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Being your best the theme of Howe's book

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When hockey fans remember Gordie Howe, they think about things like a sharp elbow into the stomach of an opponent or a snap shot past a helpless goaltender.

They think about how Mr. Hockey

would take a number after a cheap shot and go back later to settle the score.

But they remember his off-the-ice persona, too.

The Detroit Red Wings legend and Hockey Hall of Fame member was the epitome of what is good in people. And that is what his youngest son, Murray Howe, wanted to capture in his 2017 book "Nine Lessons I Learned From My



Howe

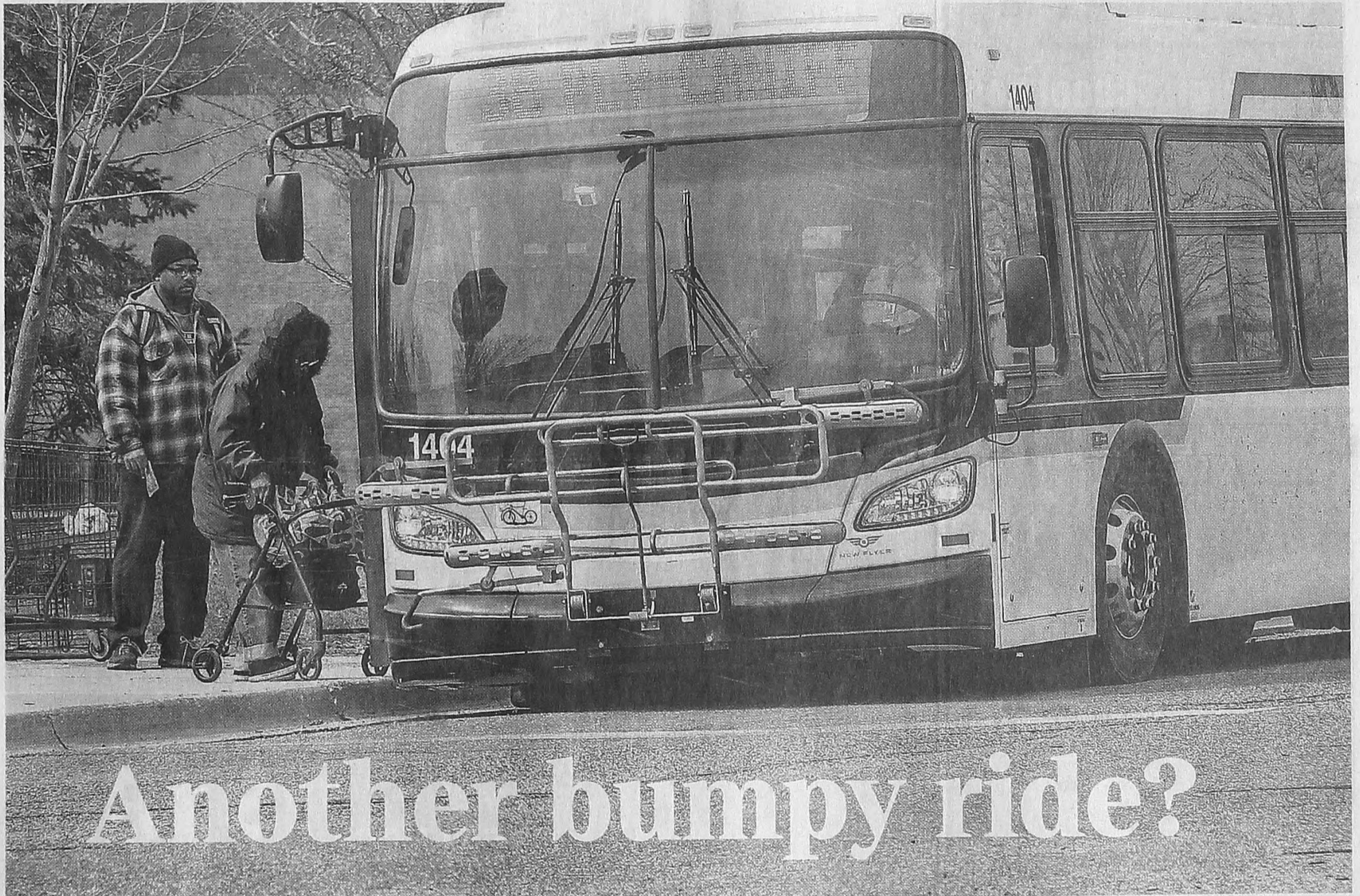
Father," which he will discuss at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a senior living community, 42600 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

"He was really a paradox, because the man that was on the ice seemed so fer-

cious," Howe, 57, said during a recent telephone interview. "And yet he was so gentle and kind off the ice. But really, when you look at his hockey career, it was about being the best version of a hockey player that he could be."

Being "the best version" of a person also is a major theme of Howe's book,

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A DDOT bus stop is near Livonia's Millennium Park, between Costco and Home Depot. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Another bumpy ride?

Local leaders question proposed mass transit plan

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Could the buses come rolling down major roads such as Eight Mile, Woodward and Grand River again? A new transit proposal for southeast Michigan

pitched by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans calls for doing just that.

The proposed plan, pitched by Evans to the Regional Transit Authority right after he attended Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright's State of the City address back on March 15, consists mostly of bus lines that run across Wayne, Oakland, Ma-

comb and Washtenaw counties. The plan, if approved by the Regional Transit Authority, would go on the ballot in four counties and be decided by voters.

Gone are the bus rapid transit lines originally pitched in the 2016 mass tran-

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Tick tick: Watchmaker takes pride in 'dying art'

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Wael Mokhles leans over his workbench, small tool in his steady hand, and removes the tiny pieces of an aging wristwatch that will be like new when he is done.

He is a watchmaker, a repairman who, at age 49, still uses the skills he learned as a teenager working for his uncle in Saida, Lebanon.

"It's a dying art, but I have a passion

for this trade. I love what I do," Mokhles said. "I can take a watch that is rusted, corroded and make it like new, like a heart that is pumping again."

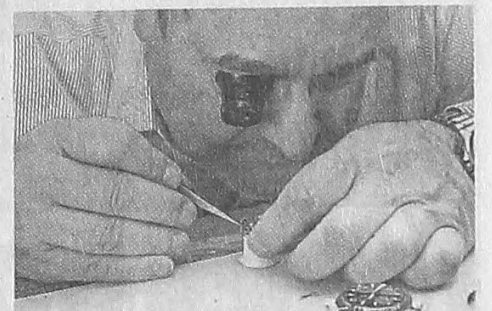
His focus is laser-sharp as a small light illuminates his desk. He uses an eyepiece to magnify the watch pieces. He seems absorbed in his work, unaware as the seconds tick away one spring afternoon, as cars pass by outside the window of On Time Watch Experts, 477 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth.

Mokhles has moved to Plymouth af-

ter previously owning watch repair shops in Dearborn and Oak Park and working with a big company, Sterling Jewelers, that sent watches to him from 350 stores.

Longtime customer Chris Weing of Farmington Hills has followed Mokhles to his new shop, where Weing took a Rolex Daytona, Paul Newman edition, that belonged to his late father-in-law. He hopes to sell the collector's piece for \$45,000.

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Wael Mokhles works on a timepiece at his shop, On Time Watch Experts. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Watchmaker

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"I brought it to him because it was in very bad shape and I wanted to present it in the best possible condition," Weinig said. "I know he is an expert watchmaker. He knows the art of fixing watches."

Weinig would never turn a valuable watch over to a stranger, not when Mokhles is in business.

"He is really, really trustworthy and trust is very important in this business," Weinig said. "And he is a very kind person. I'm glad to see him open his own store in Plymouth, but I have told him to please not move any further."

Mokhles was a young teen when he spent summers working with his uncle and grandfather at his uncle's watch repair shop in Lebanon.

"My uncle was a great watchmaker," he said.

Mokhles immigrated to the United States in 1989 to escape economic troubles in Lebanon and to pursue his dream to have his own shop. Plymouth City Commissioner Ed Krol said On Time Watch Experts is an asset to downtown

Plymouth.

Krol should know. He took a 100-year-old Raymond Weil watch to Mokhles for repairs. He also has an old railroad pocket watch in need of care.

"I'm very satisfied with the work he does," Krol said. "I'm impressed. I'm going back. And this helps me keep my money local."

Mokhles sells watches, watchbands and clocks at his shop, but it is the repair side of his business he loves. He meticulously takes a watch apart, cleans it using an ultrasonic watch-cleaning machine, puts it back together, oils it and uses other machines to calibrate it and make sure it is waterproof.

He said a good watchmaker needs two main qualities, "patience and a steady hand."

He uses the same care whether he is repairing a Timex or a Rolex. He has worked on an Audemars Piguet watch worth \$75,000 and is currently repairing a Patek Philippe, more than 100 years old, whose owner inherited it from a grandfather.

Mokhles knows — and respects — the sentimental attachment his customers have to their watches. He has repaired watches that originally sold for

\$100 and now cost twice that much to repair, because of the poor condition they are in.

"The hardest part is when the watch is really rusted," he said.

Mokhles's business is a one-man repair shop. He chose to move to Plymouth after a few visits here with his wife and four children, ages 12-18. He said his Main Street location is perfect.

"I fell in love with this city," he said. Mokhles rolls his eyes and sighs when asked if he has any idea how many watches he has fixed. "Thousands," he said with a shrug.

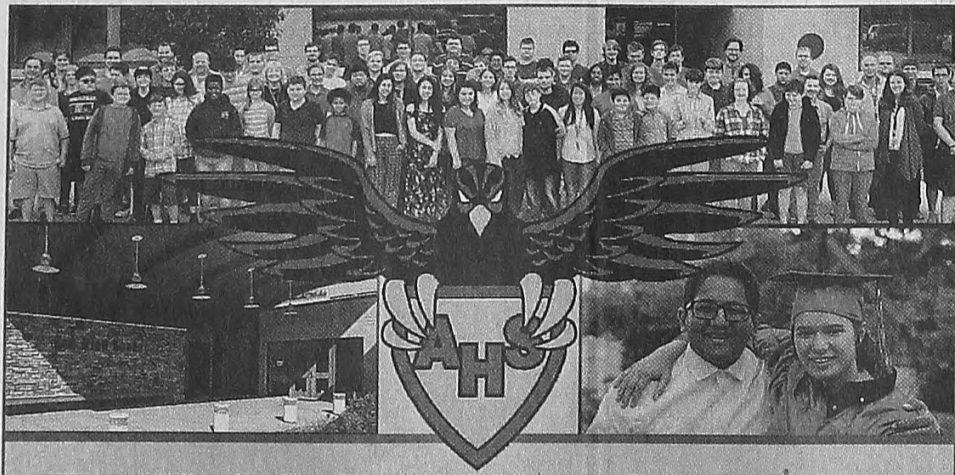
He has an attachment to certain watches, too. He can be quick to buy a used Rolex, refurbish it and sell it.

"A Rolex is better than gold these days," he said.

Business started off slow, but Mokhles expects his customer base to increase as word of his new shop spreads.

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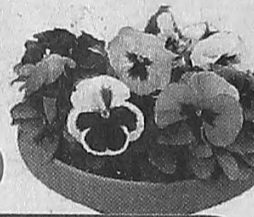
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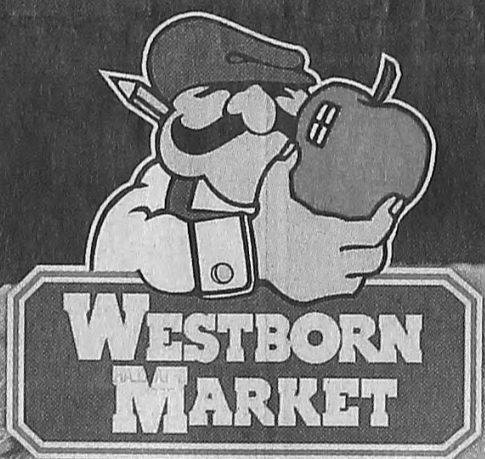
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which was released last October and shot to No. 3 on the Toronto Globe and Mail best sellers list. It is \$25 and available online and in bookstores.

"They're all equally important in my mind," Howe said about the nine lessons detailed in the book, such as love, patience, toughness, selflessness and generosity. "And I think you can summarize them all by, if you drill down, it's really about embracing your talents and just taking ownership of those talents."

"Not worrying about what anybody has, or who they are, but only focusing on who you are and making yourself the best version you can, using those talents, and sharing those with the world. By doing that, any of us really can make a huge impact."

Time for others

Howe said the "hockey people" his dad met during and after his 32-year hockey career (mostly with the Red Wings) always were important to him. There always was time for autographs and a friendly hello.

"He was 100-percent dedicated to everybody around him, especially my mom (the late Colleen) and our family and his friends, but also to every person that he met," Howe said. "He just gave you everything he had in every moment. And again, that's something we can all aspire to and really be better versions of ourselves, which in turn makes the world a better place."

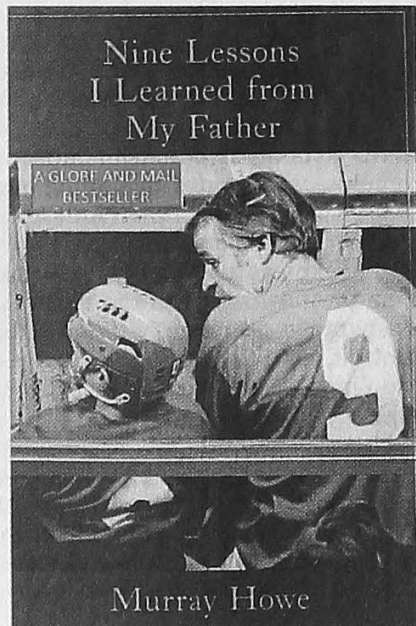
On April 14, Howe will talk about his dad and do readings from his book. He also will sign copies following the presentation. A portion of proceeds from book sales will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Because seating is limited, people are urged to RSVP as soon as possible by calling Waltonwood at 734-335-1199.

Seeking a cure

Howe said his parents did not have Alzheimer's, but Gordie and Colleen both battled forms of dementia during their later years.

Colleen suffered from Pick's disease (an incurable



This 1960s photo of Gordie Howe with youngest son Murray graces the cover of an inspirational new book, which will be topic of a discussion April 14 at Waltonwood Cherry Hill. MURRAY HOWE

neurological disease) and died in 2009 while Gordie, who died in June 2016 at age 88, "had a mixture of things" going on.

"I don't think he had Alzheimer's. I think his was more a traumatic brain injury and vascular dementia, kind of a combination," Howe said. "But we've definitely been personally touched by dementias."

"It's such a common illness in the elderly that we would really like to try to advance the research and get some help for people suffering from dementia."

According to Howe, he would like members of the Waltonwood audience to come away from the discussion feeling inspired to be, like Gordie Howe was, the best person he or she can be.

"The bottom line would be, for each person that's there, to really treasure their own family to treasure all the gifts that they've been given in their lives and to use all those gifts to really make the most impact they can on the world around them," Howe said. "That they seize the day to reach out to others."

Sharing a legacy

Gordie Howe's inspired his son in life and in death.

The latter event, just before Father's Day 2016, triggered his desire to share memories of his father with the world.

"On Father's Day, which was a couple days after dad passed away, I woke up that morning and I was just crushed that I couldn't do something for my dad," Howe said. "I couldn't be with him. I always made Father's Day a big deal, because my dad meant so much to me. I would take him out and do something that he loved, go golfing or fishing or whatever it was."

"And just really let him know how much he meant to me and how much I appreciated who he was as a father and as a man. The fact I couldn't do that, it was really weighing heavily on my mind."

It didn't take long for the Ohio radiologist to hatch a plan.

"I thought, 'What can I still do, what can I give him even though he's no longer with me in body?'" he said. "What would be better than to get down on paper everything that he stood for as a father and as a man and share that with the world and carry on his legacy in that manner. That was the genesis for the book."

On April 14, those who want to find out more about what Gordie Howe was all about will have a chance to be in the front row.

Almost like sitting up against the glass, envisioning No. 9 ripping a wrist shot into the net.

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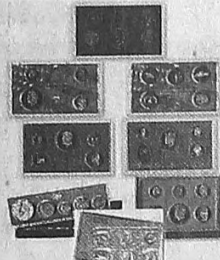
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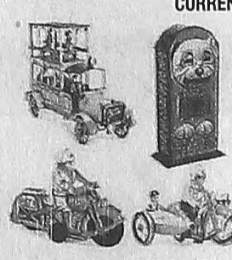
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sit plan rejected by voters. Instead, the service calls for 15-minute express lines along roads such as Woodward, Gratiot, Michigan Avenue, Grand River and Mound/Van Dyke.

Several 15-minute rush hour express lines would run along several other routes in the four-county area, including:

- Eight Mile, between Mack and Grand River
- 12 Mile, between Royal Oak and Novi

■ 15 Mile, beginning at Harper in Macomb County, running through Birmingham and Bloomfield Township and ending at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi via Haggerty, among other lines

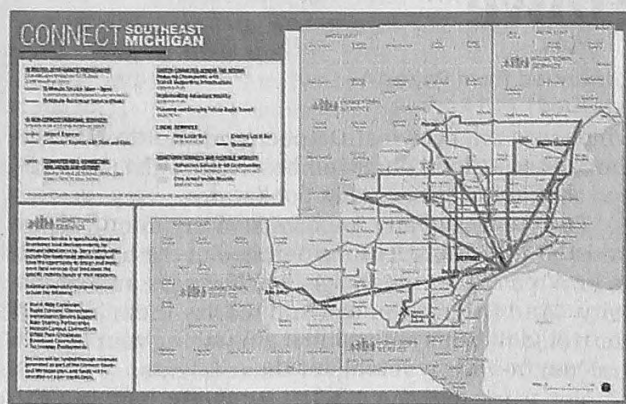
Four express lines would take passengers to Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus, with routes beginning at places such as Twelve Oaks Mall, downtown Ann Arbor, the Phoenix Center in Pontiac and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights. Other express lines would connect places such as Livonia to Ann Arbor; Canton to Ann Arbor; Plymouth to downtown Detroit; Twelve Oaks Mall to downtown Detroit, with another line running from the Novi mall to Lincoln Park and another running to St. Clair Shores.

The plan, dubbed Connect Southeast Michigan, would be expected to raise about \$5.4 billion throughout its lifetime and an additional \$1.3 billion in fares.

The hope from Evans is such a plan could receive regional support from voters, who voted down the last plan in 2016 by about 18,000 votes, with the biggest deficit coming in Macomb County.

Evans, while speaking at the grand opening event for the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia last month, said transit is something the region needs to pay attention to, especially with industries such as Amazon coming to town.

"We also have to start thinking about transit in a different way," he said. "One of the things we've learned is, to continue to grow is you have to provide the resources for that growth. And we want to see this coun-



The map of service for the proposed mass transit line across southeast Michigan. REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ty and this area grow exponentially in the next few years. People have to think about the idea of transit. "You can't be the worst in the country on transit and the best on everything else. It just doesn't happen that way."

One such local leader who endorsed the plan after it was announced was Westland Mayor Bill Wild, who said he, too, would like to see the plan put to a vote of the people.

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"Regional transit is not just about buses, it is about moving this region forward and putting people back to work," he said. "I fully support Evans's goal of placing the plan on the ballot this year. Sometimes leadership means you put your best plan together and just get out of the way to let the voters decide."

Opposition

Most notably opposed to the plan is Evans's counterpart north of Eight Mile, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, whose office released a statement the day the proposal was announced saying it would end up costing Oakland County residents more than the taxes the system would collect.

"The latest regional transit tax scheme concocted by HNTB (a Detroit-based infrastructure firm) on behalf of the RTA is at its core nothing more than the plan voters rejected in November of 2016," the statement reads. "It's a pie-in-the-sky proposal that allows the RTA to reach deep into the pockets of Oakland County taxpayers who will pay 40 percent of the regional transit tab but receive far less than 40 percent of the regional transit services in return."

The plan, if approved as is, would levy a 1.5-mill increase on property taxes across the four counties. That is an increase from the 1.2 mills in the 2016 plan rejected by voters.

County-level officials aren't the only ones expressing concern over the proposal. Several local leaders, especially in western Wayne and Oakland counties, say they have concerns over costs and need for such a plan.

Livonia City Council President Laura Toy, a former state legislator, said she has an issue overall with authorities, saying decision-making is taken out of the hands of elected officials. But she said she has not heard a big cry from Livonia residents clamoring for such an expanded, regional service, especially after the city pulled out of the SMART bus service back in 2005.

"I don't know if I hear a public outcry in our city that says, 'We have to have this to have our businesses run and make our lives easier,'" she said. "Hopefully, they're going to do some public hearings around on this."

Public hearings could come if the RTA board votes to send it out to the public for feedback. Mario Morrow, a spokesman for the RTA, said the board can vote to send it out for comment, before making some changes to the plan. If such a plan is then presented back to the board, seven of the nine voting RTA board members must vote to place the question on the ballot. Those seven votes must consist of at least one representative from each county, as well as the representative from Detroit.

The RTA board is next expected to meet April 19, though Morrow said it's always possible the board calls a special meeting to handle the issue sooner.

If it were to make the ballot, Morrow said it's expected it could be put on the general election ballot in November.

Outlying services

In addition to the established lines along major roads in more densely-populated parts of metro Detroit, the outlying townships, villages and cities would also receive funding titled Hometown Services. This would provide farther-out townships and cities, such as Highland, South Lyon, Salem, Milford, Walled Lake and Wixom, with funding from the 1.5-mill levy to fund transit services that best meet each community's needs. This funding would be about \$50 million in capital and operational funding.

Don Green, Milford Township supervisor, said he's not so sure another transit millage is the answer for his township. The township currently utilizes a service called People's Express, which can provide service around the township and to other destinations in the region.

To utilize any lines of the new plan, Green said Milford Township riders would need to pay \$8 (\$4 each way) down to Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi to just pick up any part of the system.

Also at odds with Green is the return of funding. Counties are expected to receive no less than 85 percent of the funding they put into the system, though the proposal states counties could receive 105 percent return on their investment through leverage of fare box, state and federal funding.

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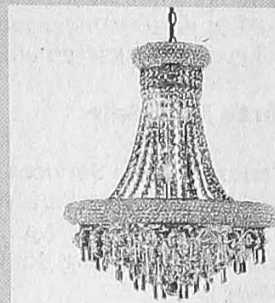
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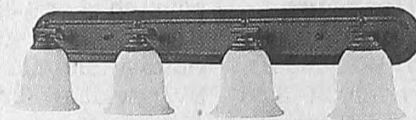
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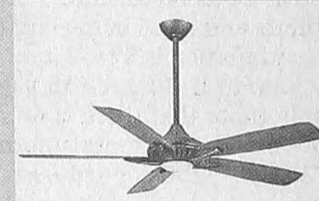
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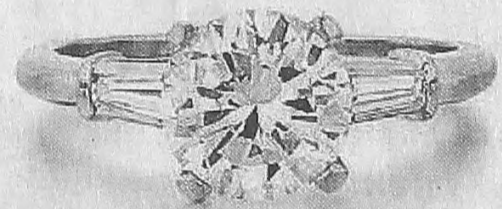
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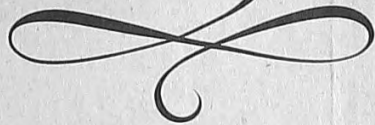


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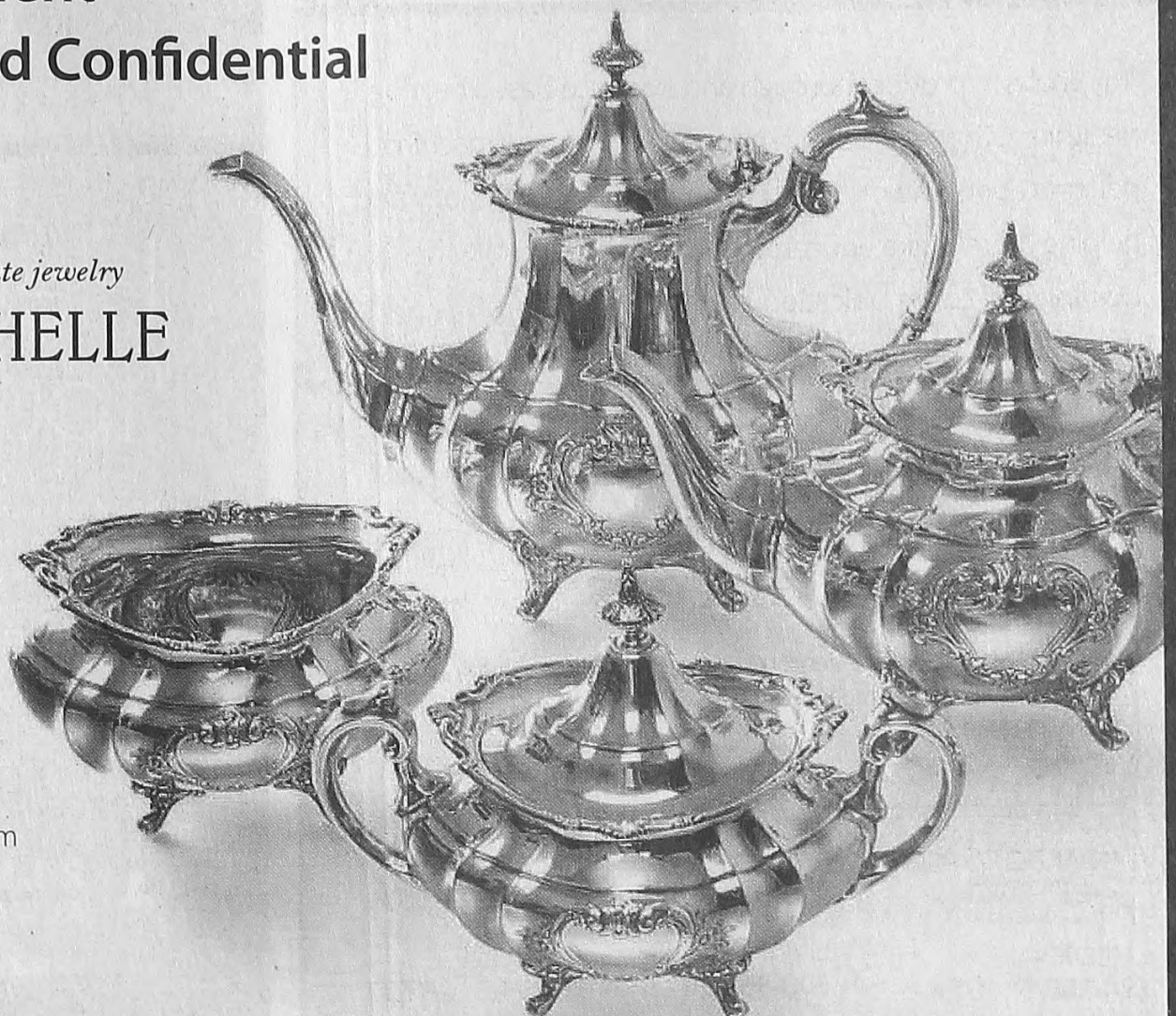
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Michigan Humane Society to hold online auction

The Michigan Humane Society will debut its first-ever online auction, with proceeds benefiting local animals. This auction will conclude at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15, during the nonprofit's Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch, a fundraiser presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Bidders can find the Michigan Humane Society's online auction at bidpal.net/bowwow18. Animal lovers donated all the items up for auction. These

include excursions, luxury items and even pet photo shoots for the official Michigan Humane Society calendar.

Guests will have exclusive access to four live-auction items available only at the Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch. This event will attract up to 600 people who will mingle among adoptable pets while enjoying a three-course brunch and custom cocktails. The Jonathan Lynn Group will also treat listeners to live jazz during a Meowmosa Reception and silent-auc-

tion bidding.

"This year, we will showcase how MHS keeps families together by helping them retain their pets rather than surrender them at shelters," said Matthew Pepper, the charity's president and CEO. "This means we are putting the focus on our work in the community to provide essentials like food, shelter, medicine, education and a safe return home."

Tickets for the Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch can be purchased at

bidpal.net/bowwow18 or by calling 248-283-5662. The cost to attend is \$250 per adult and \$100 per child and includes complimentary valet service.

The Purrfect Bow Wow Brunch is presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions, with additional support from DTE Energy Co., the Richard and Jane Manogian Foundation and the Nancy and James Grosfeld Foundation.

For more information, go to MichiganHumane.org.

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

Salvation Army rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army will hold a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 9451 S. Main Street. Tables rent for \$20. For more information, call 734-453-5464.

Noble to host local office hours

State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, will host an open office hour 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 9, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or via email at JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Music at the Elks

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

On Tuesday, April 10, the Kathleen Murray Band returns. Joining Murray on vocals are Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge

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

Mom to Mom Sale

Canton Leisure Services will host its annual Mom to Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

More than 60 booths will be on-site, offering great deals on everything that is baby, child or maternity related. Moms will be selling gently used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear and more. Shoppers will also be able to find great deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

Admission is \$2 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All sales are cash only (note that there is no ATM on the premises). For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Spring walks in Miller Woods

Celebrate spring with a walk in historic Miller Woods Nature Preserve. Tours will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 22 and 29, leaving every half hour; tours last about 60 minutes. The native spring flowers will be blooming soon and you can enjoy a guided walk through the woods to learn about the flowers, unique trees and the history of the Mil-

ler family.

Entrance is on Powell Road, east of Ridge Road, in Plymouth Township. No dogs or strollers. You must be able to walk on unstable surfaces due to large tree roots. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666.

Plymouth Oratorio Society

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will open its 32nd season with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. The POS will perform J.S. Bach's "Mass #1 in F-major" and Bob Chilcott's "Requiem." The POS will be joined by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist May Ann Balduf.

A free will offering will be taken; no tickets required. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or go to plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

All-sports equipment sale

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding an all-sports equipment sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena, 525 Farmer Street. Each 10- by 10-foot spot is \$20 and space is limited. You may purchase multiple booths and we will ensure that your spots will be next to each other.

Admission is free. For more information or to register, go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or call 734-455-6620.

Plymouth H.S. reunion

The Plymouth High School Class of 1963 is celebrating its 55th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 18, with a dinner at The Summit in Canton. Other activities include a golf outing, a night mixer Friday, Aug. 17, at Karl's Cabin and an indoor picnic Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Nancy Richard Earle at 734-634-8974 or nancyearle@comcast.net.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m.

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.

The season schedule is available on its Facebook page. For more information, email bfsresident4u@gmail.com.

Diabetes support group

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

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Canton community to be flooded with new books

Prepare for an influx of books, Canton. After the fourth annual Canton Book Project reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, dozens of books will be dispersed into the community by enthusiastic readers, with the goal of encouraging others to read. This year's book givers have selected titles ranging from children's picture books to native plants to inspiring soul-searching themes and are excited to share them with the community.

"The project is an excellent way to connect directly with the community," said Cecilia Escobar, a Canton Book Project book giver. Escobar chose to distribute "Frederick" by Leo Lionni this year.

Escobar distributed a copy last year to a family with five young children at the farmers market and she asked if she could read the story to them because she noticed the kids getting a bit restless. The family was excited and thankful for the exchange, she said.

Other books to be shared through the Canton Book Project include:

■ "Truman" by David McCullough, chosen by Mike Simowski

■ "Frederick" by Leo Lionni, chosen by Cecilia Escobar

■ "In a Dark, Dark Wood" by Ruth Ware, chosen by Natalie Blasius

■ "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell, chosen by Meg Halstead

■ "The Tao Te Ching" by Lao Tzu, chosen by Ryn M. Place

■ "Landscaping with Native Plants" by Lynn M. Steiner, chosen by Charisse Nilles

■ "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman, chosen by Tina Flint

■ "Living Fearlessly" by Paramahansa Yogananda, chosen by Julie Kulp

■ "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande, chosen by Sharon Holcomb

Book givers will receive their selected titles at the reception. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Fawcett at fawcettl@cantonpl.org or 734-397-0999, ext. 1079.

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. Learn more at www.cantonpl.org or by calling 734-397-0999.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Here is a schedule of upcoming American Red Cross blood drives in the area. Donors can call 800-REDCROSS to make an appointment. For more information, go to redcrossblood.org.

Thursday, April 5

Gardner White, 39453 Ford Road, Canton, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Mans Lumber, 47255 Michigan Ave., Canton, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road, Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 12

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Monday, April 23

VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Superbowl Bowling Center, 45100 Ford Road, Canton, noon to 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

Canton Municipal Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

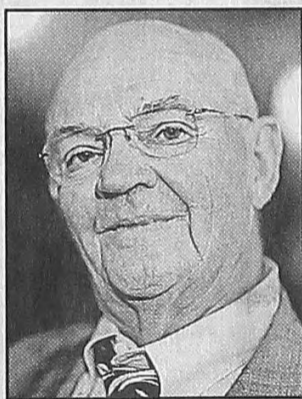
Saturday, April 28

PARC, 650 Church Street, Plymouth, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Obituaries

Wilfred Luoto

LIVONIA - Age 81, was escorted into eternity by Jesus on March 31, 2018. Beloved husband of Diane for 55 wonderful years. Loving father of Wendy (Dave) Johnson and Lee Ann (John) Roe. Cherished grandfather of Austin, Nick, Lindsey, and Jake and great-grandfather of



Lukas, Kinley, and Macie. Dearest brother of Elaine (dec Wesley) Hendrickson and Dennis (Randi) Luoto. Will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Visitation is Thursday, April 5 from 4pm-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral service is Friday, April 6 at 11am (instate 10am) at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Wilfred's name can be made to the Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Delores L. Sussex

WARREN - Delores L. Sussex, age 89, of Warren, Michigan died Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Born September 7, 1928 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Carl and Viola Nevins. She was an active member of the Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia. Survived by children Cheryl (Rob) Richardson, Susan (Joseph) Cusmano, Thomas Sussex and six grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband Earl in 2016 and granddaughter Lauren.



Visitation and services have taken place at the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, 140 South Main, Mount Clemens, Michigan on Monday, April 2, 2018. Burial has taken place at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Contributions may be addressed to wishes of the family. View full obituary at www.vickfuneralhome.com



Jean Koss

FARMINGTON - age 90, died Thursday, March 29, 2018. Loving mother of Debra (Daniel) Rodriguez, Donna (Daniel) Sandoffsky, Robert Koss, Jr., Gerald (Barbara) Koss, William Koss, Patricia (Greg) Luger, Mary Maydew and Thomas (Trudy) Koss; beloved grandmother of 17 and great grandmother of 14; fond sister of Kathleen Chiles. Preceded in death by siblings, William, Yvonne, Carol and Patricia. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

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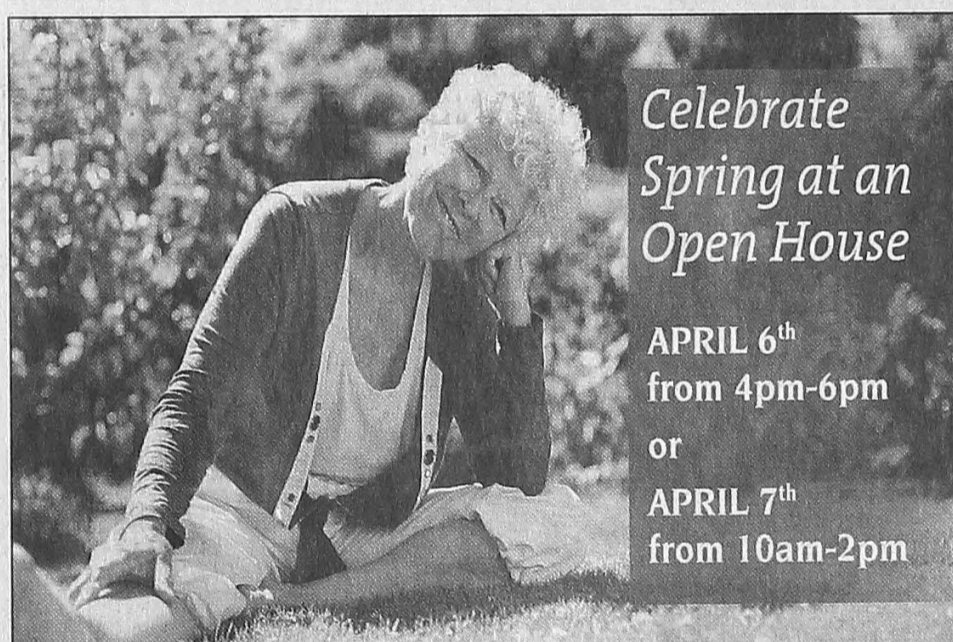
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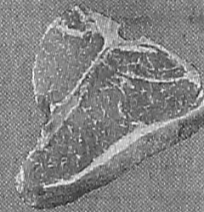
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COLLEGE HOCKEY

Ohio State's Kearney headed to Frozen Four

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Brendon Kearney grew up in a maize and blue household, but he decided wearing a scarlet and grey jersey was his best route in college hockey.

The 2013 Northville High grad, a junior forward with Ohio State, will be

playing in his first Frozen Four when the Buckeyes (26-9-5) take on Minnesota-Duluth (23-16-3) in one national semifinal beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Three of the Frozen Four teams come from the Big Ten this season, with Michigan (22-14-3) taking on



Kearney

conference regular season and tourney champion Notre Dame (27-9-2) in the other semifinal.

And in an irony of all ironies, Brendon's parents, Doug and Julie, both attended the University of Michigan.

"I had a few options," said Kearney, who has five goals and 14 assists this season. "I think the big thing

for me was just growing up in Michigan, I'd been around Big Ten football my whole life. The hockey conference hadn't been there yet, but when they officially announced the Big Ten was going to hockey, I just felt that's where I wanted to play."

For Kearney, who came out of juniors

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COLLEGE HOCKEY

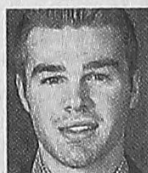


Michigan junior defenseman Nicholas Boka (left) makes a pass during a Big Ten game against Minnesota. RENA LAVERTY | MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

UNLIKELY HERO

Plymouth resident Boka helps Michigan reach Frozen Four

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Boka

"It's something you dream about growing up, especially ... growing up a Michigan fan."

Nicholas Boka
U-M junior defenseman

It was a freeze-frame moment in Nicholas Boka's hockey career at the University of Michigan.

The junior defenseman from Plymouth, who hadn't scored a goal all season, found himself in a two-on-one situation with the Wolverines holding a 4-3 lead late in the third period of the NCAA Northeast Regional against Boston University in Worcester, Mass.

"It was a good time for my first," Boka said. "It's pretty big as far as a big game situation ... kind of all the excitement. Dexter (Dancs) made a great pass and I was lucky enough to put it home, so it

was pretty special."

The goal came with 3:42 left as Michigan went on to a 6-3 victory over the Terriers to earn its first Frozen Four berth since 2011.

Michigan head coach Mel Pearson played tongue-in-cheek in describing Boka's third career goal.

"I think I made the comment, 'First of all, what was he doing up there in a one-

goal hockey game?'" the second-year coach said. "And secondly, why Dancs passed him the puck because he had no goals? And Dancs has 12 or 13 goals. So a little surprised, but it's a huge goal in the game. That was really the back-breaker and sealed the win for us."

The Wolverines (22-14-3) will now

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AMATEUR HOCKEY

Phantoms' Ellis, Larkin use USHL as springboard

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Max Ellis and John Larkin used Friday night's game against the U.S. National Development Team Program's U-18 hockey team as a measuring stick of sorts.

The 18-year-old Ellis, who hails from Canton, and the 17-year-old Larkin, a Northville resident who is a junior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, helped the Youngstown (Ohio) Phantoms to a 3-2 U.S. Hockey League win over a collection of the nation's best young players at USA Hockey Arena.



Ellis



Larkin

"I think tonight was good for us," said Ellis, a speedy 5-foot-10, 150-pound winger. "We battled hard. We were hard on them, didn't give them any respect and I think it means big points in the standings, so it was a good game for us tonight. We got them tomorrow (the U-17), so we want to send a message real quick."

The Phantoms took care of business again Saturday night at the Cervelli Center with a 6-1 win — this time over the U-17 team — as Ellis collected a goal and assist.

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The Phantoms' Max Ellis (left) gets tangled up with U-18 goalie Drew DeRidder. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

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Boka

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face top seed Notre Dame (27-9-2) in the national semifinals beginning at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minn. The two teams split their four regular-season meetings.

Boka, who played two seasons with the U.S. National Team Development Program before going to Michigan, recalls watching the 2011 NCAA championship game in St. Paul. That's when Minnesota-Duluth, which will play Ohio State in the other Frozen Four semifinal, defeated Michigan, 3-2, in overtime for the title.

"It's something you dream about growing up, especially being as close as I am to Ann Arbor and growing up a Michigan fan," Boka said of the Frozen Four. "I remember watching that game and wanting to be in that game."

Michigan has won eight of its last nine games and appears to be peaking at the right time.

"I wish I could tell you, but I don't have the magic formula for you," Boka said of the team's late-season surge. "I think around Christmas time was when we really started pulling together, trusting in each other and our systems. I think there's kind of a belief, too, that we had, especially after struggling last year (going 13-19-3). I think we kind of learned from that. It's really hard to be a good team, but I think we put the work in."

In 38 games this season, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Boka has the one goal and six assists and ranks second on the team with a plus-15 rating.

"He's played, I think, extremely well the second half of the year," Pearson said. "There's a correlation between our team being really good the second half and Nick Boka playing well. And we've had a number of guys, but Nick is one of those guys whose game has really risen to the occasion. Maybe the numbers, the points don't show it, but obviously the plus-minus does. He's a good skater, he can go back, bring the puck out. And you need that against good teams to relieve some pressure and Nick's done a good job."

The 20-year-old Boka, a psychology major in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, was selected 171st overall (sixth round) by the Minnesota



Michigan junior defenseman Nicholas Boka was a sixth-round pick by the Minnesota Wild in the 2015 NHL Draft. RENA LAVERTY | MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Wild in the 2015 NHL Draft.

Recruited by longtime U-M coach Red Berenson, Boka was an immediate contributor as a freshman, notching 10 assists with a plus-17 rating in 38 games.

As a sophomore, he had two goals and two assists in 34 games as the Michigan players transitioned to a new coaching staff under the direction of Pearson, who had spent the previous six years at Michigan Tech.

Boka said he is getting more opportunities to play on the power play and earning more of Pearson's trust.

"I'm just sticking to my game, playing (as a) two-way, shutdown kind of defenseman and that's what I do best and that's what I'll kind of continue to do," Boka said. "I think I'm a pretty emotional player and I've always been. Mel has helped me a lot to kind of reel it in. There's a time and place for it. In these big games, they're all very emotional, so there's going to be a lot of highs and

there's going to be a lot of lows, so if you stay even keel, it really pays off in the end."

Boka, who played in the Compuware Midget Minor junior ranks before joining the U.S. NTDP, sometimes has to tone down his play to be effective.

He admits he gets his fire from his dad Don, a physical education teacher at Livonia Franklin High School who played college football at Ferris State.

"Nick's all in," Pearson said. "He wears his emotions on his sleeve. Sometimes, the emotions get the better of him, but we've talked about that, quite frankly, and he's been honest enough about it. He wants to win and he's so competitive. Sometimes, you've just got to relax and play the game a little bit and not worry about what I call 'the noise' and worry about things you can't control. But you'd rather have a player like that and calm down a little bit instead of having to kick him in the rear end to get

him going. And Nick has no issues there. He's been a pleasure to have on our team and has been a real good player here the second half."

Last May, Boka's younger brother Lukas, a right wing for the Windsor Spitfires of the Ontario Hockey League, hoisted the coveted 2017 Memorial Cup, Canada's top junior hockey trophy. Lukas, a team captain, had 15 goals and 25 assists in 64 regular-season games this year and is currently involved in the first-round of the OHL playoffs.

And nothing would be more satisfying for Boka than to hoist an NCAA championship trophy next week in St. Paul for another freeze-frame moment.

"I'm really excited, especially with the guys we have here. ... I think we can do something really special," Boka said.

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Kearney

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with the Chicago Steel of the USHL, Ohio State was the right fit.

"I just think the first time I stepped in Columbus, it was home," said Kearney, who just turned 23. "The campus was unbelievable, the staff there was something I really jelled with. They understood me as a player and were going to do their best to put me in the right situations. Just a combination of all those factors led me to go to OSU."

Although his parents still have a rooting interest in Michigan, they'll be all in for the Buckeyes in St. Paul. It will be only OSU's second trip to the Frozen Four. The last time the Buckeyes made it was 1998.

"They were behind me 100 percent," Kearney said. "My parents, my family, will root for Ohio State hockey only. It's been good. They know it's been all good for me for the right reasons, academically, athletically, the coaching staff ... it all fit and they couldn't be happier."

Ohio State is 5-0 against Michigan this season and 1-4 against Notre Dame.

"It's weird, because I think a lot of those Notre Dame games could have probably gone the other way," Kearney said. "You could probably say the same with the Michigan games. With those teams, I think all three of us match up really well. It's a bounce here and there and, in a lot of those games, it could have gone either way. It's definitely nice to see them have to battle it out and we like the opportunity to go in against a team in one of the stronger conferences in college hockey and kind of stack up against them."

Ohio State captured the Midwest Regional last weekend Allentown, Pa., against Princeton (4-2) and Denver (5-1). Minnesota-Duluth advanced by upending Minnesota (3-2 in overtime) and Air Force (2-1).

"I just know they have some young, really talented players," Kearney said of Duluth. "I think their style of play is a little bit different than a lot of the Big Ten teams. I haven't dug too deep in how they play or what systems they run, I just know they're talented and like to push the pace up and down the rink."

Ohio State has won nine of its last 10 games and seems to be peaking at the right time.



Northville resident Brendon Kearney has helped lift Ohio State to the Frozen Four in St. Paul, Minn. OHIO STATE ATHLETICS



Brendon Kearney has been a part of five Ohio State wins this year over Michigan. OHIO STATE ATHLETICS

"I think what makes this team special is just how close we are," Kearney said. "I think we've shown we can play with any team, any style. And that's because we trust one another. We know lines one through four, it doesn't matter if we're

matching up against their lines one through four. Anyone on our team can play anyone. There's a trust there that really allows everyone's confidence to grow and maybe to even achieve more as a team."

Kearney has evolved into a Jack-of-all-trades forward for the Buckeyes. As a freshman, he had nine points on four goals and five assists in 27 games. During his sophomore season, he finished with 10 points on three goals and seven assists in 33 games.

"Versatile is the word that comes to mind about Brendon," OSU coach Steve Rohlik said. "We have put him in a lot of different situations this year - left wing, right wing, center. He brings consistency - you always know what you're going to get from him every night."

This season, he is tied for fifth on the team with a plus-14 rating.

"As far as my role, it's pretty much

changed almost fluidly throughout the year," Kearney said. "I think just it goes game by game with my role, technically. That's something I've always done as a player and to be able to do whatever it takes to help the team win and stay in the lineup."

The all-academic Big Ten performer, who is majoring in finance, started skating at age 2. He also played lacrosse and baseball growing up, but decided to concentrate on hockey.

Kearney came up through the Honeybaked program, winning back-to-back national championships in 2010-11. He was captain of Honeybaked's U-18 team in 2012-13 tallying 28 points in 26 regular season games. During his senior year at Northville, he also got a call-up from the U.S. National Team Development Program (19 points in 25 games).

He was an alternate captain for the Chicago Steel in 2014-15, scoring 18 goals and adding 14 assists, before signing with OSU.

In the summer prior to enrolling at OSU, Kearney worked for his uncle's local sign company.

"They needed guys to take apart their old signs, recycle the scraps and help around the shop and office, little, tedious work," Kearney said. "They were kind of getting overwhelmed with some of the orders coming in. It was just more something kind of used to pull in a little extra cash for college. It was heavy labor at times. It almost served as a workout from time to time."

Only three years later, Kearney finds himself just two wins away from an NCAA championship, a Michigan kid growing up and now playing for the Buckeyes.

"Honestly, it's still pretty surreal, like it hasn't had much time to let it sink in," Kearney said. "I kind of almost don't want it to sink in until the end of the year. (I'm) trying to focus on Duluth, but it's something, obviously, every team works for. And the time and effort we've put in this year ... just to be able to see us get this far and, hopefully, even further is tremendous because, in my time here, we've always been a team that's worked hard, maybe haven't gotten to our full potential. But this year, making the Frozen Four, we've definitely reached that and show what we're capable of."

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PRO BASKETBALL

Salem grad Dierker to play in Vietnam

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Four-year Madonna University men's basketball standout Chris Dierker will continue his playing career overseas after the Salem High grad was selected first overall recently in the Vietnamese Basketball Association draft.

Dierker, whose mother Lien Dierker grew up in Da-Nang, Vietnam, was one of 134 players eligible for the draft and was taken by the 2016 league champion DaNang Dragons.

Dierker is just the third player to be drafted first overall and he couldn't be more excited to land with the Dragons.

"Being able to play pro ball in Vietnam will be a great experience," Dierker said. "A coach from one of the teams in the league has been talking to me for a while now and told me about the opportunity to play overseas and, possibly, join the national team. Getting the chance to play in a country where my mom was born and raised and being able to experience their culture will be awesome."

It provides Dierker, who has never visited his mother's native land, a unique opportunity to not only continue his playing career, but also get to know the country in which his mom grew up.

"Being selected first overall in the draft by DaNang was exciting, especially since that is where my mom grew up," Dierker said. "The coach and some of the members of the team reached out to let me know what their team is about and talked about how beautiful the city is and the fact that it is surrounded by beaches and mountains, which will be cool to live in."

Dierker, who red-shirted his freshman year, spent five seasons on the Madonna campus and will graduate in May with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry.

Dierker leaves as MU's career leader in rebounds (908), while also ranking first in rebound average (7.4) and offensive (304) and defensive (604) rebounds.

"Playing at Madonna gave me the opportunity to work with many great coaches and a group of guys who were all about getting the most out of everyone, both on and off the court," Dierker said. "I have grown a lot over the last five years at Madonna and am very grateful for the opportunity they gave me."

He finished his 122-game career with 1,483 career points, which ranks seventh all time. In 2016, he set the single-game record with 19 rebounds and scored a



Dierker



Chris Dierker was the No. 1 pick overall in the recent Vietnam Basketball Association draft.
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career-high 29 points.

"The entire program is excited for Chris and this opportunity before him," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "I'm proud of what Chris has done, both on and off the court. He's been a great representative of Madonna

basketball and he's left a great and lasting impact, not only on our program, but on the school as well. I'm excited for him to be able to continue playing at the pro-

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Phantoms

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Larkin, meanwhile, also had an assist as the second-place Phantoms improved to 31-18-5-2 in the USHL Eastern Conference.

In 54 USHL games, Ellis has 14 goals and 20 assists for 34 points. He is in his second year with the team.

"I think this season I've taken a step in my confidence," Ellis said. "Just tried to be better than last year and just every day try and improve my game. I think my 200-foot game I've tried to improve on. Playing defense a little more, I think, has been my goal this year. Tried to be a 200-foot player, play in all situations is a big thing for me."

Youngstown coach Brad Patterson has seen Ellis evolve during his second year with Youngstown.

"He's been tremendous for us," Patterson said. "He's always been a very, very good player. And I think that the areas of his game that people really looked at were his offensive instincts, his shot, his skating, all that sort of stuff. I think that stuff has really come around and, specifically this year, is his play away from the puck ... you can really put him in any situation. He competes, he's hard on pucks, he gets his nose above it and he's hard to defend."

End-to-end speed has always been Ellis's forte.

"You have to be able to skate in today's game and Max has always had that," Patterson said. "I'd be lying if I told you that I think we've made him a better skater by any means. He's had that skill set. But he knows how to use that when he's not out there using it 100 percent of the time, because he can pick his spots. He can beat defenders by doing it and it's hard to defend."

Ellis is headed next season to Notre Dame, which is in the Frozen Four this weekend against Michigan, Minnesota-Duluth and Ohio State.

"For Notre Dame, I think it was the tradition, the coaches ... when I went there, everything felt right," Ellis said. "It's going to be an awesome time for them in the Frozen Four."

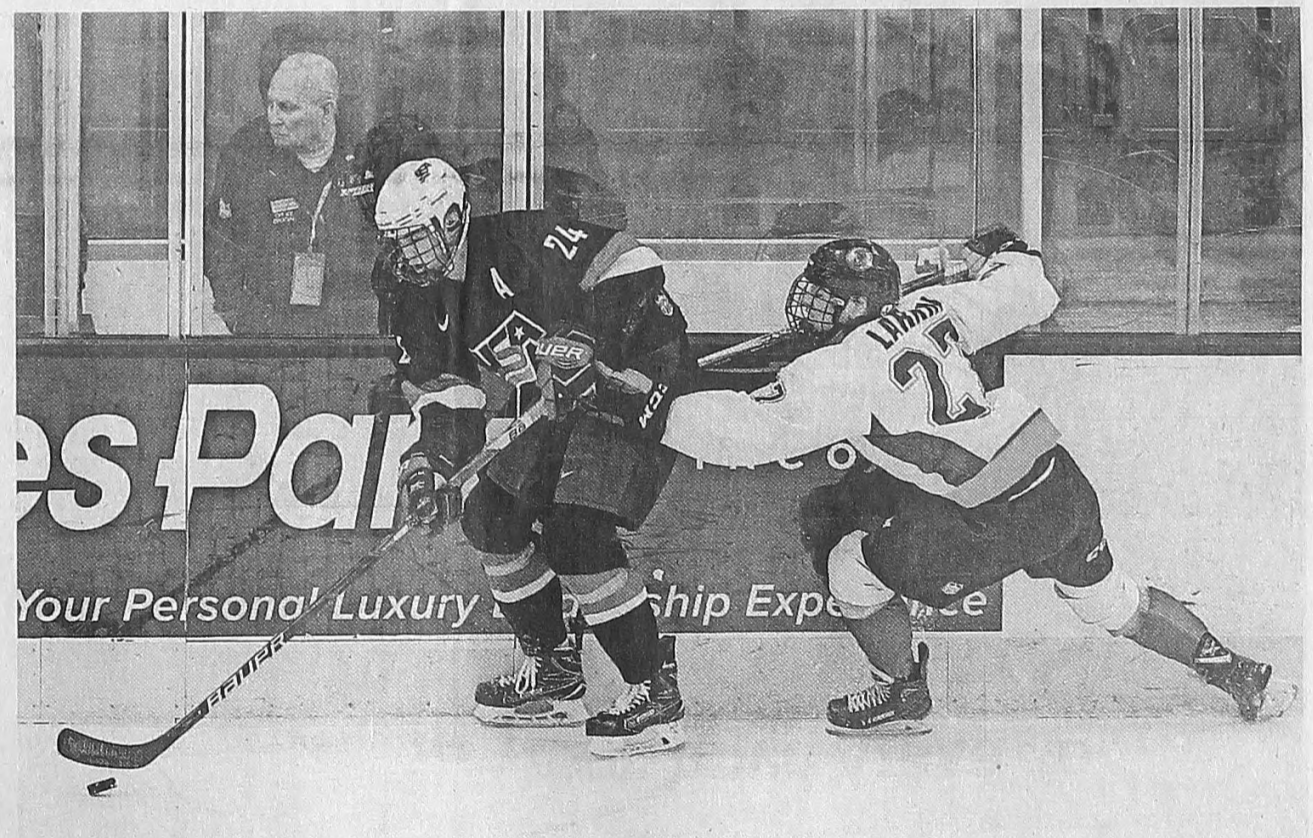
Ellis, who attended Dearborn Divine Child High before heading to live with a billet family and finishing high school in Youngstown last season, has adapted quite well being away from home.

"It's good. There's not much to do, but it's fun hanging out with the boys," Ellis said. "What led me to Youngstown was the coaches, the atmosphere as well. I tried out for the NDTP and didn't make it. Youngstown was there. It was the best option for me no matter what and it's been the best for my development."

The 6-2, 180-pound Larkin is an affiliate player for the Phantoms who has also played primarily this season with Compuware's U-16 Midget Major AAA team.

He has appeared in 11 USHL games, with a goal and three assists, and will assume a larger role with the Phantoms as they approach the playoffs.

"At one point four weeks ago, we were down to four (defensemen)," Patterson said. "He stepped out of U-16 hockey and you wouldn't have known. He played against Waterloo one series, Omaha the following series — so two of the top teams in the West, if not the entire league, he stepped in. He's physical, he jumps into the play ... everything you want in a defenseman,



Youngstown's John Larkin (right) tries to pry away the puck from Patrick Giles of the U-18 team. RENA LAVERY | USA HOCKEY

he's been able to bring to the table in a limited practice and development time for him. He's been in and out with the proximity of his high school being here. But he's fit right into the team and he's done a tremendous job and he's going to be a big piece moving forward."

Despite the jump into the USHL, considered the nation's top junior league, Larkin has been able to adjust quickly.

"I was playing U-16 and, obviously, it's not the same speed or skill, so you have to hop in and get your legs moving, get used to the speed," Larkin said. "And once you get used to the speed, you start building confidence and it's a lot easier to play with these guys and make plays that were able to us in U-16 and bring them up to this level."

Larkin took regular shifts on the back line for the Phantoms during Friday night's victory over the U-18 squad, which sits in first place in the USHL Eastern Conference with a 38-17-0-1 record.

"You look at their roster on paper ... you're thinking they're going to dominate you, but once you get out there, you just realize they're just hockey players like you and you play with anybody once you put your mind to it," Larkin said.

Larkin is committed to Ohio State. He also had interest from Western Michigan, Michigan, Harvard and Union (N.Y.) College, but the Buckeyes won out.

"(Ohio State) had interest in me at Youngstown at mini-camp," he said. "They set up a visit for me, went down there and it was just unbelievable. Everything was first class. The coaches ... they just showed me how much they wanted me there. The effort they put into that visit and just everyone there was the right

fit and the right place for me to be."

And in two years, Ohio State will be getting a more seasoned and versatile player.

"I like to play a two-way game, just as strong in the offensive zone as the defensive zone," Larkin said. "I feel like the first couple games of the year, you've got to stay back more defensively, stay back a little more, but I've kind of transitioned more into my offensive game that I'm able to play. I'm just a strong two-way defenseman."

Larkin, who carries a 4.0-plus grade-point average, plans to finish the semester at CC before heading to Youngstown full time next season.

"Not only is he a tremendous hockey player, he's a tremendous student," Patterson said. "Here with the Midget schedule, which is very rigorous, you miss a lot of time ... he's done very well. He misses the odd day. I think the school and the teachers, when you have a student like that, you're a little more lenient as far as, 'Hey, as long as your getting your work done' and, obviously, he does that to a 'T.'"

Patterson is not only counting on Larkin next year, but this year as well.

"I think he'll be with us down the stretch here, so we'll be seeing a lot of him now," Patterson said. "Obviously, you look to next year, but I think right now, if you ask him and even though he hasn't been with us a long time, he wants to be a part of us for a long run here this spring."

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Dierker

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fessional level after graduating with honors this May. I know he'll make a big impact, not only on his teammates, but also the community of DaNang."

Dierker knows there will be some challenges when it comes to playing and living in a new country on the other side of the world, but he's ready to face those challenges head on.

"Going over there is going to bring many new experiences, but it will be interesting getting used to their language and being able to communicate," he

said. "It's going to take some time acclimating to a new climate — it's hot and humid over there during the summer — and living across the globe will be an adjustment, but I'm excited to show what I can do."

The VBA was established in 2016 as the first professional basketball league in the country, whose aim is to provide all players of Vietnamese descent with the opportunity to showcase their talent and passion for basketball.

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville opens with windy win

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With an earlier than usual start to the high school baseball season, Monday's wind-swept contest between Northville and host Plymouth came down to which team showed the least amount of rust.

The Mustangs, last year's Division 1 state runners-up, emerged with a 6-3 victory in a match-up of teams in the newfangled Kensington Lakes Activities Association — Northville is in the Gold Division, while Plymouth is in the Black.

Northville outhit Plymouth, 8-4, and managed to come through with more clutch safeties than the Wildcats could muster. Junior Nicholas Prystash was the Mustangs' spark-plug, going 3-for-4, scoring four times and stealing three bases.

Also big for Northville were senior

catcher Billy Flohr (2-for-3, double, three RBIs) and senior Alex Garbacik (2-for-3, two RBIs). Earning the win in relief was senior Jordan Shaffer.

For the Wildcats (0-2), outfielder Anthony Sharkas went 2-for-3, scored once and drove in a run. The only other hits were by Logan Dziadzio and Evan Good.

Northville got off to a quick 1-0 lead against Plymouth starting pitcher Kai St. Germaine when Garbacik laced a two-out single to center to bring home Prystash, who opened the game with a base hit.

Garbacik made it a 2-0 game in the third, when he doubled to again score Prystash.

Plymouth scored two unearned runs against Northville starting pitcher Jonathan Michalak.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Sanding/Refinishing Gym Floor. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at PCCSK12.com, under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, for Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on/or before **Friday, April 13 at 12 p.m.** Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Trane Chiller Rebuild/Service.." The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE AND PUBLIC HEARING JOINT PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2018-2022

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that a public hearing will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on **May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at City Hall, located at 201 S Main. The public hearing is being held to receive comments on a draft Joint Plymouth Community Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan (2018-2022). While the City and Township are individual units of government, and maintain separate control of their land, facilities and budgets, collaborative planning can allow for better coordinated and more efficient systems. The draft plan reflects the City's priorities for the next five years and, once adopted, will serve as a guide for City staff and City Commission. The **draft Master Plan will be available for public review beginning April 5, 2018** on the City website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us, at City Hall, 201 S Main and at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during regular business hours.

All interested persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to this matter. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may submit comments to the attention of Steve Anderson, Recreation Director at sanderston@ci.plymouth.mi.us or 734.455.6620.

Maureen Brodie, Clerk
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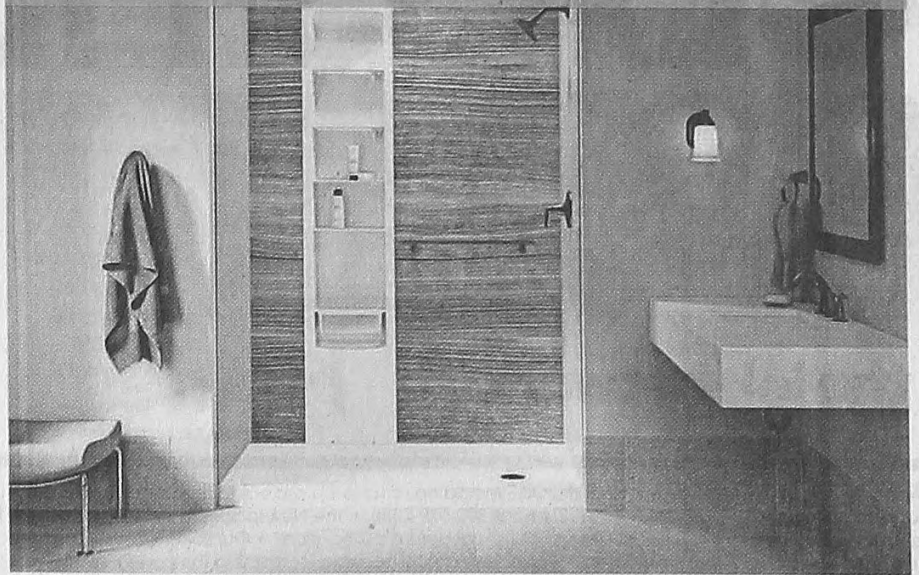
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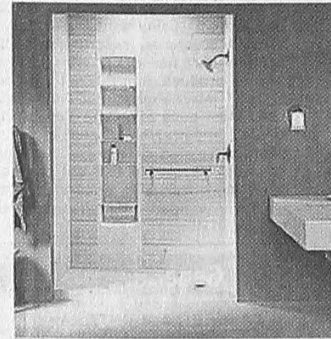
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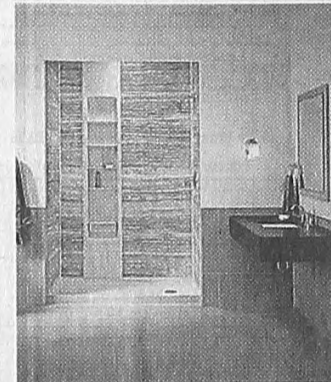


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- 1 Of Christian ritual immersion
 - 10 Fish also called a "jack"
 - 17 Ship for ETs
 - 20 Work partner
 - 21 Everlasting
 - 22 Edge
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Log cutter
 - 26 Reply to "Shall we?"
 - 27 Bruins legend
 - 28 A dieter may try to lose it
 - 29 Obstruction
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 37 Decline to vote
 - 41 Earsplitting
 - 42 Alleviates
 - 43 Riddle, part 3
 - 49 Cat sound
 - 50 Make fun of
 - 51 Seemly
 - 52 Zig's reverse
 - 55 Archie's sitcom wife
 - 57 Name on an elevator
 - 60 Minor error
 - 61 Bicycled, e.g.
 - 62 Rock singer Snider
 - 63 Epitome of easiness
 - 66 3/15 or 4/13, day-wise
 - 68 315 or 413, phone-wise
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Roget's references
 - 76 "Taken" star Neeson
 - 77 China's Lao —
 - 78 "Blue Bloods" airer
 - 81 Cat sound
 - 82 Tide type
 - 84 Scissor cut
 - 86 For only the case at hand
 - 88 Rest house
 - 89 Player getting a goal
 - 91 Hourglass fill
 - 94 Plus
 - 95 Riddle, part 5
 - 99 Part of Iberia
 - 102 Crab part
 - 103 Plush
 - 104 End of the riddle
 - 110 Go offstage
 - 111 Geologic span
 - 112 Lennon's lady
 - 113 Cuisine with tom yum
 - 117 Jar coverer
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 125 Flying geese formation
 - 126 Stud farm owner, e.g.
 - 127 Waterproof sheet
 - 128 Suffix with govern
 - 129 More lathery
 - 130 Got testy with
 - 13 Pasta sauce brand
 - 14 Actress — Aimée
 - 15 U.S.-Can.-Mex. treaty
 - 16 Schnozz suffix
 - 17 Planet with 27 moons
 - 18 Focus one's gaze
 - 19 Final Greek letters
 - 24 Vocal quaver
 - 29 Really rise
 - 30 Slugger Ripken
 - 31 Raise
 - 32 From scratch
 - 33 British runner Sebastian
 - 34 Jostle
 - 35 Scents
 - 36 Heady brew
 - 37 Really longed
 - 38 Wedding party?
 - 39 "Wake Up Little —" (1957 hit)
 - 40 Trial balloon
 - 44 "O Sole —" (Italian song)
 - 45 High storage room
 - 46 "Memento" director Christopher
 - 47 Soul
 - 48 Conical homes
 - 52 Wildlife park
 - 53 Stir in, e.g.
 - 54 "You don't say!"
 - 56 "Funny joke!"
 - 58 Joss or tiki
 - 59 Hauling trucks
 - 61 Panasonic alternative
 - 64 Like pogo sticks
 - 65 Mailer's "via"
 - 67 Arch across
 - 69 Far off the shore
 - 70 ENE's reverse
 - 71 One-named singer with the 2005 hit "Oh"
 - 72 Simple-living sect
 - 73 "I didn't need that level of detail," in texts
 - 74 Cackling bird
 - 75 Geologic span
 - 78 Sevigny of "Kids"
 - 79 Officer over deckhands
 - 80 Actor Wolf
 - 83 Lake fish
 - 85 Golf number
 - 87 "The BFG" author Roald
 - 89 Reasonable
 - 90 Depend
 - 92 Twelve p.m.
 - 93 Bamboozle
 - 95 Droop
 - 96 British rule in old India
 - 97 — more (greater than one)
 - 98 Bloke
 - 99 Postpone
 - 100 Fairies
 - 101 Stage actors' whispers
 - 105 India's first prime minister
 - 106 Gluttony, e.g.
 - 107 Records on a cassette
 - 108 Army outfits
 - 109 Like Livy
 - 113 "That's right"
 - 114 Embraced
 - 115 Korea locale
 - 116 "— that right?"
 - 118 "American Dad!" airer
 - 119 Meanie Amin
 - 120 Singer David — Roth
 - 121 Hound sound
 - 122 Madrid Mrs.
 - 123 Antonym: Abbr.
 - 124 Disparity

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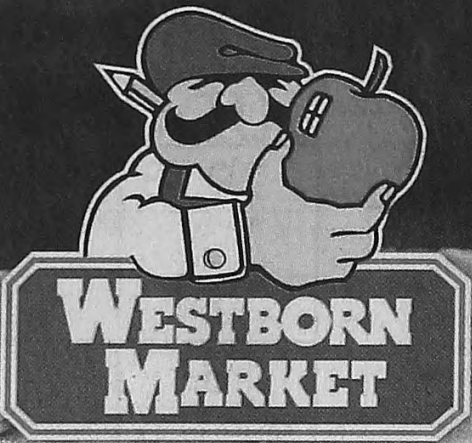
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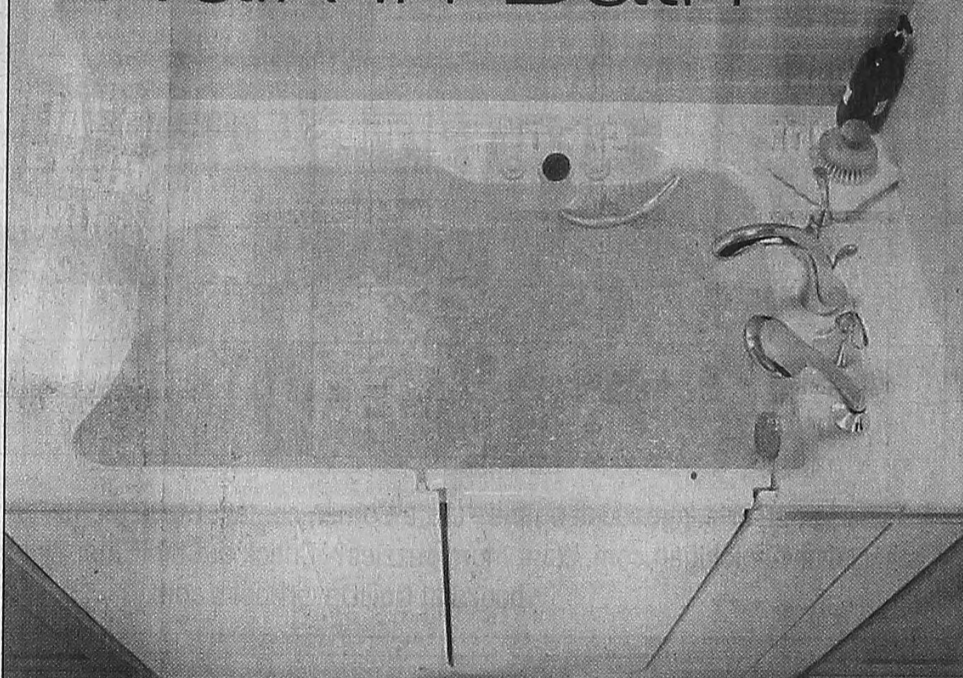
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