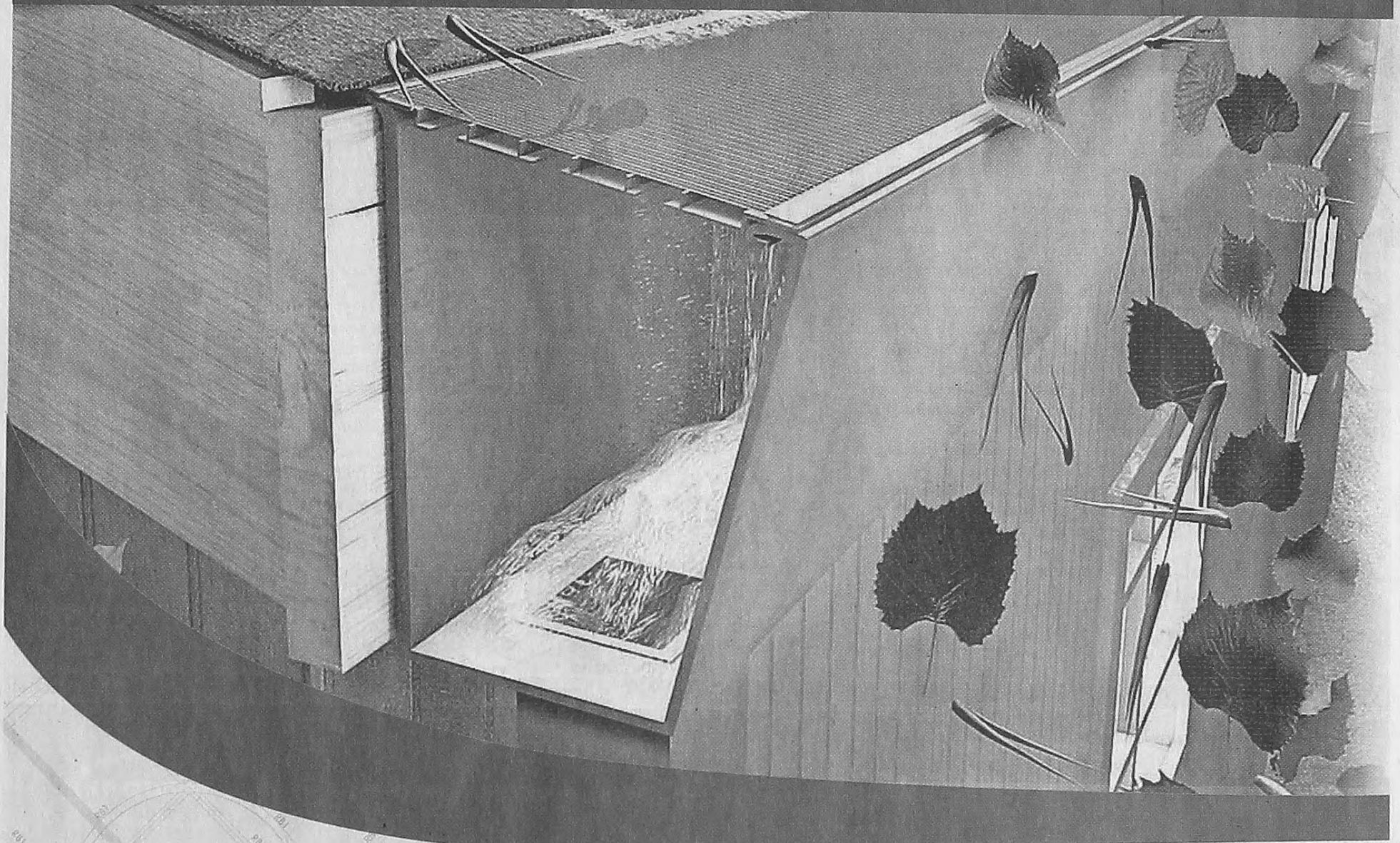
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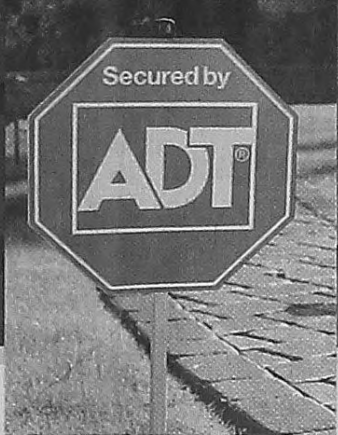
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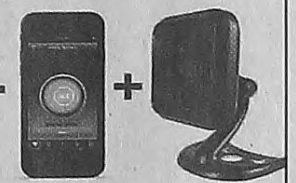
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