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Trustees toughen ethics policy

Board members vote 7-0 to approve new ordinance

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The Canton Township Board of Trustees made it clear Tuesday night that internal wrongdoing won't be tolerated.

In a 7-0 vote at their bi-monthly meeting, the trustees passed a new ethics ordinance that should take effect next month.

The decision comes after a year-long

review of the board's previous ethics "policy" that was implemented in 2009.

An ethics subcommittee consisting of Trustees John Anthony and Ann-Marie Graham-Hudak and Clerk Michael Siegrist recommended the changes after 12 months of research and comparisons to other public service boards' standards of ethics.

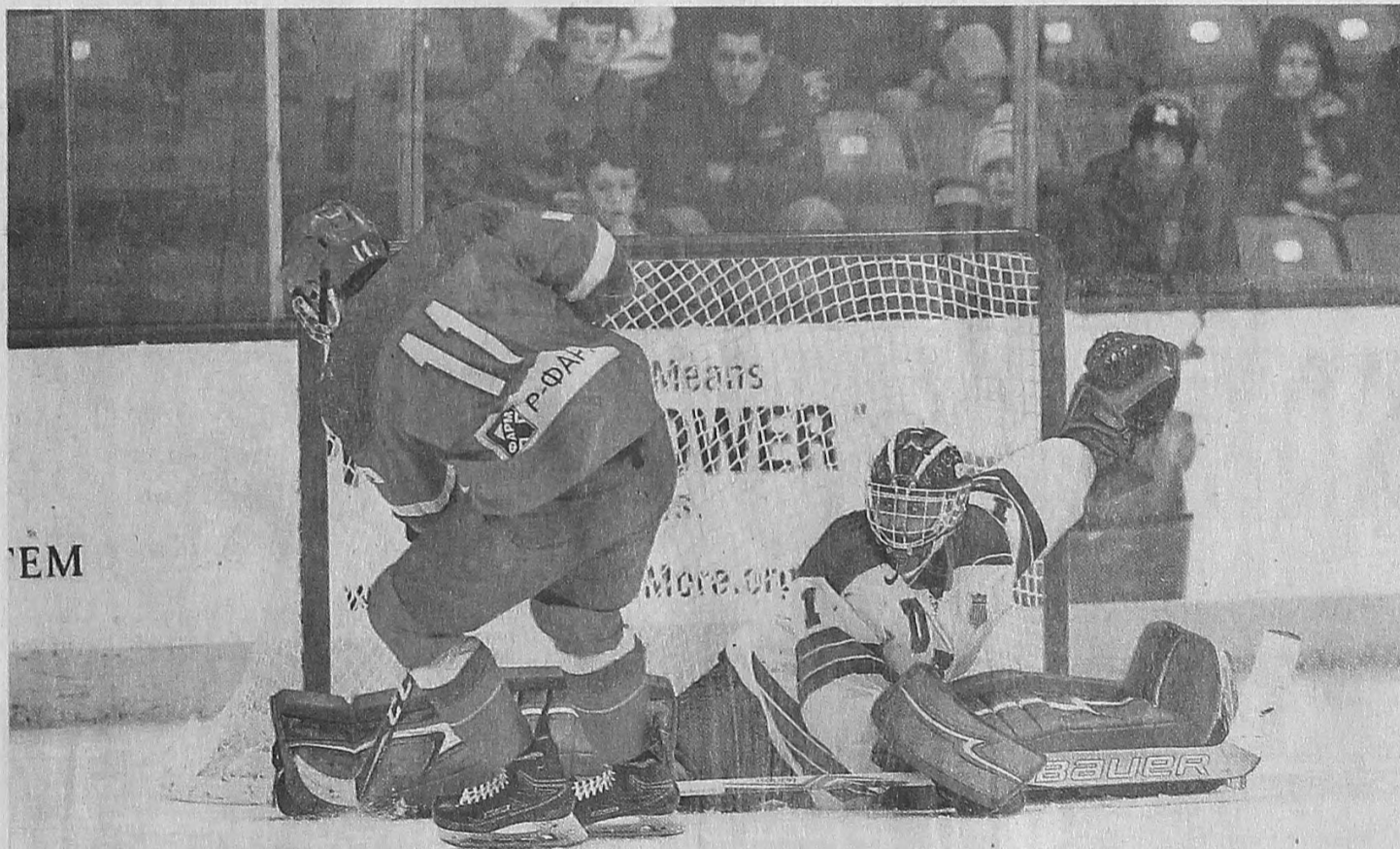
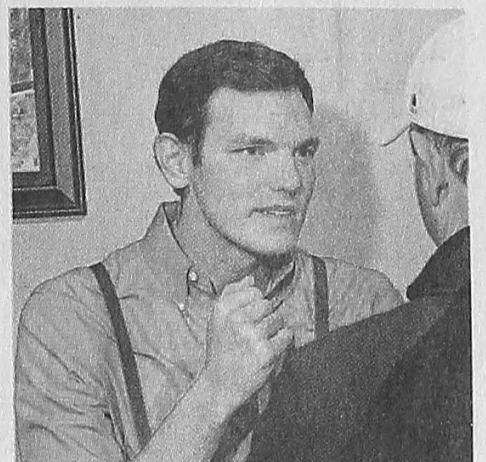
"Since we're, for the most part, a new board since the 2009 group, we decided to review the former policy and compare it to the ones currently followed by the

Michigan Townships Association and the Michigan Municipal League," Supervisor Pat Williams said. "Basically, what we did was added some more teeth to the original policy. The difference between a policy and an ordinance is that

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An ethics subcommittee consisting of Clerk Michael Siegrist (right) and Trustees John Anthony and Ann-Marie Graham-Hudak recommended changes to the township ethics policy.

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U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder stretches out to stop a Russian player's scoring attempt during the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in February. DeRidder and his teammates now embark on a quest for gold at the U-18 worlds in Russia.

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GOING FOR THE GOLD

U.S. squad ready for bad water, good hockey during tournament in Russia

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Mention Russia these days and thoughts turn to a constant barrage of stories and speculation, with presidents of two countries in the cross-hairs of political comment.

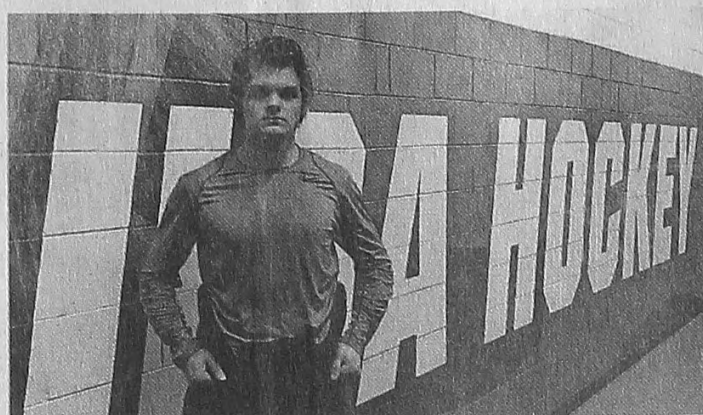
Cable airwaves are saturated with stories about angst, turmoil and controversy.

But the only thing Russia means to players on the 2018 U.S. U-18 Men's National Team is a glorious opportunity to play hockey with a crack at winning gold on foreign soil.

Just make sure not to drink the water.

"No matter where we are, we just want to win that gold medal," said Jonathan Gruden, a forward on the U-18 squad. "But I think being in Russia makes it a little more special. We've never won a gold medal there. Hopefully, we'll be the first team to do that."

"It's always unbelievable to be able to represent the USA playing against different countries," said defenseman Ty Emberson, a partner of Birmingham's Bode Wilde. "So we're going to go to a great place in Russia. Hopefully, it will be fun."



Jonathan Gruden, a forward from Rochester, can't wait to represent the United States during the 2018 U-18 World Championships April 19-29 in Russia. TIM SMITH

For the past two seasons, players such as Gruden and Emberson have been grinding and working to improve their skills in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, based out of Plymouth.

The NTDP U-18 squad has embarked on three days of trav-

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Candidates talk about guns with overflow audience

Maria Taylor
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It was standing room only April 7 at the Novi Public Library as a crowd of about 180 people cheered Democratic candidates at a town hall-style forum for supporting gun control reform as part of their congressional campaigns.

The event was one of more than 100 Town Hall For Our Lives gatherings taking place across the country as a follow-up to the March For Our Lives rallies March 24, calling for tighter gun control in the wake of the Parkland, Fla., school shootings Feb. 14 that left 17 dead.

In attendance in Novi were five Democratic candidates for Michigan's 11th U.S. House District: Tim Greimel, Suneel Gupta, Dan Haberman, Fayrouz Saad and Haley Stevens. Organizer Dana Fortier said all the candidates, including the Republicans and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott (who is not running for re-election), were invited as well. None were present.

"I was disappointed, but I wasn't surprised," Fortier said. "This is just par for the course. I wish they had, because it would have been a more well-rounded discussion."

The five-candidate panel largely agreed in their support for universal background checks for gun sales, red flag legislation that would allow law enforcement to temporarily take guns away from people who they see as a danger to themselves or others and banning bump stocks, which enable semiautomatic rifles to fire faster, similar to machine guns. They also talked about changing the culture around guns, violence and mental health.

Haberman congratulated young people for using "shame" to call for reform. "The leaders of this movement

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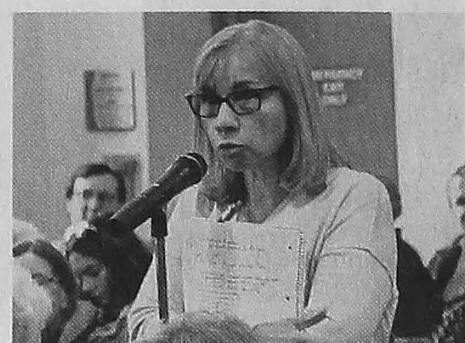
are students, are kids. They are standing up against the folks who are refusing to do their job to protect the people," he said.

Saad said gun violence in America is a "public health crisis" and called for investment in research and community-based programs "that empower teachers and students ... to have conversations and identify those who might be going down these pathways of violence." When people "started dying disproportionately in car accidents," she said, research was done and laws were passed, mandating seatbelts and banning drunk driving. "No matter how it has hurt the car industry, we've gotten it done," she added. "This is the exact same thing."

Gupta said he believes gun control is compatible with the Second Amendment and that he believes 90 percent of



A standing-room-only crowd estimated at 180 people turned out for a Town Hall For Our Lives event Saturday at the Novi Public Library. MARIA TAYLOR



Anna Ladak-Tymowski, a Northville Township resident, poses a question about the state of mental health in Michigan. MARIA TAYLOR

ting resources back into communities."

None of the candidates agreed with the repeal of the Second Amendment, as former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens called for in a New York Times op-ed late last month. They did, however, feel that the context of the Second Amendment has changed and that gun laws need to be modernized accordingly.

"When the Second Amendment was written, guns were not technology," Gupta said. Updates since then mean we need restrictions, "the same way as you can't stand up in here and shout 'fire.'"

During an audience comment period, Jon Cherney of South Lyon, a retired Detroit teacher, noted a "tremendous disconnect" in the way that people from the suburbs think of gun violence.

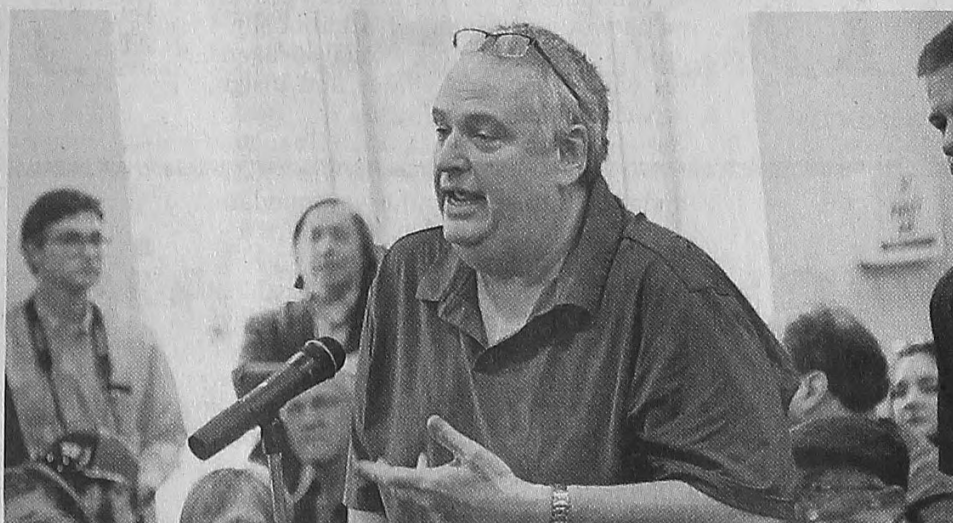
In areas like Novi, he said, folks think in terms of mass shootings "because that's all we see. We ignore the cities." In reality, he said, gun violence was part of his students' everyday lives.

Haberman agreed, saying that as a middle school student in Detroit's Cass Corridor, he had a gun pulled on him and didn't even think to tell his parents.

Saad said that, as an Arab-American, she was tired of the mentality that "when a white person has a gun, they're mentally ill. When a brown person has a gun, they're a terrorist."

It's a disconnect that Stevens noted, as well. "We absolutely, as a country, need to have a conversation around institutionalized racism and persecuted groups of our community who are maybe misunderstood," she said.

"We know as Michiganders that we can enjoy the sport of rifle hunting, but our kids should not have to go to school afraid. This is not a nuanced topic."



Jon Cherney of South Lyon asks a question during the public comment period. MARIA TAYLOR

people in America — plus a majority in the district — are in favor of common-sense gun laws.

"Why has nothing been done? There's a three-letter answer: NRA," he said, calling the National Rifle Association a "lobby group for arms dealers" rather than representing the voices of NRA members. "Far too many people have been murdered for the profit of arms dealers," he said.

Grmel is serving his third term in the state House of Representatives, 29th District, and said he's been the "point person" in the House to oppose "some insane" Republican policies. Currently, Michigan law prohibits the banning of open-carry firearms in public areas like

schools and libraries.

"No other country would allow this lawless, Wild West kind of environment to exist," he said. "We need to change the fundamental culture that acts like guns are these great things that should be toted around in society."

Gupta, an engineer and entrepreneur, called for investment in technology. "If you look at any other product — toys for our kids, automobiles — technology has made them more safe. Technology has made guns more unsafe," he said, citing an app he'd worked on that matched patients with health care providers. "We can do the same thing with mental health. By doing this, we can help remove the stigma and start put-

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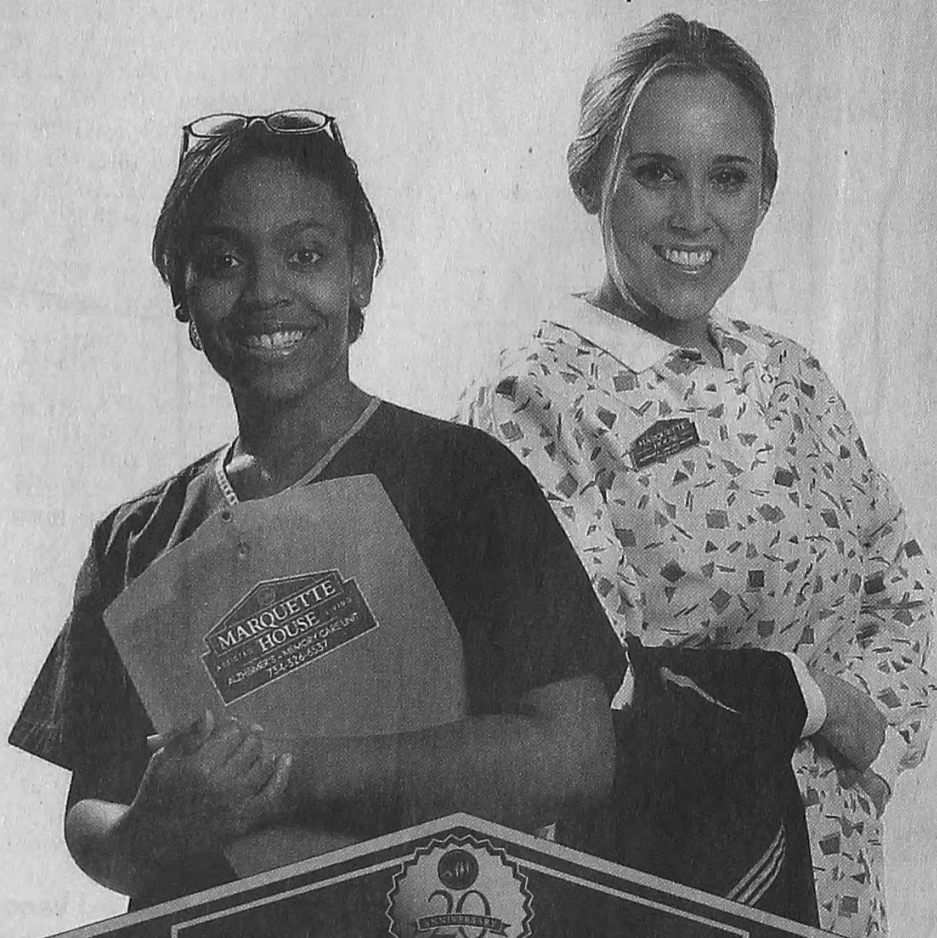
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Salem Promise seeking scholarship applicants

The Salem Promise, a scholarship for graduating Salem Township high school seniors, will be awarding its annual \$5,000 scholarship next month. Initially known as the Salem Township Promise, the scholarship was established in 2014 and was intended to significantly reduce the cost of a post-secondary education. At the time, that amount would have paid about 90 percent of all fees. All Salem Township students planning on attending a Michigan college, university or vocational training school are eligible. To qualify, they only have to have a 2.0 GPA.

Awarded annually, the scholarship is paid out over two years, up to \$1,250 per semester, for a maximum of three years or until the \$5,000 award is received, usually over four semesters or two years. With the exception of the first winner, an Ann Arbor Huron High graduate, all the others have graduated from South Lyon East High School. Past recipients have attended Saginaw Valley State, Northern Michigan, Michigan State and the current recipient is enrolled at the University of Michigan.

Applications are available from high school counselors or at TheSalemPromise.org. Applicants have two choices: they may download a printable version and complete it at home or download the electronic version and submit it via email. For assistance, see Assistant Principal Cody Rudolf at South Lyon East or Kurt Runchey, the Plymouth Salem High School counseling office secretary.

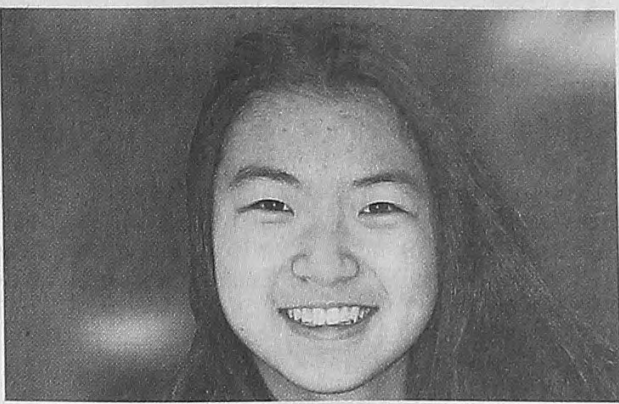
The deadline on the application is Saturday, April 21, but if an applicant mentions this article, it will be extended Tuesday, May 1.

Canton teen chosen for Disney Dreamers Academy

Anna Sun of Canton, an 11th-grade student at Detroit Country Day School, participated in an educational trip March 8-11 as part of this year's Disney Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey and ESENCE.

The 100 dreamers from across America, along with a parent or guardian, took an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, where they experienced a once-in-a-lifetime educational and mentoring program designed to inspire them to dream big and discover a world of possibilities that will help them prepare for their future. The dreamers participated in hands-on, immersive career-oriented workshops and were given important tools to help develop effective communication techniques, leadership skills and networking strategies. Additionally, they are exposed to acclaimed motivational speakers and celebrities who share their stories and insight on achieving success and dreaming big.

Sun was also selected and served as inauguration class of Channel Kindness Reporter with Born This Way Foundation (<https://bornthisway.foundation/>), an exciting nonprofit founded by Lady Gaga and her mother, Cynthia Germanotta. Born this Way tells stories of kindness, big and small, to shine a light on the good happening in our communities every day. The foundation launched Channel Kindness, a force of 50 youth reporters ages 16-24, trained to recognize and share the everyday and heroic acts of kindness that shape our communities. The hope is that the narra-



Sun

tive of an empowered and compassionate generation will outweigh the divisive and sensationalist stories that can flood our minds. The foundation organized a convening of all participants in New York.

You can read Sun's articles on her author profile at <https://www.channelkindness.org/author/annas>.

Ethics

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a policy is advice you should follow, while an ordinance, if violated, can lead to criminal charges."

Siegrist applauded the board's unanimous approval of the new ordinance.

"When I ran for this position, I did so with an emphasis on accountability and transparency and the former policy was insufficient, in my opinion," he said.

"If you look at southeast Michigan over the past few years — from Kwame Kilpatrick in Detroit to the Macomb County bribery scandal — there have been some big-time public corruption problems. I thought we needed a tougher ordinance in place to better define our stance on ethics."

Among the notable additions to the revised code will be the creation of a three-person Board of Ethics.

Following the posting of the positions and thorough reviews of all applicants, the supervisor, the board of trustees and the township human resources director will each appoint one person to the ethics board.

The length of terms for each of the three appointees will be staggered from one to three years. A random drawing of straws will determine the term length for each appointee.

The ordinance also includes language that requires an ethics orientation for new hires, appointees and elected officials, bans the receiving of gifts from vendors, potential vendors and licensed individuals and businesses and strengthens the definition of conflict of interest.

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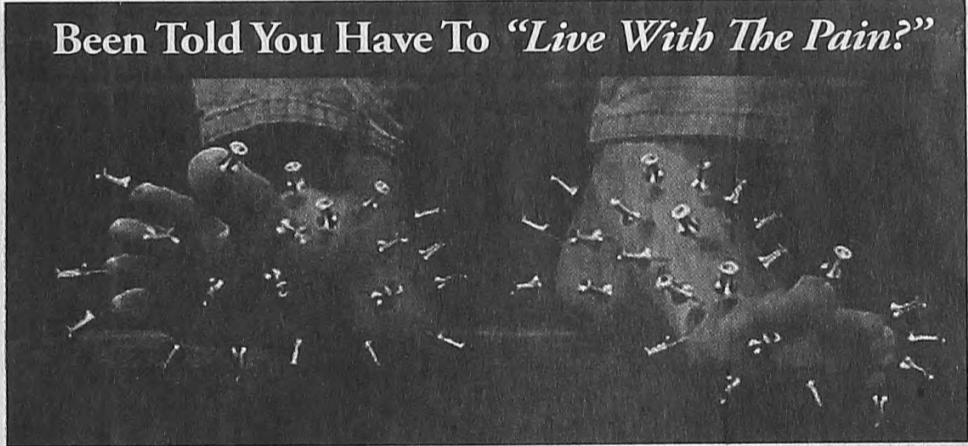

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When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18

Details: Join in as we learn about a different American Girl character at each meeting through crafts, games and activities. Celebrate a love of both historical and modern stories from all walks of life. No prior knowledge of the books or character is needed. If you have an American Girl doll, feel free to bring them and a friend. This program is open to ages 8-12. Registration required. April's doll is Felicity Merriman (Williamsburg, Va., 1774).

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19

Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a nonpartisan ballot. The public is invited to attend. See the board blog for the latest agendas, minutes and other news. Minutes for previous years are available in hard copy format on request.

Special-Needs Storytime

When: 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Details: This is a sensory-friendly storytime filled with stories, songs and sign language especially designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. This program has been funded through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant. This month is Weather Gone Wild.

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When: Noon Saturday, April 21

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When: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29

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Last year, the station raised more than \$16,000; the goal this year is \$18,500.

Local businesses and residents still have time to support the student radio station by donating items. Businesses that donate can benefit from the exposure they will receive on The Park. Most importantly, they will be helping a program that has impacted the lives of students and served the Plymouth-Canton community for 46 years.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring a half-hour or hour of the auction can email station manager Bill Keith at bill.keith@pccsk12.com. Businesses that are willing to display an auction flier can also contact the station.

"We want to thank everyone that has supported us over the years," Keith said. "The auction has become such a big part of our fundraising. This is our biggest fundraiser and we couldn't do it without the generous support of local businesses and our listeners."

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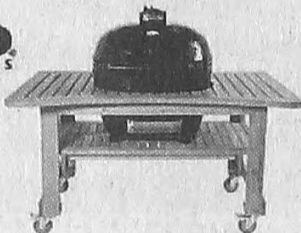
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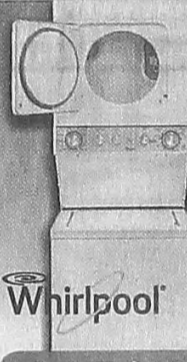


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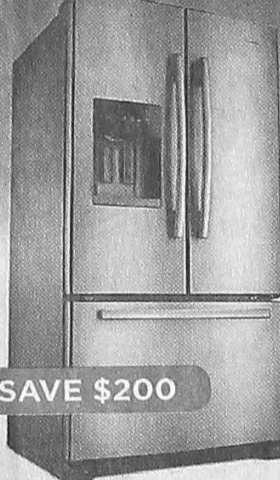
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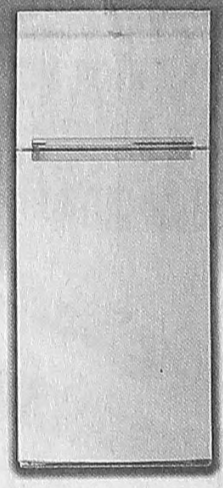


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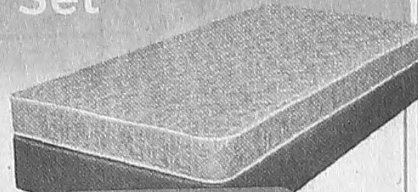


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Q: I have a 27-year-old son who is totally fiscally irresponsible. I just discovered that he is in severe debt and I had to give him money to pay his utility bills. They were about ready to shut his service off unless he made a payment. Currently, he owes about \$75,000 on his charge card and also has about \$150,000 on his mortgage. Unfortunately, his house is only worth about \$115,000. He is also late on his mortgage payment. My son would like to borrow money from me to pay off his charge cards and to pay off his mortgage. I want to help my son; however, if I loan him the \$225,000 and he does not repay it, I would be in trouble. I would not be able to pay my bills. My son is honest and I know he'll make every attempt to pay me back, but I'm not sure he has the means. Currently, he makes about \$40,000 a year. My question to you is, other than

loaning my son the money, is there any other options that you can recommend for him?

A: The first thing I would do is determine if your son has a realistic chance to repay your loan. Have him sit down and put together a listing of where his money is going. In addition, it is important that your son realizes he is going to have to change his spending habits. It is obvious your son is living above his means and he must be willing to change his spending habits and become much more disciplined with his money.

By looking at your son's expenditures, the two of you should be able to determine what he needs to cover his living expenses. That number, subtracted from his take-home pay, will leave you with what he has left to repay your loan. For example, if his take-home pay is \$30,000 a year and his new cost of living is \$25,000, there is only going to be \$5,000 left over to repay you. Based upon those numbers, it would take him more than 40 years to repay the loan.

Once you sit down with your son and you look at his expenditures, you can

realistically conclude that it would be doubtful that your loan would be repaid. Since you will need that money to cover your expenses and lifestyle, you would be taking a substantial risk to loan the money to your son. I know that's not necessarily the answer you wanted to hear, but it's reality. This is one of those times in life that you have to be somewhat selfish and look at your own interests first.

I have another alternative that I recommend your son explore. Based upon his income and his outstanding debt, my recommendation is to consider bankruptcy. I believe that, from a financial standpoint, he needs a fresh start. Yes, that would mean losing his home and increase the cost of any borrowing he may do in the near future. The offset is that more likely than not his charge card debt and the balance of the outstanding mortgage would go away. Freeing himself of the debt would allow him that fresh start so that he can get his financial house in order. I would tell your son that bankruptcy does give people a second chance. Whether he takes a

class on personal financial planning or reads a book, he needs to educate himself about personal finance and have the discipline not to overspend.

Bankruptcy is another tool in our tool chest that people in severe financial difficulties should not be hesitant to use. Corporate America has used the bankruptcy laws to its advantage and there's no reason we shouldn't follow its lead. The key is to sit down with a qualified bankruptcy attorney, so you can understand the process and the outcome, as well as the consequences. Just because you're in debt does not mean you file for bankruptcy. But like the situation at hand, if there is no realistic chance that even with a payment plan you are going to be able to repay your obligations, you owe it to yourself to explore bankruptcy.

Good luck!

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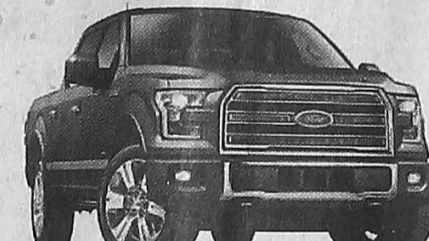
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AREA EVENTS



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Miller Woods story at Plymouth library

The Plymouth District Library will welcome the Friends of Miller Woods for an upcoming program. Fifty years ago, the Friends acquired the woods, located on Powell Road, east of Ridge Road, in Plymouth Township. Co-sponsored by the Bosch Community Fund, this program will introduce the public to this valuable community resource.

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Dr. John Hartig, author of "Bringing Conservation to Cities," will speak on the Humbug Marsh and the role of local citizens in its success. Taylor Myatt of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy will share some of the organization's significant land protection projects. He will highlight the Superior Greenway, located just outside Plymouth.

Registration is requested. Call the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

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 next concert, Saturday, April 21, features Marty and Laura Kohn.

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

Mom to Mom Sale

Canton Leisure Services will host its

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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.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

On Tuesday, April 24, Ragtime to Rock 'n' Roll will perform. Four great pianists will talk about the history of blues

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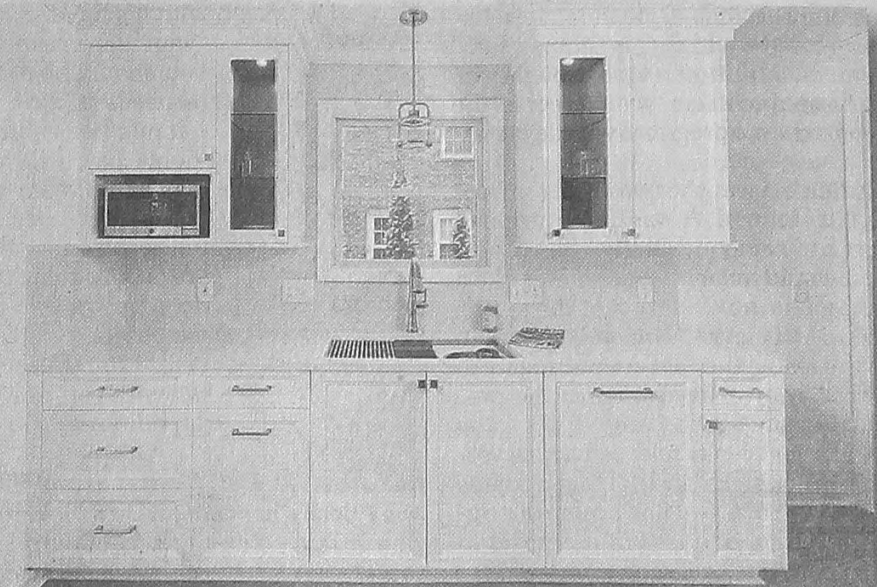
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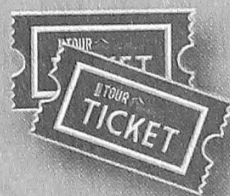


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'Cinderella' gets Ladywood's final curtain call

Brad Kadrach
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Rachel Paulin's family, like so many other theater folk before them, bought an ad in the program for her first production at Ladywood High School, congratulating her on her performance and wishing her luck in years to come.

Only there won't be many years to come after the Felician Sisters, who control the school, decided to close Ladywood at the end of this school year.

Paulin, a freshman who thought she was headed to a four-year career in the school's drama program, was devastated.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Paulin said. "I was being stripped of my home and my family."

While the school closure hangs like a cloud over the production of the spring musical, Disney's "Cinderella," Paulin and the rest of the cast are putting forth an effort they believe ensures the program goes out with a bang.

And after Disney released a new version of "Cinderella" in 2013 that updates the lead character — "She's more of a dynamic woman and less of a damsel in distress," director Laura Rea said — Paulin was excited to audition for the production.

"I knew it was the (school's) last production, so I auditioned for a female lead," Paulin said. "I wanted to play a big part of the last show. She's so playful, she shows so much emotion in everything she does. It's so fun."

Like Paulin, Rea thought she'd be around for a long time when she came



The Prince's henchman, Lord Pinkleton (Natasha Strzelewicz), pulls her sword on senile, old Crazy Marie (Kelly Gambino), who is really Ella's Fairy Godmother. Ella (Rachel Paulin) knows Marie is not a threat and protects her from Pinkleton's threat. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

back to Ladywood this year (she graduated from Ladywood). After being laid off in Farmington, Rea came back to Ladywood thinking she'd be giving back.

She is — but only for this year.

"I thought it would be powerful to give back," Rea said. "Even though it was only for a short time, it was fun."

Rea said in addition to the changes in the lead character, the updated version added back stories for the wicked stepmother and stepsister, and added "a French Revolution" aspect that has "the peasants uprising."

Mostly, though, Rea thought the new version fit the talent pool at the all-girls

school.

"I have a lot of strong female actresses and there are a lot of strong female role models in the show," Rea said.

One of those actresses is senior Kelly

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The cast sings "The Prince is Giving a Ball." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Cinderella

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Gambino, who plays Marie, Cinderella's fairy godmother.

"I get to wear a really cool costume and I get to be magical," Gambino said. "It's a very big (role) and I love playing her."

Gambino, one of several seniors in the group, said the decision to close the school cast a pall over the production in the beginning. But she said as preparation has gone on — rehearsals started in mid-January — that fog has lifted a bit.

"Everyone just sort of got used to the fact it was closing," Gambino said. "It's really sad around here. I feel really bad for the underclassmen. I think toward the end, it'll be a bit of a cloud again, but for now, we're dealing with it."

A 12-week rehearsal schedule has presented some distinct challenges, particularly with a larger-than-usual cast. Because it's the school's last production, Rea wanted to involve as many actors as possible.

But with so many of the girls participating in extracurriculars aside from drama, finding the time to rehearse has been problematic.

"The girls at Ladywood are very involved in sports, so that's a challenge," Rea said. "I like it when they're involved, so we work around their schedules."



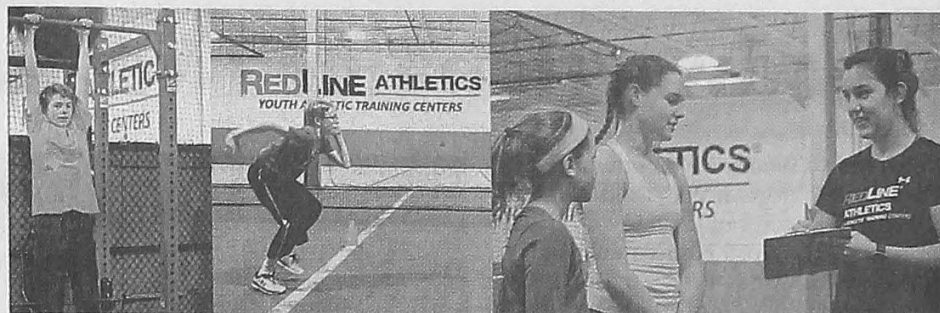
Ella's (Rachel Paulin) evil stepmother (Grace Bianchi) makes her life miserable. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Since this is the last production, I wanted as many people as possible to be involved."

The group will pay homage to the program at the Saturday performance, during which alumni of the program will be invited on stage. After the show, a reception to celebrate the school's legacy will be held. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the school's mission trip to the Dominican Republic later this year.

"Cinderella" takes the stage at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, and also at 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

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Woodworth named Veteran of the Month for April

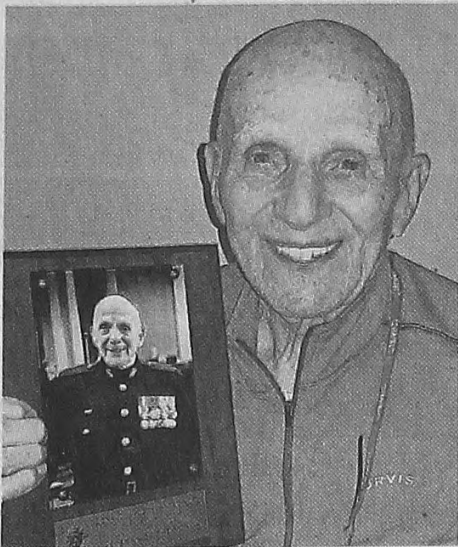
Donald (Woody) Woodworth, a World War II, Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam War veteran from Livonia, was honored as the April 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Woodworth served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1945-66. He was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from Aero Mechanical Vocational High School in Detroit in 1945. His brother became a marine sergeant in 1943 and was part of the first wave to storm the beaches at Guadalcanal. Woodworth couldn't wait to follow in his brother's footsteps and, as soon as he graduated, he went downtown to the recruitment office and signed up.

The war was over in Europe, but still going strong in the Pacific. Woodworth enlisted and was shipped off to Paris Island for boot camp. During boot camp, the war ended and new troops were needed to replace the ones coming home, so his training was shortened by four weeks and they were only given two days on the rifle range. After basic, they were sent to Norfolk, Va., and put on the troop ship U.S.S. Wakefield, destined for China.

"It was a 31-day trip and I was seasick all the way down and through the Panama Canal until we reached San Diego," Woodworth said. "Then I was OK the rest of the way to Tsingtao."

Tsingtao was the headquarters of the Western Pacific Fleet of the U.S. Navy and an air base for the marine air wing. The military was there to provide protection and transportation to Japanese soldiers to repatriate them back to Ja-



Donald (Woody) Woodworth of Livonia served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1945-66.

pan. Woodworth also provided security to protect U.S. assets from marauding communist Chinese under the leadership of Mao Zedong.

"They shot at us as we were traveling on a train, but we never stopped," Woodworth said. "I think the guns they were using were from World War I. They were after armament and ammo to support their civil war with Chiang Kai-shek. We were lucky no one was killed."

Woodworth heard his brother was stationed 35 miles away at Tientsin. "I hadn't seen him in a long time, so I asked the C.O. if I could have a jeep to visit him," he said. "I went there, only to learn he had left the day before to go back to the States."

After eight months in China, Wood-

worth was sent to Hawaii, where he spent two years in the flight crew on a DC-3. In 1948, Woodworth was transferred to El Toro Marine Air Station in California, where he was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing, as it was forming a new fighter squadron with F4U-4 Corsair aircraft. Six months later, he was sent to Marine Corp Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where he spent 3½ years on modernization of the base for VMA-255 jet planes.

In 1952, Woodworth was transferred to Opa-Locka Marine Air Station, Fla., where he was an aircraft engineering maintenance supervisor, responsible for six aircraft. While there, an oxygen tank blew up in one of the hangers. Everyone ran except Woodworth: "I don't know why I did it, but I ran down to the hanger and saw where the oxygen was escaping. I saw a valve about a foot from the flame shooting out and went in and shut it off. I didn't think a lot about it until I received a special commendation from the Marine HQ in Washington D.C."

In 1952, the whole squadron was sent by aircraft carrier to Atsugi, Japan. Its mission was to fly close air support for the troops fighting the North Koreans. Woodworth was the aircraft maintenance chief for the squadron and spent 14 months in Japan.

He was then transferred back to El-Toro, where he spent the next eight years making several tours on aircraft carriers as the U.S. Navy started allowing marine planes to join it as standard procedure. In 1962, with the escalation of the Cold War, orders came in to fly 24 aircraft from El-Toro Base to Iwakuni Marine Air Station in Japan. The planes

only had a range of 300 miles, so they had to island hop the whole way. Their assignment was top-secret at the time. Each plane was given a target in the USSR and would deliver an atom bomb, if needed. Submarines and aircraft were patrolling the coast 24/7.

In 1963, Woodworth was reassigned to the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station as a casualty assistance officer. "As the Vietnam War escalated and casualties were shipped home, our job was to inform next of kin of the loss of their sons," he said. "I was so taken aback by the loss of all these kids, I decided to retire. These boys were 18 or 19 and their life was over."

Woodworth was a member of the Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park and, after retiring in 1966, told the pastor he would like to do something to help young people. He was put on staff as youth director and that was the beginning of his new life after serving 21 years in the military. Three years later, he attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and the Detroit Bible College. He became administrator of non-academic affairs at BBC for six years. He was ordained in 1976, retired in 2000 and now lives in Livonia with his wife of 68 years. He and Easter (Livvy) have three daughters, 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Woodworth was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. April membership meeting. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings.

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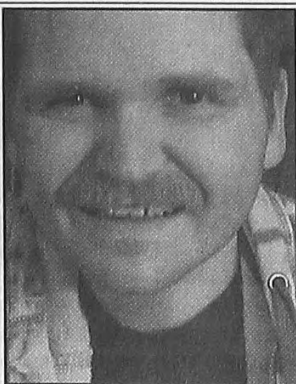
Suzanne Healy Maccio

SOUTHERN PINES, NC - Suzanne Healy Maccio, born October 9, 1931, Flint, Michigan, died April 3, 2018, Southern Pines, North Carolina. A graduate of Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, she was an elementary school teacher and award-winning real estate agent, a docent at the Cincinnati Art Museum, and member of the League of Women Voters and the Junior League of Birmingham, Michigan. She was utterly devoted to her husband and traveled with him extensively throughout China, Thailand, and Malaysia. A great lover of literature, art, and flowers, she possessed a heart overflowing with graciousness and hospitality, and the sparkle in her Irish eyes was eclipsed only by her beautiful smile. For 61 years she was the adored wife of Chester Michael Maccio, Sr., and will always be the beloved mother of Christopher (Christine), MaryEllen (David Schumer), Kathleen (Dennis Holman), and Michael (Tia), grandmother of Nathan (Hilary), Molly (Josh), Joseph (Devin), Anthony, Daniel, Ari, Samuel, Maddie, and Benjamin, great grandmother of Sophia and Liam, sister of Barbara Collins, sister-in-law of Michael Maccio, Sarah Healy, Janell Healy, and LeAnne Burns, and Aunt to scores of devoted nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her loving parents, Geraldine Weiss and Louis Healy, cherished older brother Fritz and wife Jane Healy, treasured younger brothers Louis and Jerry Healy, best friend and sister, Mollie Lukken and husband Walt, and brother-in-law Norm Collins. She loved and was much loved, and Angels have carried her to final peace. A memorial mass will be held on May 5th, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 160 E. Vermont Avenue, Southern Pines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Penick Village Foundation, 500 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387.



Thomas N. Kayfes

HOWELL - Age 89, Tom passed away Friday, March 23, 2018, while peacefully at rest. Born June 5, 1928 to Philip and Mary Kayfes, in Ahmeek, he and Carol Goldsworthy were married June 23, 1951, until her death March 22, 2014. After seriously studying the Bible, they were baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses in 1956. Tom's love for God and genuine interest in people moved him to zealously share his faith in the Bible's promises. His daughter, Judy Bonga, granddaughter, Sherry Bonga, and brothers, Edward and James Kayfes, predeceased him. His daughters, Gloria Arndt and Donna Reimer; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Buell; five nephews and a niece, survive him. His memorial service was on Saturday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m., Kingdom Hall, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

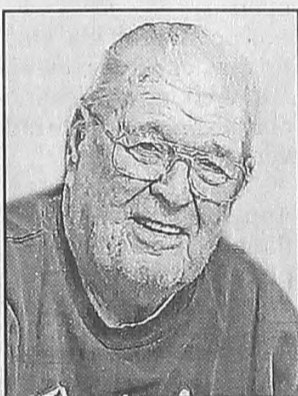


Aaron Moeck

REDFORD - Aaron Michael Moeck was born in Chicago, IL on February 7th, 1976 to parents Kathryn and Steven Moeck. Aaron enjoyed attending New Beginnings United Methodist Church in Redford, MI.

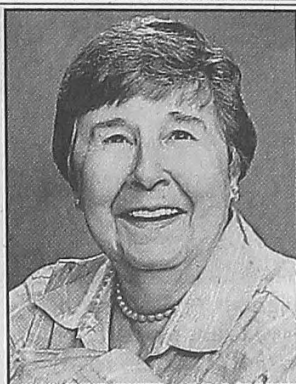
Aaron passed away on April 6, 2018 at age 42. Aaron is survived by his mother, Kathryn, father Steven and siblings: Sarah (Simon), Jon (Jessica), Andrew, and Rebecca.

A memorial service for Aaron will be held at New Beginnings United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 19th at 1:00pm.



Eli Lux, Jr.

SOUTH LYON - Age 81. Beloved husband of the late Claudia. Dear father of Vanessa (Sky) Lechel, Allen, and Charles (Robin). Loving grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 9. Brother of Shirley Cookson and Carmen Puro-Dell. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to Karmanos Cancer Center or the Alzheimer's Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



Anna M. Walker

-- Mrs. Walker passed away on April 6, 2018 at 102 years young. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. She is survived by her two daughters, Kathleen and Christine, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She lived in Birmingham for over 30 years before moving to Minnesota. A memorial service will be held on Sat., April 21st at 2:00 pm at White Chapel Mausoleum in Troy, MI.

Carolyn Ann Wieneke

PLYMOUTH - April 4, 2018 age 83. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Carla (David) Weier. Sister of Doris Williams. Dear daughter of the late Leonard & Doris Hill. Visitation Friday April 13th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd. W., Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Cycle for Survival. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Richard Jacques

FARMINGTON HILLS - Faithful husband of Wendy (nee Glick) passed away April 6, 2018, age 65. Survived by brother Thomas Jacques (Barbara), uncle Robert S. Rooke Sr. (Winifred), cousin Kathleen Walser (Kurt) and cousin Robert S. Rooke Jr. (Susan). No ceremony planned. Donations to Salvation Army: <https://give.salvationarmyusa.org>

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Worlds

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el — leaving April 9 and taking three planes that will connect the dots from Detroit to Amsterdam to Moscow to, finally, Chelyabinski.

Reaching a climax

At the final destination, players will go through a week of preparation before motoring to Magnitogorsk for the International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 worlds (which run April 19-29).

The group also will take on a new moniker as the U-18 men's national team. Make no mistake, whatever the team is called, the tournament represents the culmination. For two years, players have gone to work with skates firmly on the ice and the U-18 worlds somewhere in their thoughts.

That tournament will include Russia, as well as Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic, Canada and several other countries.

"Do we want to win the gold medal? 100 percent," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "Do the guys have that (worlds) ahead of them for two years? Yes. That's certainly something at the end to keep them motivated and driven, that they're here to end up winning a gold medal for the country."

"But along the way, we spend two years working on player development, to get them ready for this — and what's going to be beyond for them."

Most players on Appert's team already are lined up to play hockey for a major college in 2018-19 and a number of players are expected to hear their names called in June at the National Hockey League entry draft.

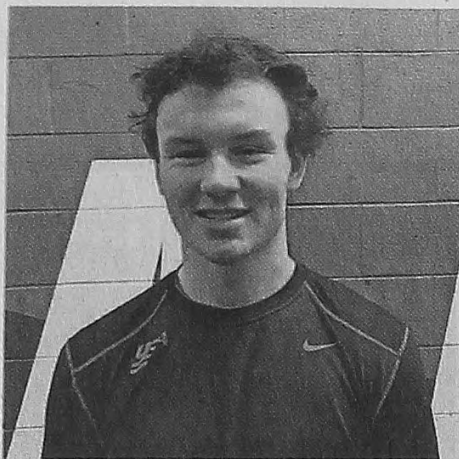
All of that is in the future. Russia is now and players are pumped.

"It's going to be a great opportunity, a great trip," U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "I've never been to Russia, so that will be pretty cool."

"We have a great team and I think we'll have really good success over there."

Pucks, not politics

That a group of elite young Americans is about to spend a few weeks in



For U.S. defenseman Ty Emberson, getting proper rest and nutrition in Russia will help the squad be ready for international competition. TIM SMITH

Russia, during a contentious period of world history, is merely coincidental.

DeRidder and his teammates aren't concerning themselves about all the political unrest that dominates the 24-hour news cycle, much of it spent seemingly poring over every move made by President Donald Trump, Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller.

"My dad watches the news sometimes," said DeRidder, who hails from Fenton and will play next year at Michigan State University. "He'll just sit there and listen for a few minutes. There's some weird stuff, but I try not to think about it."

Asked if he is solely focused on stopping pucks against international rivals, he smiled and said, "Yeah."

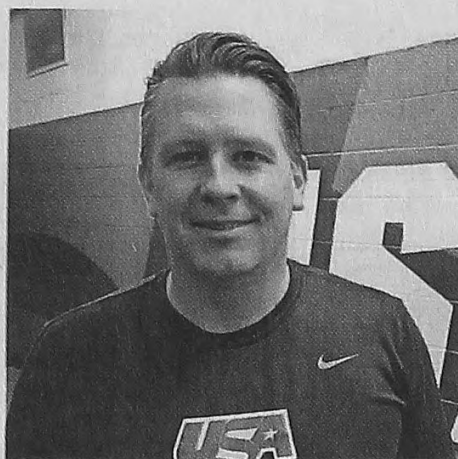
Chiming in was Appert, noting that "those are things that I like to say are above our pay grade. Those things between our government and their government, they're not for a hockey coach to be concerned with, right?"

So politics won't be top of mind. But personal health, hygiene and rest will be.

Safe and secure

After reaching the first of two top-notch hotels the U.S. team will stay in while in Russia, players will be urged to kick back before kicking it up once they reach the rink.

"It's going to be a little bit different," DeRidder said. "The food's not going to be great. It's going to be a little bit different atmosphere than what I'm used to



The U.S. team's trek to Russia is a "business trip," head coach Seth Appert stressed. TIM SMITH

here. You just got to eat the food, stay hydrated (by drinking bottled water), stay rested and make sure we're doing everything we need to do."

USA Hockey will make sure players stick to the script as much as possible, already having gone to great lengths to reassure players and their families that they'll be safe.

One area of previous concern was a reported cloud of radiation hovering over much of Europe, but the all-clear sign was given several weeks ago.

"A few kids were worried about it, but I'm not worried about it anymore and the coaches have done a good job keeping us informed and telling us it's not a problem," DeRidder said. "I trust them. They're not going to bring us somewhere where we're going to be in any harm or anything like that."

Players might sneak in some trail mix or candy bars in their equipment bags, but USA Hockey "has done a good job of figuring out what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink. So I think we'll be fine," Emberson said.

Here's how thorough USA Hockey has been: In prepping the players, they were told to not use tap water to brush their teeth or shower with their mouths open.

Appert and his staff already have driven home the message that the team is embarking on a business trip, with the only sights to be seen reflecting gold, silver or bronze.

"Yesterday, we were talking to coach Appert and he said we might get out on the town a couple days just to get some pizza in the city," future University of Wisconsin player Emberson said. "But

we're there for hockey, so we're going to treat it as a business trip."

A job to do

Having some downtime will be key, however.

"It's really important. We got to let loose some days," Emberson said. "We can't be stressed for three weeks in a row. But I think once the games start and once we have to get focused, I think the boys will get focused, because we're a mature group and we'll figure out how to win over there."

Concurring was Appert, emphasizing that "this isn't a sight-seeing trip, this is a world championship. When we go over there, the first couple days are going to be important, to get rest and get acclimated to the time change, get our feet underneath us on the practices, get an exhibition game in. And then we'll move down to Magnitogorsk; at that point it's on. We play three games in the first four days once the official tournament starts."

The team already has some international success under its belt — winning February's Five Nations Tournament in Plymouth after coming back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat Russia and then topping Finland in the championship game.

"I think we gained a lot of confidence in how we won that tournament," Appert said. "Not just that we won it."

Patriotic pride

Now it's time to drink it all in — excepting tap water, of course.

Whether inside the arena on Beck Road or inside one across the Atlantic Ocean, players such as Gruden will relish putting on the U.S. crest and getting after it. A heavy workload awaits if a gold medal is to be won, namely eight games in less than two weeks.

Bring it all on.

"What am I looking forward to the most?" asked Gruden, whose family lives in Rochester. "Probably just being on the ice with the guys, wearing that crest internationally, it's so surreal."

"I dreamed about it when I was a kid. Probably just doing that and winning the gold medal has been a goal of mine."

Dreams can now become reality in a faraway land.

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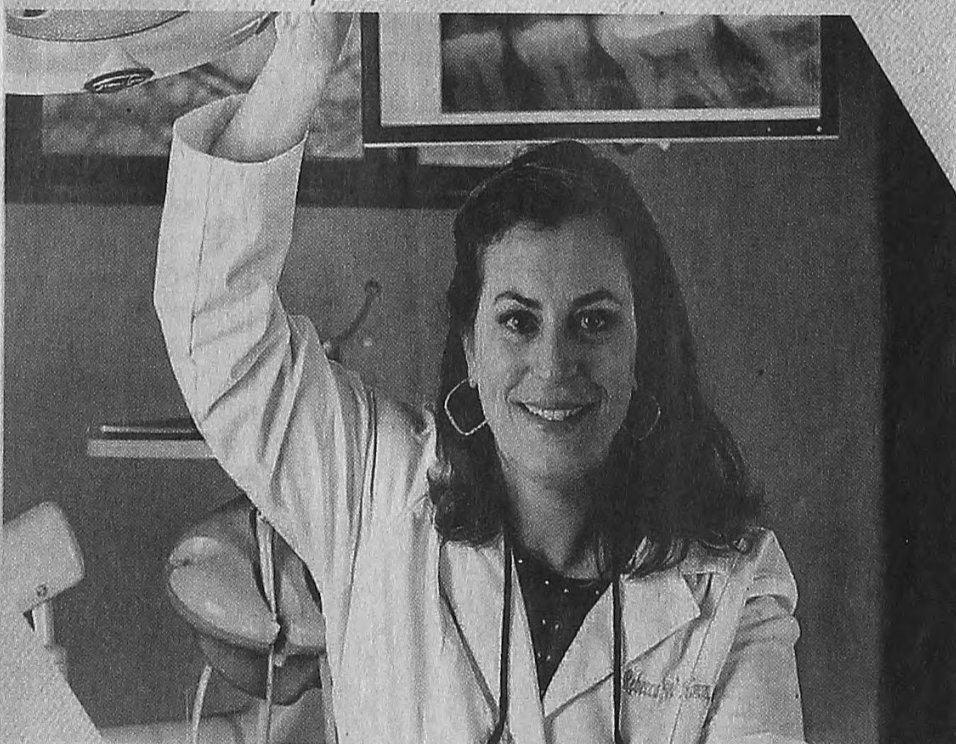
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Friends of the Library author luncheon

The Friends of the Plymouth Library will host a luncheon featuring author Michael Zadoorian at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 768 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth. Tickets are \$30 and reservations will be accepted through noon Wednesday, April 25.

Zadoorian, a native of Detroit, has written three novels and one collection of stories: "Second Hand" (2000), "The Leisure Seeker" (2009), "The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit" (2009) and "Beautiful Music" (May, 2018).

'Annie' by Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will perform the hit musical "Annie" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 and May 4-5, as well as 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29 and May 6.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the works of artist Haydar Alyasiry through Saturday, April 28, in the Gallery VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Originally from Iraq, Alyasiry's oil paintings, pastels, and watercolors reflect his passion for his roots. More than 40 works will be on display in this exhibit, titled "Eve for Eternity."

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and

during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed each holiday. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Tea and fashion benefit show

Delta Kappa Gamma will sponsor a tea and fashion show 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Fashions will be from the Coral Sash in South Lyon.

Tickets are \$40 and proceeds go to fund educational scholarships and grants. For ticket information, call 734-459-5009.

St. John Neumann spring festival

St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton will host a spring festival 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, to benefit poor and disadvantaged people in Canton. There will be a Mexican-style dinner, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and music by the Earth Angels.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Cheryl at 734 738 6624 or email clk1928@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

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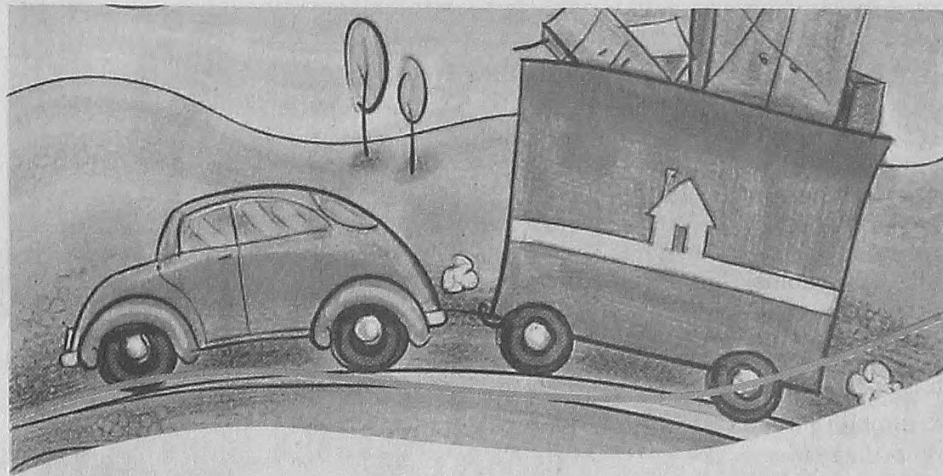
The College for Creative Studies admissions team will be at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, to share information about majors, internships, successful alumni and provide portfolio reviews upon request. You can also learn about scholarships and dual enrollment classes at the PARC location, thanks to a grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

Family members are welcome. To RSVP, go to <https://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/visit-us>.

Day of Prayer breakfast

The Plymouth Family YMCA is organizing a National Day of Prayer breakfast 7-9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street. Members of all faith communities are invited.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, go to goo.gl/ZXBIAz, call the Plymouth Family YMCA office at 734-453-2904.



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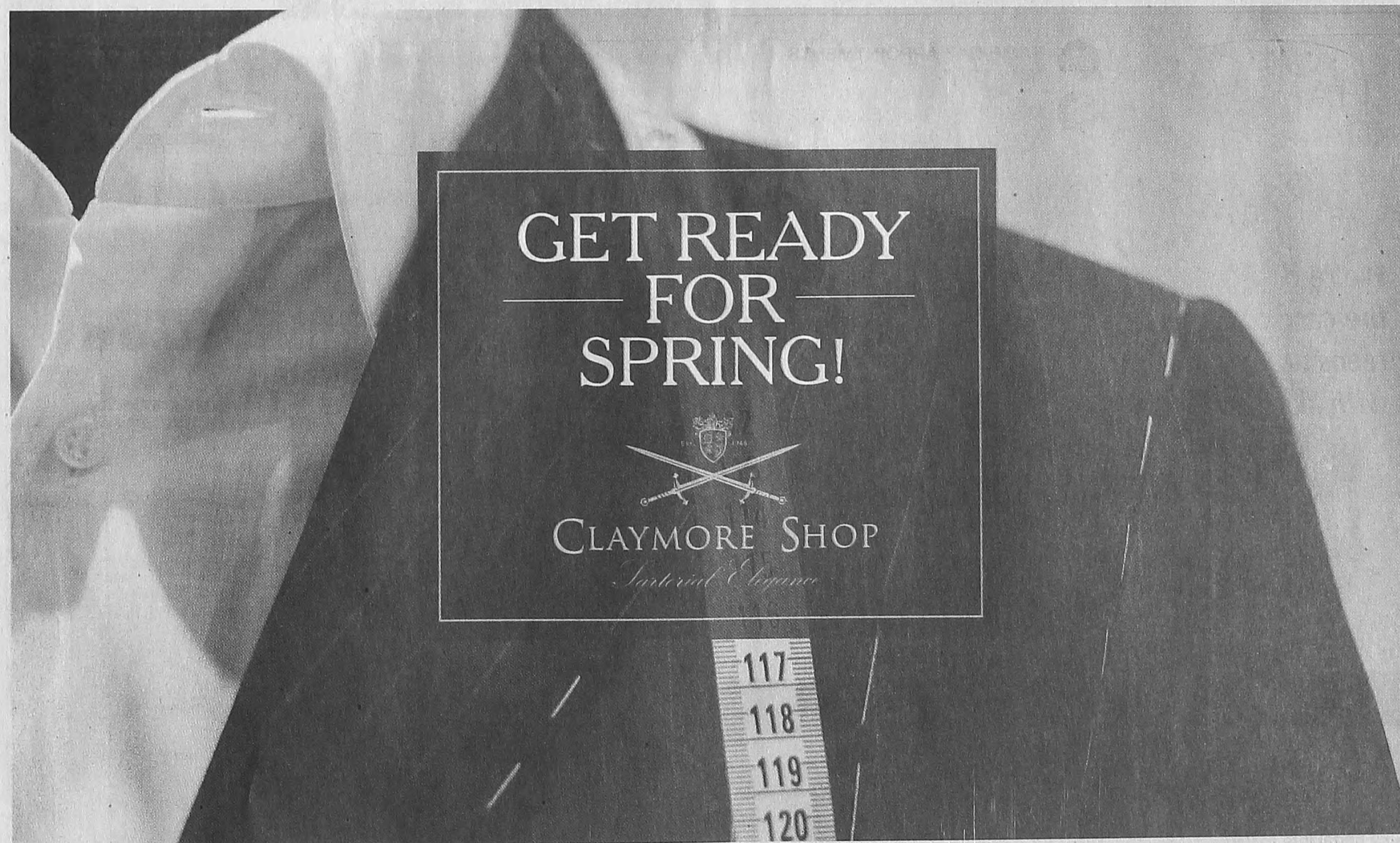
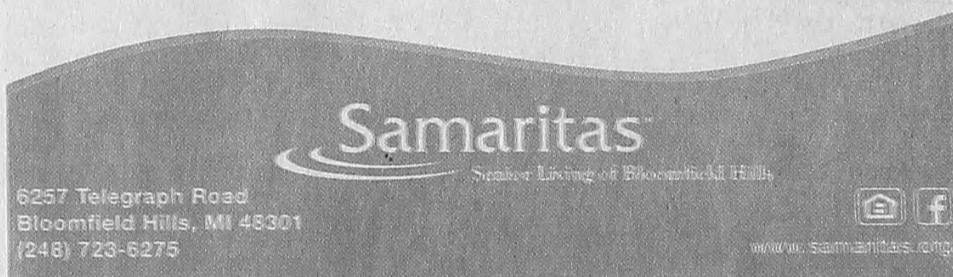
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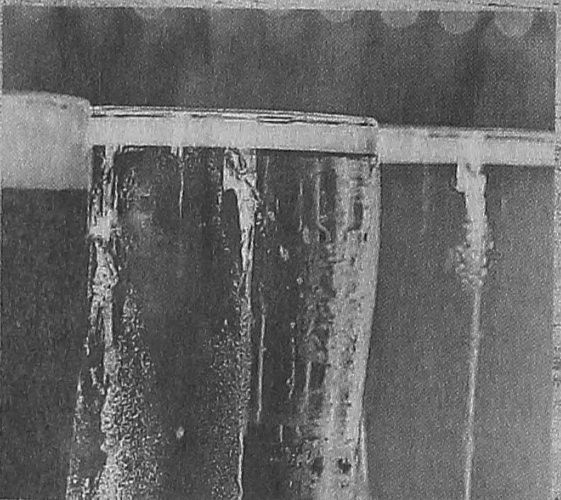
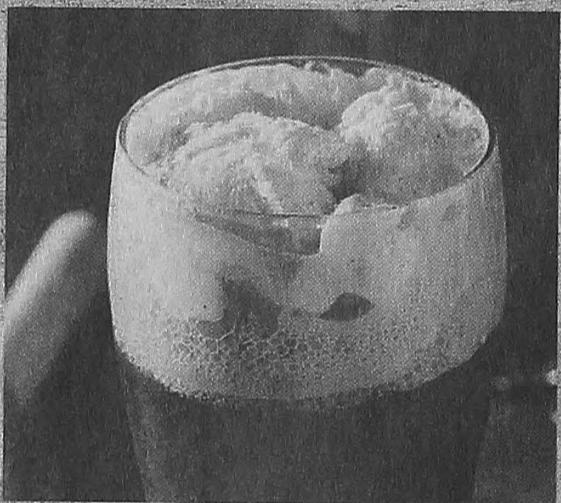
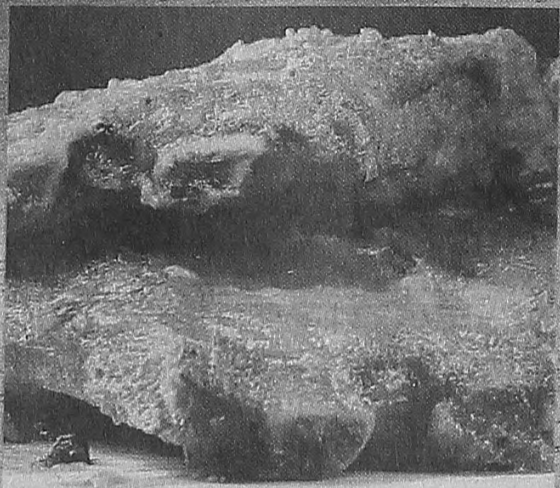
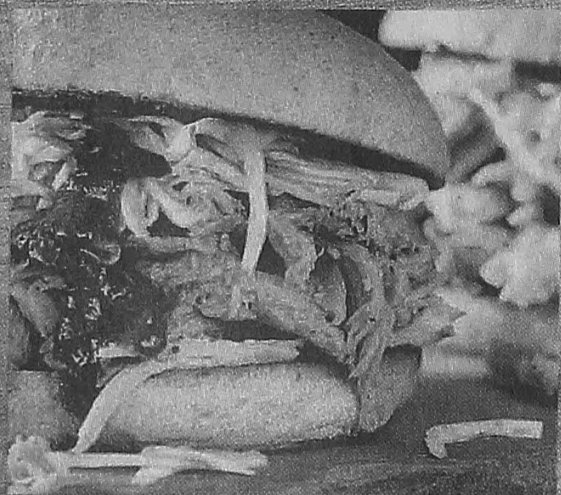
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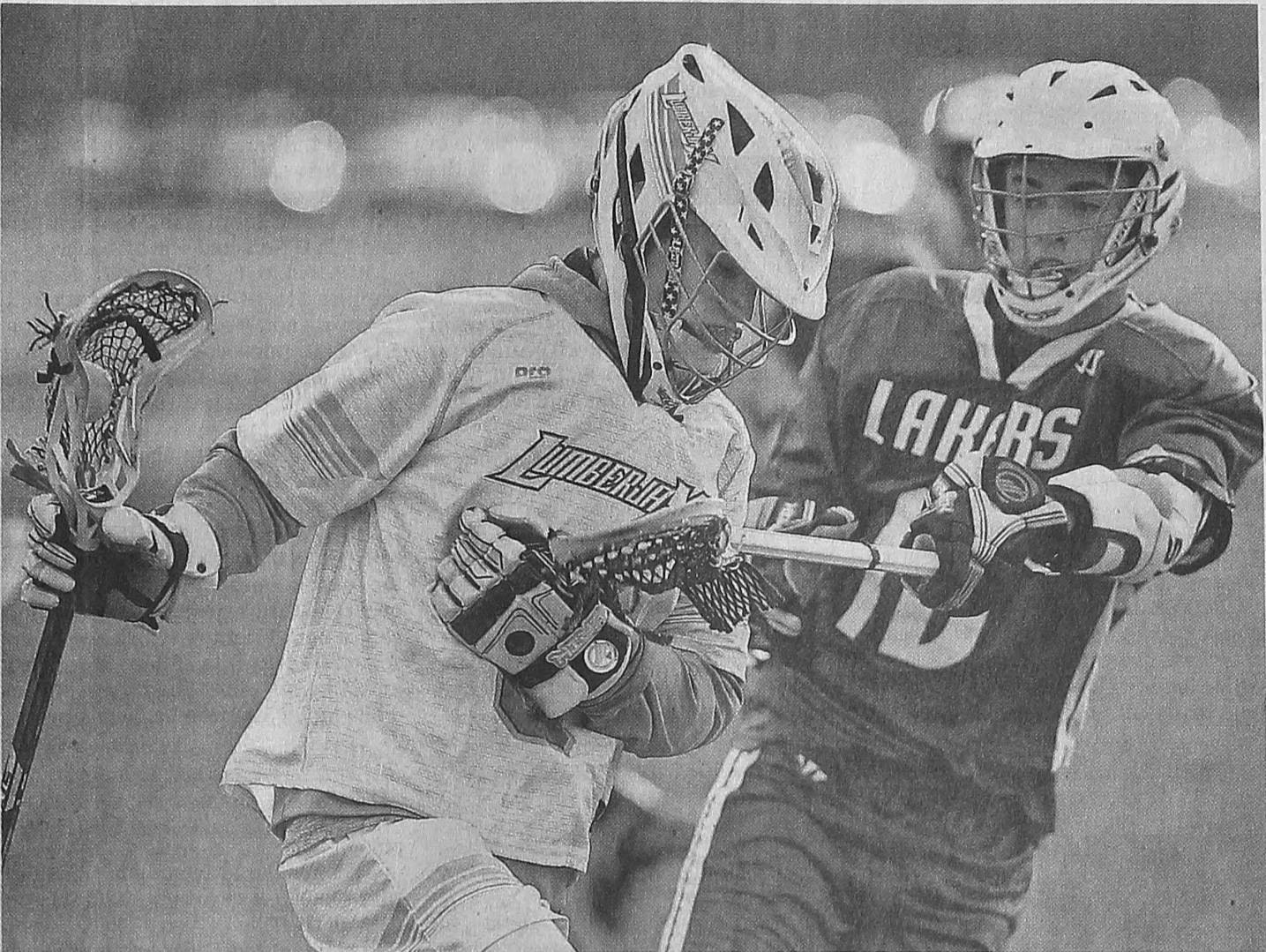
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PREP LACROSSE



West Bloomfield's Nick Ferenc (right) tries to slow down Patrick Distelrath of the Livonia Lumberjax. Distelrath played varsity lacrosse at Canton before his family moved to Livonia. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Upstart Livonia Lumberjax squad mirrors sport's growth

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Like fabled Paul Bunyan, who never let anything stand in his way, so go the Livonia Lumberjax — the city's first high school boys lacrosse team, which swung into action for the first time Tuesday at Bentley Field.

The Lumberjax clubbed West Bloomfield's junior varsity team by a 14-2 score to officially launch a squad composed of 20 players from Livonia Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools.

One of the standouts in the victory was Patrick Distelrath, a junior at Franklin who transferred from Canton High School. He tallied two goals and three assists, teaming with Nate Duns-

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The Livonia Lumberjax are serving notice to all of the city's athletic community that high school lacrosse is here. The junior varsity-level club team defeated West Bloomfield, 14-2. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BOYS BASKETBALL

'No regrets' for Shaffer; Rice seeks new coach

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Birmingham Brother Rice will have a new coach in charge of its basketball program starting next season.

School administrators informed players and parents via email late Wednesday that Ed Shaffer has been let go as the basketball head coach. Rice is in the process of setting up search plans to hire a new head coach.

"The Brother Rice basketball program is taking a new direction," Brother Rice Principal Ed Okuniewski said when contacted about the news. "We are working on a selection process and time line (to select a new head coach), which should be available shortly."



In the email, Okuniewski wrote: "Coach Shaffer's commitment and dedication to the Brother Rice basketball program is to be commended with much appreciation. Mr. Shaffer, an esteemed member of the Brother Rice faculty, will continue to teach in our English Department."

Following is a message Shaffer sent out to current players and alumni after he was informed of the decision: "I hope to have the chance to talk to each of you individually, but I want you to know that I appreciate everything you've done for me and for our program. You and all the guys who have played for us in the past 11 years have given me some of the greatest memories of my life and I vow to always return that loyalty, anytime you need me.

"I said to you many times that, if you know you gave your all, you should have no regrets, regardless of the results. I have no regrets today. Thank you for everything."

Rice's second-winningest coach

Shaffer has been with the Brother Rice basketball program for 14 years, succeeding Brian Kalczynski as head coach to start the 2007-08 season.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cartwright, Rochester capture national crown

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Armand Cartwright finally has that basketball championship that eluded him in high school.

Cartwright was a member of Bloomfield Hills High School's inaugural 2013-14 boys basketball team that advanced to the Class A state championship game. The Black Hawks lost to Muskegon, but made history by winning district and regional titles in quite a memorable debut season after the merger of Andover and Lahser high schools.

Now, four years later, Cartwright helped lead the reputable Rochester College men's basketball team to the 2017-18 United States Collegiate Athletic Association national championship.

The Warriors defeated Oakwood University in the championship game, 80-61, to bring home the program's fourth national title. Cartwright, a 6-1 guard, played a key role by averaging 10 points and five rebounds over three games to land a spot on the all-tournament team.

"In high school, we were close, but it was amazing going to a national (college) tournament and winning it instead of losing," Cartwright said. "There is

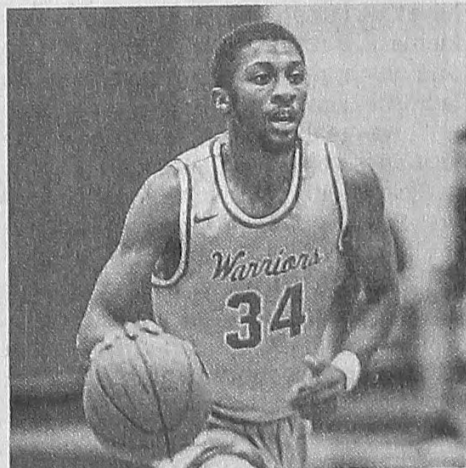
definitely a big difference and it was a great experience to go through.

"That feeling was unreal, because it was our fourth national title. Just winning it was amazing, because I've never been a part of something like that before. Everyone was so excited.

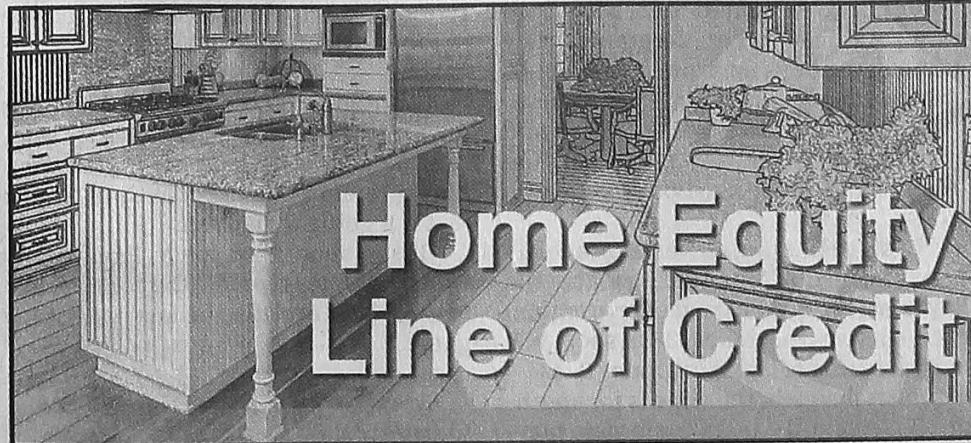
"Seeing us play together like we did after a long, tough season was really cool," he added. "We had our ups and downs this season, so for us to win it all was a great reward."

Rochester College entered the tournament, held at the Penn State Fayette

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Bloomfield Hills High School graduate Armand Cartwright was named to the all-tournament team after scoring 34 points in three USCAA games. ROCHESTER COLLEGE



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PREP ROUNDUP

Seaholm wins OAA Red Division golf meet

Boys golf

OAA RED DIVISION: Birmingham Seaholm won the first OAA Red Division meet Wednesday with a team score of 307. Henry Scavone was the low Maples scorer at 70. The other Seaholm scorers were Jack Muir (76), Alex Ocho (79), Hagen Cunningham (82), Andrew Krivan (86) and Connor Everett (86).

Track and field

BROTHER RICE 64, ST. MARY’S 59: In its first meet of the season Wednesday, Brother Rice traveled to Orchard Lake and took down St. Mary’s by five points. The individual Warriors winners were Jim Casper in the high jump (5-foot-6), Jared Webb in the 100-meter dash (11.32), Alec Miracle in the 800-meter run (2:02.52), Jon Browne in the 200-meter run (23.69), Grant Davey in the 1,600-meter run (4:53) and Kevan O’Brien in the 3,200-meter run (11:01). The foursome of Webb, Dodi Onwuzurike, Firras Almsaddi and Browne teamed to take the 400-meter relay. Brother Rice hosts arch rival Catholic Central on Monday.

Girls soccer

GROVES 1, WEST BLOOMFIELD 0: In 44-degree weather conditions Tuesday, Groves blanked West Bloomfield to keep its record perfect after two games. The lone goal came from Larkin O’Gor-

man who boomed in a shot to the left-hand corner of the net off a great feed from Clare Brady.

MARIAN 4, LUTHERAN NORTH 2: Bloomfield Hills Marian doubled up Catholic League foe Lutheran North Tuesday behind a balanced offensive attack. The four Mustangs scorers were Jansen Eichenlaub, Annie Bruce, Kate Hughes and Claudia Schilling. Marian, the defending Division 2 state champion, and Lutheran North were tied 2-2 at the half. The Mustangs outscored host North by two goals in the second half to earn the triumph. Megan Krause played goal for Marian.

Baseball

GROVES 7, TROY 2: On Wednesday, Groves played an error-less game to defeat host Troy by five runs. George Cutler smacked a key two-run single while Falcons teammate Roger Motley had three hits, including a double, with an RBI and a run scored. Aerik Joe (2-for-2, RBI, two runs scored) and Brian Roberts (three of the team’s five sacrifice bunts) also had strong games. Chaise Ford was the winning pitcher as he allowed four hits, two earned runs and struck out six in 6⅓ innings of work. The victory lifted Groves to 3-0.

GROVES 3, BISHOP FOLEY 2 (10 innings): Groves and Bishop Foley decided to work overtime in this non-league battle Monday. The host Falcons opened the scoring with a first-inning run, but

the Ventures tied it at 1-1 with a sixth-inning run. Foley scored in the top of the 10th, but Groves rebounded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the 10th to earn the victory. Harrison Cole had a pair of hits and scored two runs for Groves, while Aerik Joe and Drew Thomas had one hit apiece. Chaise Ford hit a solo home run in the 10th that tied the game at 2-2. Roger Motley started on the mound for the Falcons and struck out nine while not allowing a run through five innings. Matt Bachand hurled the final five innings and registered the win as he gave up just three hits. For Foley, Ben Alderson allowed one earned run in seven innings and went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Boys lacrosse

BIRMINGHAM UNITED 18, STONEY CREEK 4: Colton Tinsley, Carson Claar and Owen Cross each scored four times in United’s first victory in three games Tuesday. Birmingham led 8-2 at halftime.

Girls lacrosse

BIRMINGHAM UNITED 21, ATHENS 7: On the road Tuesday, Birmingham United grabbed the early lead and registered this victory. Junior Shannon Stubbs led the attack with five goals, while classmates Meryl Feys (four) and Kate Wujciak (three) combined for seven goals.

MARIAN 17, NOTRE DAME PREP 5: Marian won its first home game Tuesday over Notre Dame Prep.

Softball

NORTH FARMINGTON 11, STRONG-TOWER 3: In its home opener Tuesday, North Farmington strong-armed Strongtower in non-league action. Senior hurler Sam Cherney struck out 11 and allowed two hits in five innings of work. North Farmington broke up a close game with a five-run fifth inning. The Raiders had 13 hits, led by Mara Szczecienski and Sara Williams who each had three hits and combined for five RBIs. Cherney and Maeve O’Hare both had two hits and Sarah Fish, Molly Simpson and Ella O’Neill had one hit each.

SEAHOLM 8, FRASER 7: Seaholm improved to 3-0 with this victory in its home opener Wednesday. Sarah Hegel, Elle Lewandowski, Erika MacArthur and Reagan Hurdle all blasted doubles to lead the Maples. Reilly Vida stole three bases and made a game-saving diving catch in the final inning. MacArthur went the distance to pick up her second win of the year.

NORTH FARMINGTON 4, FARMINGTON 0: North Farmington opened its season Tuesday with this victory over rival Farmington. In seven innings, senior Sam Cherney struck out 14 and scattered two hits. Mara Szczecienski and Cherney both had two singles, while Molly Simpson had one single.

Lacrosse

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more (also of Franklin).

Distelrath, a two-year veteran with the Chiefs, looked to the Livonia junior varsity level team when he wanted to continue playing lacrosse after his family moved. He was grateful for that opportunity, even if he wasn’t too keen on the team’s nickname and (original) uniform choice.

“I thought it was a little loopy at first. I didn’t really like it,” Distelrath said with a laugh. “I was, like, ‘Livonia Lumberjax?’ I thought the idea of, like, plaid, a bunch of plaid, running around in plaid. But when the jerseys came I was, like, ‘Wow, they aced that.’ They look so cool.”

Laying the ‘lumber’

The concept for plaid jerseys with a lumberjack theme quickly fell by the wayside. What players wore Tuesday were crisp, white jerseys with blue and yellow lettering and numbers.

“Lumber is old-school terminology,” Lumberjax head coach Mike Redding said, noting that efforts to somehow incorporate all three high school nicknames just wasn’t working. “Sticks used to be wood, you were laying the lumber to it.”

Also happy to have an unexpected chance to run and gun on the lacrosse field is sophomore Josh Miller, who transferred to Franklin from Brighton High School.

“It’s been pretty cool,” Miller said. “I was really disappointed when I moved here that I wasn’t going to be able to play lacrosse. But then my dad called me up one day and said, ‘They’re starting up lacrosse here.’

“I was really excited to be one of the first ones, to start off a legacy.”

That excitement isn’t just with players. Redding, 50, said he was “bouncing” out of his chair about the team finally coming to fruition after a two-year effort. He said he played lacrosse at Detroit Catholic Central (then located in Redford), when only four high schools in the state offered the sport.

Filling a void

In 2018? It is considered one of the top movers and shakers in Midwest college and high school athletics. Madonna University added men’s and women’s lacrosse in 2016-17 and Lawrence Technological University also has recently added the sport — a longtime fixture on the east coast — to its roster of offerings.

High school districts all around Oakland and Wayne counties boast lacrosse programs. Livonia, until now, has represented a hole in the tapestry of the sport’s fast and furious growth.

“I think the potential is huge,” Redding said. “Anyone that’s familiar with Livonia knows that the athletes, the base, coming out of Livonia is huge. There’s a huge group of athletes here. We just need to grow it, we need to get the culture built. Expand it and try to get it out.



Carrying the ball for the Livonia Lumberjax is Grant Gibson. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

ers.

“That is the ultimate goal,” Redding said. “Because to get into high schools, with all the Title IX, you need to bring in two teams. I can’t just bring in a boys team.”

Taking notice

Whereas the Lumberjax are just now hitting the field sprinting, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads already are in full gear.

Both Canton and Plymouth are coming off seasons of team-record success with hopes of a deep run in the 2018 state tournament.

Over at Salem, Anderson is looking for the Rocks to make the jump from a .500-type squad into a KLAA contender.

It helps that top offensive players from 2017 such as senior Tyler Thompson are back. But also important is an influx of multi-sport athletes who heard about the splash lacrosse is making and wanted to be in on the fun.

One of those newbies is Salem senior Sean McCormack, who played high school football, hockey and baseball in previous years. This time around, he opted to give up baseball in order to play lacrosse.

“My heart just wasn’t in baseball,” McCormack said. “I was thinking about (playing lacrosse) last year and I wanted to give (baseball) one more try.

“I watched a bunch of my football buddies play this and hockey buddies. ... They all wanted me to play it. I just gave it a try and I love it. It’s so much fun.”

Trying it, liking it

McCormack said he just enjoys speed and body contact in the sports he competes in.

“It’s different than baseball,” McCormack said. “And it just reminds me of hockey and football, the physical aspect of it and the atmosphere, the energy level.”

Thompson, meanwhile, is glad that multi-sport athletes such as McCormack are gravitating to lacrosse.

“I like the aspect of how it’s so fast-paced and I like to run. I feel (reception to lacrosse) is getting better and better,” Thompson said. “Kids coming to Salem lacrosse is making it better, having multi-sport athletes (like McCormack) being on it, promoting it, really brings it up.”

According to Anderson, who played high school and college lacrosse and formerly coached West Bloomfield’s varsity team, there is no reason why more student-athletes can’t discover lacrosse.

“It’s a great sport and the kids that play it, they all like it,” Anderson said. “You’ll never see a lacrosse athlete stop playing lacrosse to play baseball. That’s just not going to happen.

“It’s a sport that lends itself really well to athletes that like the contact, like to work hard and like the fast pace of the game.”

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“Once we can get these kids to walk around the school with their gear and their swag starting to get more interest ... we need to fill the youth programs up, as well as we need to bring in the girls side of it.”

Players, for the most part, were groomed in the Livonia Raptors youth program, founded and owned by Eric Young — who also is the Lumberjax main man. There are several transplants from other schools, such as Distelrath and Miller.

“We started the Raptors five years ago, so there’s about 10 boys from the 2021 graduation year that are out on the field right now from the Raptors program,” Young said. “For some reason, Livonia just hasn’t had the lacrosse opportunity for students. But I think it was because they didn’t have the youth presence. I can totally understand why the high schools didn’t have it for that reason.

“But now that there’s growth in the youth program, now there’s opportunities for high school athletes. Everybody around us seems to have it, a lot of the KLAA participating teams have it.

“We’ve had a great reception to our introduction to this program. A lot of people are wanting to see us succeed.”

Growth spurt

One of the “home-grown” Lumberjax players is Young’s son, Ethan Young (a freshman at Stevenson).

“It’s a good milestone for Livonia, good step for our community and we can push forward throughout the season,” Ethan said. “It’s positive; a lot of people like lacrosse. They don’t know how to play it, but they want to play it. They just don’t have the experience.

“This is a good pathway for other kids to get involved and learn about the sport.”

The Raptors will provide a pipeline to the Lumberjax, but lacrosse’s appeal as a lightning-fast sport with key components of physicality and skill also are bringing more players on board.

“I was a football and baseball player, which in my opinion I didn’t really like,

because it was all brain,” Distelrath said. “But in this game, it’s all speed. There’s a few plays you have to memorize, but it’s all technique in the game. ... It’s all you, it’s freestyle.”

At Salem, first-year varsity boys lacrosse coach Ed Anderson said the growth of the sport is being fed by its very nature as a whirlwind of pace and possibility. Every trip into the attack zone brings with it anticipation of a player circling the goal and flinging the ball past a goaltender.

“It’s a sport that plays pretty quickly for athletes,” Anderson said. “It’s a fairly easy sport to pick up. And then, of course, to be a very highly skilled player takes a lot more work.

“But it doesn’t mean that we don’t have a place on the field for every athlete.”

Planning a future

Everything is being done by the book with the new team, with evidence being collected to share with the athletic directors in the Livonia Public Schools district. The school board recently discussed adding lacrosse during a study session.

If all goes according to Eric Young’s plan, lacrosse eventually will become an official MHSA-sanctioned sport in the district.

“My motivation is to take opportunities while these kids have eligibility to still have an opportunity to play,” Young said. “I share openly with the high schools our progress. They know our roster, they validated our roster, so when we play other programs, they know all the boys are from Livonia public high schools.

“If they’re ready to make a move and add it on, I’ll basically give them the framework and the playbook to move on with it.”

For starters, the new venture is solely a boys team. But Young stressed that the Raptors (essentially a feeder program with players in grades 3-8) soon will launch teams for girls in grades 3-4.

Down the road, the hope is for another high school JV team for female play-

BOYS LACROSSE

Detroit CC ends Brother Rice domination

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Joey Kamish's overtime goal exorcised more than a few demons in Novi Detroit Catholic Central's 10-9 lacrosse win Tuesday over 13-time defending Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

It was the fourth goal of the night for the sophomore and none was bigger in the history of the Shamrocks lacrosse program.

That's because CC hadn't beaten its longtime nemesis since 1994 and it was only the second time Rice had fallen to a school from this state during its 13-year MHSAA tournament reign.

Kamish's goal was golden, for sure. It came with 1:45 to play in the first sudden death four-minute OT period, on a low drive that skipped underneath Rice goalie Jack Michael.

The Kamish game-winner sent CC, players and coaches into a wild celebration afterward on the Rice field.

"I just thought it was time to rip it and it went in," Kamish said of the game-winner. "What was the difference today? We beat Rice. That's always been my goal and it's something my brother (Brennan) wasn't able to accomplish, but we were just fortunate to get the win tonight."

During the 13-year history of the MHSAA tournament, Rice had beaten CC seven times, all of the last four finals, including a tense 8-7 win in last year's state final. Last year, the Warriors beat CC three times, including 15-14 regular season OT victory and a 15-10 win in the Catholic League final.

But this time the tables were turned as CC's face-off specialist Connor Beals won the all-important draw to start OT and the Shamrocks got a 30-second man advantage when Rice's James Donaldson took a penalty.

"I know that our offense, in my opinion, is the best in the state," said Kamish, a junior attacker. "There's nothing stopping us from getting that win. And I knew it was just one goal to win it, nothing was stopping our offense. We played



Catholic Central's Joey Kamish (front) is all smiles as he celebrates the game-winning OT goal. MARTY BUDNER

it out, got that penalty, and right after the ball went on the ground, I knew we were going to score and win the game."

Nobody was happier afterward than CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team improved to 4-0 with the victory in the Catholic League opener.

"The state championship wasn't lost or won today," Wilson said. "It's a big win for us. We also recognize that it's one win. We knew eventually we'd kick the door in and the kids just had to be persistent."

CC sophomore goalie Jakob Hemme, who was on the freshman team a year ago, was a lesson in perseverance.

"We knew it was going to be there, we knew we were going to win. This was the team," Hemme said. "We thought we were going to win and we won."

Rice (1-3), led by Pat O'Hara's three goals, tied it up with only 57.2 seconds left in regulation on Cullen Zarek's goal after CC took two successive penalties. O'Hara assisted to make it 9-9.

The Warriors also had the last possession, but couldn't get off a quality shot forcing OT.

"They won some face-offs, they gained possession," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said of the second half. "Youth took over for us. We're a young team and we're starting 95 percent sophomores and juniors. We graduated every goal we had last year in meaningful times, so it's going to take us a while to jell. Unfortunately, we didn't close out that game and a couple before it. Hats off to them. They got us and I'm sure we're going to see them a couple more times."

Rice was coming off successive weekend losses to Ohio powers Cincinnati St. Xavier (9-8 in OT) and Olentangy Liberty (8-6). But the Warriors hadn't lost to a team in Michigan since April 16, 2013, when neighboring Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day pulled off an 8-7 OT win.

"I'm optimistic that they're going to react positively," Chawla said. "Of course, to these guys it feels like the end of the world when you don't lose hardly ever in-state. The last time we lost, it was four years ago. That team took it pretty well and we talked about it a little bit. And I think these guys are going to

bounce back. They're going to have a heck of a season ahead of them. Not overly down about this loss. It hurts, it stings, but we're going to get over it and get to work tomorrow."

Hemme, in only his second varsity game, was electric at times, making 16 saves.

"I was scrambling, I was buzzing, I didn't know what was going on," he said of the frenzied match. "It was an incredible feeling, though. I couldn't think of anything but the game. All I wanted to do was win, all I wanted to do is help the team. It's incredible."

CC trailed 6-3 at halftime and Rice went ahead by four goals, 7-3, with 8:16 left in the third quarter on Justin Glod's goal from Charlie Comer.

But the Shamrocks regrouped, outscoring Rice the rest of the way, 7-2, as Ethan Pattison scored three straight goals, while others came from Kamish (three in the second half), Peter Thompson, Jacob Sposita and Ryan Sullivan.

"I think we just put a little more pressure on them," Wilson said of the second half. "It's something we've been working on all year in practice. We talked. There was no reason to yell or scream. It's not going to make them play better, but try and inspire them to turn up the intensity. It's something we try to do in practice every day. I asked them and I got an honest answer that they weren't as intense as they had been training to do. That helped."

Although it was only a regular season match, it was a breakthrough for the Shamrocks.

"It's been quite the drought for us. Hopefully, it will be more of a rivalry now that we got one in here and hopefully there will be more to come," Wilson said. "I don't know if they consider it a rivalry ... but we did."

The bus ride back to Novi was certainly going to be joyous celebration for the Shamrocks.

"I don't what's going to happen, but it's going to be fun," Kamish said.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Stevenson freezes arch rival Churchill, 4-0

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You can always count on Kayla Gacioch to put her best foot forward.

That was most evident during Livonia Stevenson's 4-0 girls soccer win Monday over rival Livonia Churchill, as the senior midfielder scored her second and third goals of the season while assisting on another.

The Spartans also overcame sterling and heroic effort by Churchill senior Katherine Ristola, who finished with 19 saves on a bone-chilling night.

Gacioch, a tri-captain who had nine goals and eight assists last year, said it was matter of strategically breaking down the Churchill defense that led to three second-half goals.

"We knew we had to pass it and, like, beat the skill, just play around them in order to get in, so we just kept passing," Gacioch said. "We were told we were going to be dominating, we just needed to continue to use our skill and play around them. And when the chance came, shoot the ball."

Gacioch put Stevenson on top with 31:04 left in the first half with a left-footed drive from 17 yards out that eluded Ristola.

But the Churchill keeper was able to keep it a one-goal deficit until senior Abby Werthman scored from Gacioch with 33:31 remaining in the second half to make it 2-0.

"(Werthman) played with my club team (Hawks), so we're familiar playing with each other and everything," Gacioch said.

Stevenson increased its advantage to 3-0 with 17:05 left, when senior Audrey Kopitz pounced on a rebound after point-blank shot by Werthman that was initially stopped by Ristola.

Gacioch then completed the scoring just 6:20 later, with Werthman drawing the assist, to give the Spartans a commanding four-goal cushion.

"Kayla was fantastic," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She plays in multiple spots. She's very dynamic in bringing in others into the game and finishing. She's one of the best finishers around. With Abby (Werthman) and Audrey (Kopitz), too, we have three really good goal scorers. They all scored today and they all set up goals. It's just a nice attacking effort by those three. They were really on point."

Stevenson fired a total of 33 shots at Ristola, while the Spartans allowed just one shot by the Chargers all night.

"She was fantastic, I thought," Shingledecker said of Ristola. "She's the reason the game stayed tight for a long time. Three or four shots that looked like they were sure goals and she was coming up with monster saves. I've known Katherine for a long time. She's very good and she works very hard. It was impressive."

Gacioch, who is headed to Grand Valley State,



Churchill's Kayla Karnesky (left) and Stevenson's Adriana Sapia vie for a 50/50 ball. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

where she plans to become a physician's assistant, is entering her fourth year on the varsity.

She showed very little rust as the Spartans had just one spring break practice leading up to the match. And temperatures were less than ideal, hovering around the mid-30s.

"It was cold, but we fought through and just, like, dealt with the weather," Gacioch said. "We knew it was going to be cold, but we had to play though."

Stevenson continually pressed through Churchill's defensive line from the outset and eventually wore down the Chargers.

"We've struggled to score goals and, finally, I thought, we broke through a little bit here in the sec-

ond half and finally put some away," Shingledecker said. "Our attack has not been the problem, it's just been the finishing. It was good to score some goals today and do it against a good goalkeeper."

Churchill, under first-year coach Christopher Burnette, slipped to 1-1.

"(Down) 1-0 at half I was happy with, but it was closer to 10 than one goal for us because they were all over us the whole time and Kat was excellent," Burnette said. "The game kind of worked out how I expected it. I know they'd keep the ball and I figured just be patient and try and get them on a counter. Unfortunately, they got us three times on a counter."

If they had a vote for the game's first star, it might have been Ristola.

"Kat was excellent," Burnette said. "I just thought we casually defended too much and didn't have a lot of offense. We've struggled to score goals. And like (Shingledecker) said coming in, 'We've struggled to score goals' and we're on the farther end of it. But the casual defending was not good. It puts us in a position and Ken has a really long bench, very organized, and I expect that from his teams. He does a good job."

With center back Loren Kruger out with an injury, Burnette had to make some adjustments with his back line.

"Kayla Osen has done a great job at wide back and she's a good attacking player for us," he said. "But I had to put her as a center-back and it's not where I wanted her to play. It's been a struggle, but I think my freshman Sarah Marasco has been excellent as a wide back. She's come in and played every minute and done a good job."

After a season-opening 2-1 loss to Farmington, the Spartans have won two straight and expect to be a factor going forward in the KLAA's strong Gold Division, as well as a top 10 team in the Division I state rankings.

"I think it's going to be a good year," Gacioch said. "We're all like meshing well together and everything."

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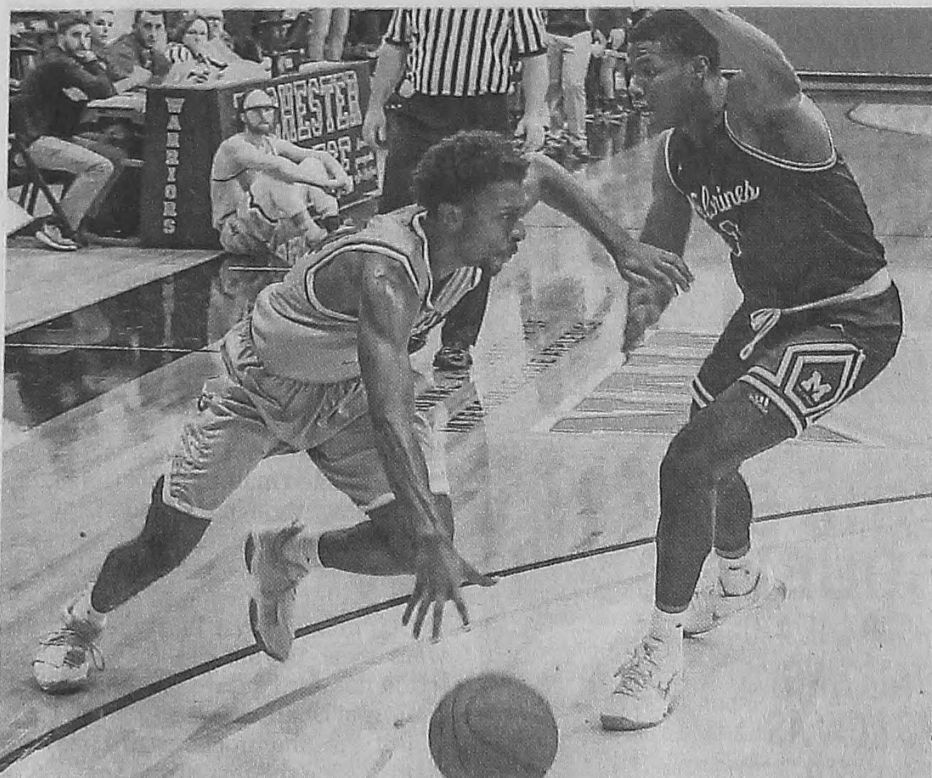
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Armand Cartwright (left) helped lead Rochester College to the 2018 USCAA Division I men's basketball championship. ROCHESTER COLLEGE

Cartwright

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County campus in Uniontown, Pa., as the No. 5 seed. The Warriors, runners-up in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference postseason tournament, qualified for the nationals by placing among the top eight of the USCAA top 25 coaches poll.

Redemption against Oakwood

The Warriors opened with a 72-62 victory over No. 4-seeded Illinois Tech and then upset top-seeded Florida National University, 70-69, in a thrilling semifinal game, winning on a last-second layup by tournament MVP Justin Nafso from Walled Lake.

Rochester College then played No. 6-seeded Oakwood University in the title game, leading most of the way and soaring to an 80-61 triumph. It was sweet revenge after having lost to that same team in the semifinal round of the 2015-16 tournament.

Cartwright posted 13 points and four rebounds in the championship game after having a monster outing in the semifinal against Florida National with 14 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals. The Bloomfield Hills resident finished with 34 points and 17 rebounds in the three-game series.

"Two years ago, when I was red-shirted, we went to the USCAA, where we played Oakwood and lost to them," Cartwright said. "I wanted to play Oakwood again so we could redeem ourselves. And even though they were the lower seed, we knew we couldn't underestimate them."

"I knew we couldn't sleep on them, so we came in and played hard and played confident," he added. "And we came out with the win. It was great to have that payback against them. The win was, basically, because of our defense and playing together as a team. We just played with heart and it was special."

After graduating from Bloomfield Hills High School in 2014, Cartwright attended Jersey Coast Academy in New Jersey for a year. He then returned to Bloomfield Hills and decided to continue his studies and play basketball at Rochester College.

Cartwright was red-shirted his freshman year, but has improved his game to such a point where he has averaged 11 points last year and 13 points this season for the Warriors. He has

shown versatility by playing the one, two or three guard positions.

A 'complete' player

Veteran Rochester College head coach Clint Pleasant, a Waterford Kettering High School graduate, said Cartwright is not only a "complete" player, but a vital "leader and model student-athlete."

"Armand is a true player in the sense he's position-less. He has a complete game on both ends of the floor and that made our team better this year," said Pleasant, who just completed his seventh season as head coach. "He attacks the rim, he shoots it well, he will distribute the ball and he's a high energy defender."

"Armand is still improving and we have high expectations for him in terms of his personal skill set as a player," he added. "Most importantly, he is a leader and he is selfless and just wants to win. He is easy to coach and plays a major role in adhering to and encouraging our program's culture."

Cartwright still has two years of eligibility remaining and is looking forward to playing out his college career with the Warriors.

"Rochester College is definitely the right school for me, no doubt about it," Cartwright said. "I had a pretty good shot in high school — I shot 56 percent — but it wasn't really good-looking form. I've really been able to improve my jump shot here."

"I've learned how to shoot over the big men," he added. "I've been able to play the game with my size and I've learned how to control the tempo of the game. I've really enjoyed my time here. We've had great success here and we just want to keep it going."

In high school, Cartwright was teammates with two other college-level players in Yante Maten and Khalil Gracey.

Maten enjoyed a stellar career at the University of Georgia, where he was selected this past season as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, is the school's second all-time leading scorer and is a potential NBA draft pick this year. Gracey plays basketball at Morgan State, where he sees limited playing time.

"I kid Khalil and Yante that I have one up on them now," Cartwright said. "I can't wait to play the next two years."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna downed in Comerica Park game

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Joe Wozniak hadn't pitched an inning all season for the Madonna University baseball team.

So while sitting in the bullpen during Wednesday night's game at Comerica Park against the University of Toledo, the freshman left-hander from Livonia Churchill became a little bit startled when he was told to start getting loose.

"When we first got the call out of the bullpen, I was kind of, like, 'Oh, man, this is, like, my shot,'" Wozniak said, "and immediately it was, like, the fifth inning and I wasn't going down until the eighth. I immediately got up and wanted to throw. I felt anxious and, basically, I was, like, 'All right, I got to chill out.' Once I got out there ... it was a cool experience because, obviously, there's tons of guys in the major leagues that do that. I just really enjoyed the experience."

Wozniak gave up one hit and pitched a scoreless eighth, but it was far from a storybook night for the Crusaders, who fell to the NCAA Division I Rockets of the Mid-American Conference, 13-0.

"Originally no, I wasn't on the agenda to pitch," Wozniak said. "Things got tangled up. They got a few runs and hits. I'm trying to live up to the moment and how cool it was, even though we didn't come away with the win."

Both of Wozniak's parents, including his father Michael, who played on MU's second-ever team under now assistant coach Mike George, were in the stands to cheer him on. His girlfriend at Central Michigan also watched the game online.

"I've never had a tour of this, but actually I thought it was a pretty cool facility," Wozniak said.

The top five batters in Toledo's lineup went a combined 15-for-25 at the plate with nine runs scored and eight RBIs. The Rockets, who improved to 11-18, racked up 20 hits.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jack Ferguson, who is 4-3 overall with a 4.03 earned-run average in 38 innings, got the start for MU and wiggled his way out of a first-inning jam in his lone inning of work.

"It felt good, it was my third appearance back from my (elbow) injury that I re-aggravated from last year," Ferguson said. "I had a partial tear on my UCL (ulnar collateral ligament). Felt good to be out there, very energized. It was really fun. My mindset was to throw backwards. I think they figured that out early. You try to stick to the game plan, but at the end of the day, you've got to go out there and execute."

MU used a total 26 players and nine different pitchers.

Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), who suffered the loss, went the next inning and allowed up two runs. Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union), who came on in the third, gave up four runs, one unearned, on three hits as Toledo built a 6-0 lead.

Toledo's A.J. Montoya then deposited a Ray Richard pitch into the Tigers' bullpen for a three-run homer in the top of the fourth to make it 9-0. Ross Adolph added two-run triple for the Rockets in the fifth and the rout was on.

After going up by 13 runs, the Rockets were kept off the board over the final three innings as MU relievers Todd Jones, Wozniak and Cliff Landess each took a turn on the mound.

"Our guys, I think, got a good experience out of this today and a lot of them got opportunities and that's we talked about with them," MU coach Ted Falk-

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Shaffer

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In those 11 seasons at the helm, Shaffer's teams finished with a 111-123 record (.474 winning percentage) record and a 28-74 mark (.275) in the Catholic High School League. The 111 victories place him second in all-time wins at Brother Rice behind only the legendary Bill Norton, who compiled 323 victories in 17 seasons.

Shaffer's Warriors captured two Catholic League Central Division titles (2008, 2010) and back-to-back MHSAA district titles in 2010 and 2011. Three of Shaffer's players earned all-state honors — Austin Fowler

('09), Kevonte Martin-Manley ('10) and Kevin Hayes ('15).

In addition, Shaffer was named the Catholic League and Oakland County Coach of the Year in 2010.

Brother Rice hired Shaffer in 2004 as director of advancement and an assistant basketball

coach under Kalczynski. The 1987 Boston College graduate coached in the Chicago area prior to joining Rice.

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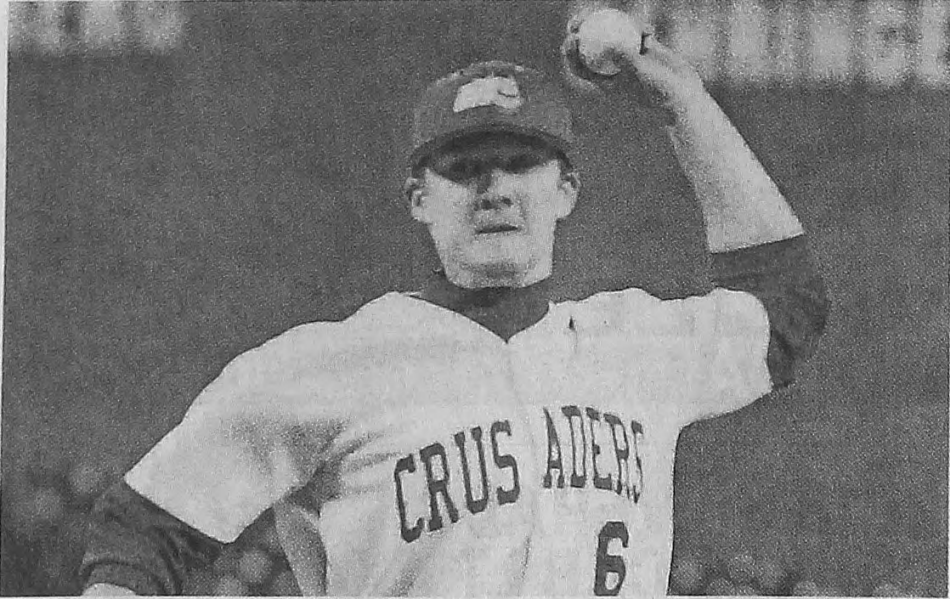
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Madonna freshman Joe Wozniak made his pitching debut at Comerica Park. KELLY CIESLAK | KELLYBYKEEPER.COM

Madonna

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ner said. “Joe Wozniak hasn’t pitched all year and he made his debut at Comerica Park and he threw one of our few zeroes up, which is pretty cool for him and a good confidence-builder for him.”

Catcher Matt Deneau collected Madonna’s first hit with two outs in the bottom of the fifth against Toledo starter Joey Prechtel (Rochester Adams), who retired the first 14 batters he faced. Prechtel, a sophomore, went five scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Sophomore Adrian Reed (Livonia Franklin) collected Madonna’s other hit.

Meanwhile, Toledo freshman shortstop Chris Meyers made three highlight reel plays to rob MU of hits.

“He made some great plays and from what I’ve been hearing, he really hasn’t played all year,” Falkner said. “Good for him, but not for us. He made some heck of a plays. That’s what is cool about this game. It doesn’t matter who is playing out there. What matters how they execute and he made some big plays that shut us down to get any kind of momentum.”

The Crusaders, ranked No. 22 in the latest NAIA national rankings, are 25-10 overall and 16-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference heading into a big three-game weekend series at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

“It was an opportunity for our guys to

play at a beautiful ballpark,” Falkner said, “and we’ve got some some ties to the Tigers and we just think it’s just a cool thing for them to come out and play. We had some weather issues. We had to play Monday, a conference doubleheader, and one that got pushed up to Friday, so we decided as a staff to go one inning at a time with our pitchers and Toledo showed they could swing the bat. That’s what the numbers say.”

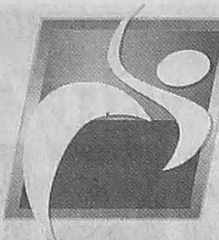
A big concern for MU is the status junior right-hander Taylor Turner (Northville), who is a team-best 7-1 with an ERA of 3.61 in 57½ innings. He went just one inning in a 10-6 loss in the opener of a doubleheader last Monday against Concordia.

“He had a little twinge in his shoulder and we’ll see,” Falkner said. “He’s a big, big piece of our pitching staff and puzzle and a big part of our success so far. We’re hoping for for the best for him.”

But despite the lopsided loss to the Rockets, the second-year MU coach remains confident.

“There’s some positives I’m going to take out of it today, for sure, with some of our guys,” Falkner said. “We’ve got a couple of guys coming back from injury and getting at-bats, but we got to get better and we got to keep playing hard, keep working. The conference is in our hands. We just had to see what we could do.”


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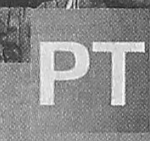
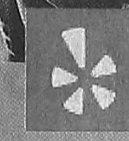




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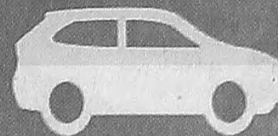
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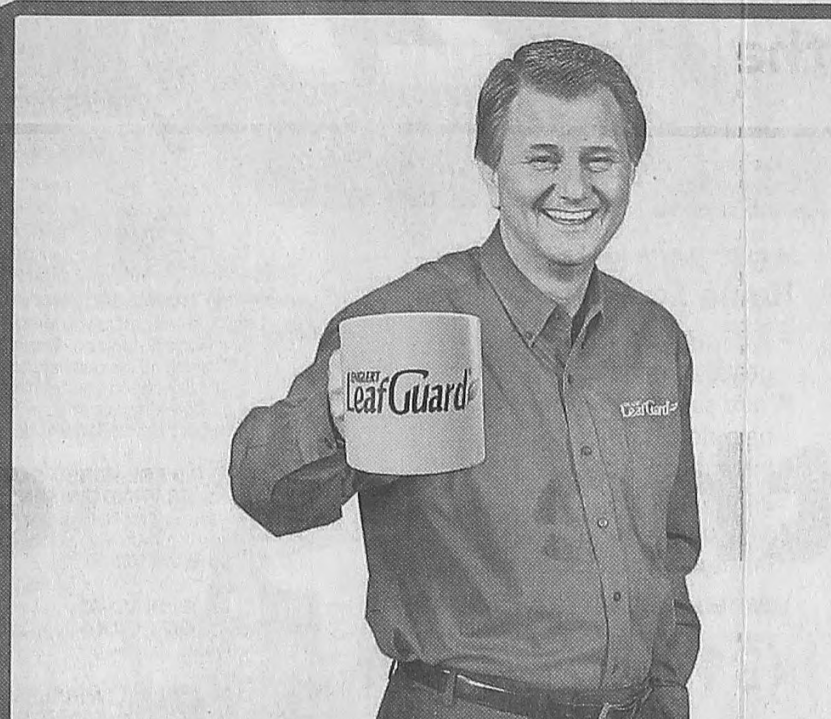


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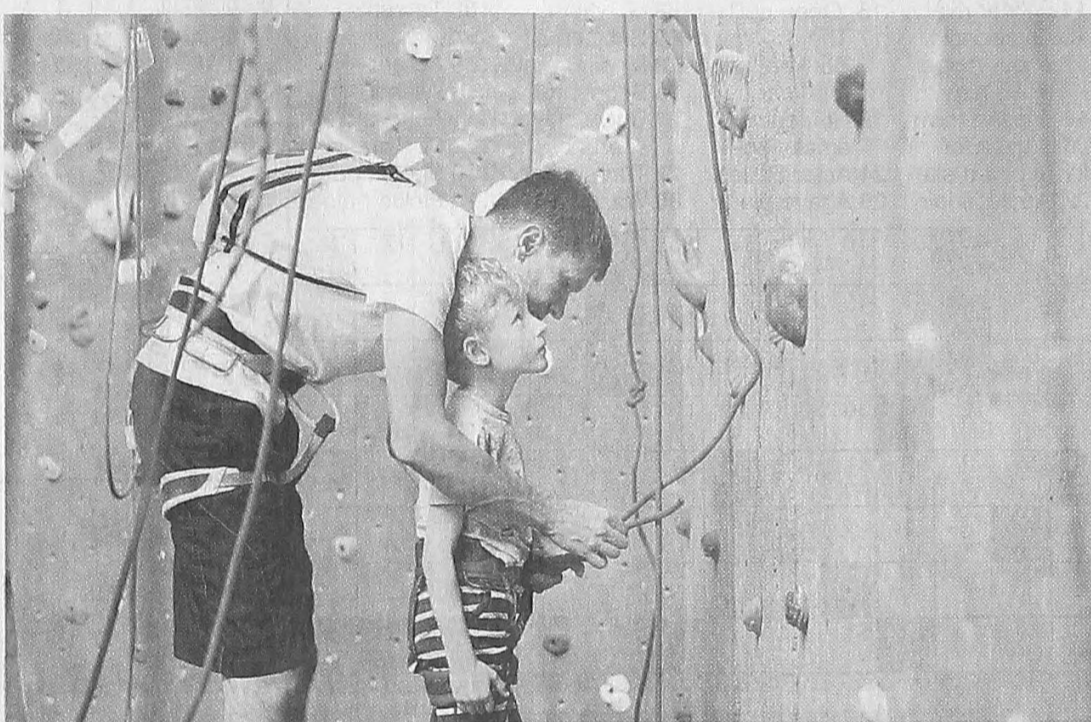
How to prepare your kids for career success

 BY ERIC TITNER
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If you're a parent, chances are you spend a great deal of time worried about your kids. You do your best to ensure that they grow up happy and healthy, prepared for the world around them and well positioned to achieve fulfillment and success in life.

The truth is, some of what will happen to your kids in their lives will be out of their control — and your control as well. That said, as a parent, there is plenty you can do to help set them up for their best shot at success.

Use the following tips to help guide your kids along the right path:



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This can be a great way to completely miss out on success and happiness in life. Instead, teach your children that it's OK to fail, that life is a learning process full of trial and error, and that the only way to know what they're really capable of is to test their limits, step outside of their comfort zones and understand the notion of failure.

Face the future

Many people are really good at putting things off that they don't want to confront — sometimes until it's too late. Like it or not, the future is coming for all of us, and those who plan for it as early as possible are most likely to be prepared for a variety of outcomes and develop a winning strategy for success.

Although we can't guarantee success for our children, we want to help them have successful futures.

Use the tips here to guide your kids as they learn, mature and grow, and you'll be setting them up well for achieving their goals in life. Good luck!

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Build a learning partnership

When it comes to education, it's best to make it a collaboration between you and your child's teachers.

Make time to work closely with them to ensure that your child's needs are met and that they are getting the most out of their educational experiences.

Get involved and stay involved in their educational development.

Make learning a lifelong pursuit

Learning should not begin

and end in the classroom; it's a lifelong journey, and those who learn early in life that we are constantly surrounded by opportunities to grow are best positioned for success.

Create an environment in which your child can develop a love of learning and a fascination with the world.

Encourage their passions

The most successful and fulfilled people aren't necessarily the ones who make the most money. Rather, they are often

those who have discovered the things that they are truly interested in and passionate about and have found a way to make it a significant part of their life — either as a profession or a hobby.

Encourage your children at an early age to explore the world around them and find something that excites them, and then support them and encourage them to follow their passions.

Instill the value of lifelong friendships

Building strong bonds

early in life can be invaluable. Help your child recognize the importance of building and cultivating solid friendships.

It will help them recognize the value of having a strong network of support — to find new opportunities, face obstacles, overcome challenges, and make the most out of life.

Dare to fail

Too often, we avoid trying something new — and potentially wonderful — for fear that we won't be good at it, or worse, that we will completely fail at it.

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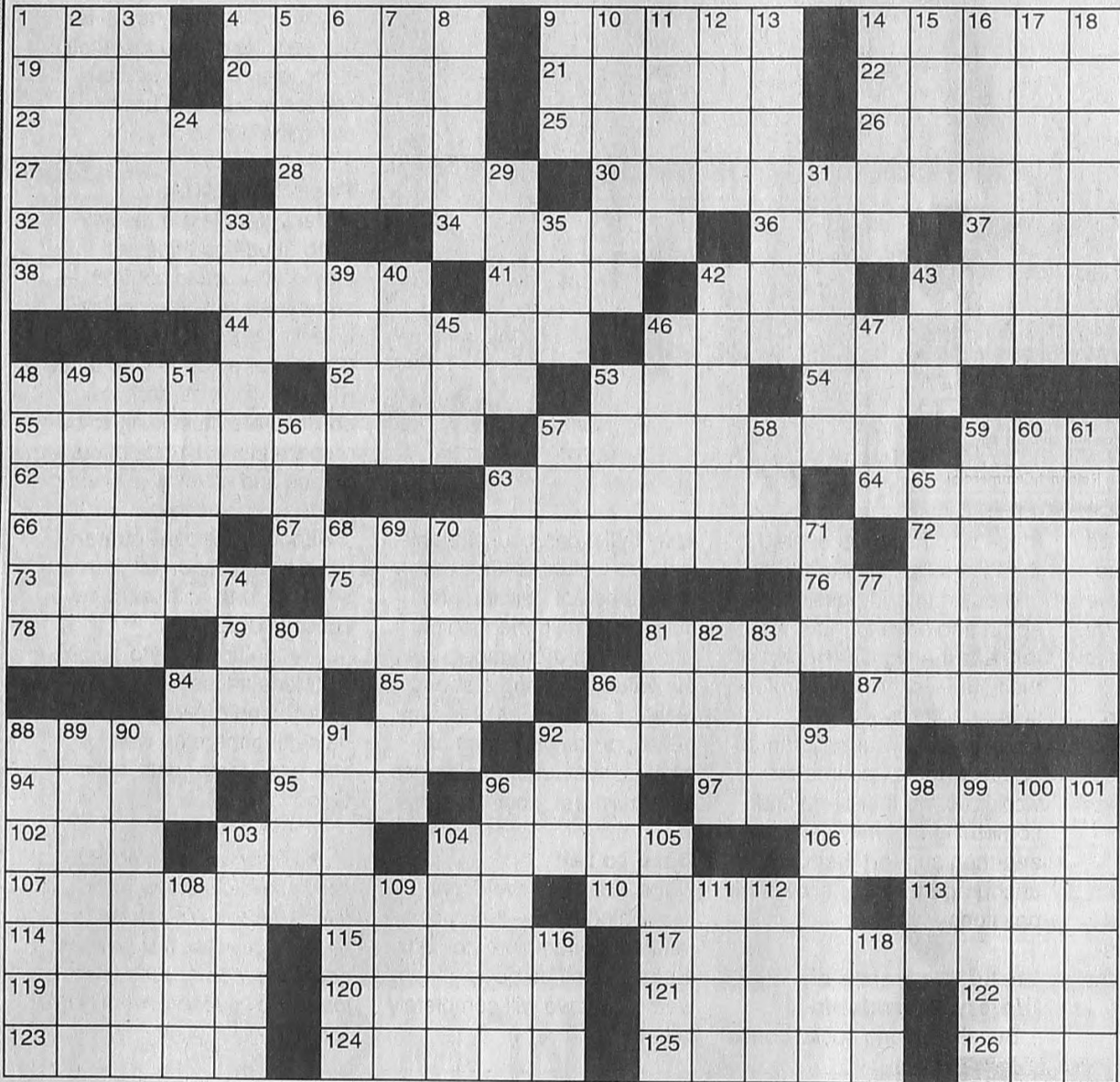
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21 City in Utah
22 Bugged a lot
23 Support a female donkey?
25 All fired up
26 Flag sewer Ross
27 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
28 Squirmy
30 "Listen up, warm-blooded animal!"
32 More itty-bitty
34 African country
36 Disfigure
37 Horror director Roth
38 Open a new tavern?
41 Magna — laude
42 Baltique or Adriatique
43 Units of bag thickness
- 44 "Bridge of Spies" actor Mark
46 Core belief of orthopedic practice?
48 Home to Pago Pago
52 "Vesti la giubba," e.g.
53 — Majesty the Queen
54 IM-offering ISP
55 Choose a wooden peg?
57 Aromatic resins
59 Chai or pekoe
62 Pyle and Els
63 Railcar walkways
64 Sees
66 Church call
67 Makes a warden gentle?
72 Australian avians
73 Be the king
75 Delilah
76 Rub down
78 Sketch show since '75
79 Estate of a winegrower
81 Curly-furred cat's giggle?
- 84 The way, to Lao-tzu
85 Undertake
86 Thing to hum
87 Wraith
88 Descend upon a certain grainfield in droves?
92 Circles around heavenly bodies
94 Sails through
95 Neither hide — hair
96 Bad review
97 Very tentative taste of food?
102 Greek "H"
103 Match unit
104 Ballroom dance
106 Dr. Seuss' real surname
107 Pale people writing things quickly?
110 Jetsons' dog
113 Caffeine-laden nut
114 Perrier rival
115 Aristocratic
117 Toast topper that's nifty?
119 Tuscan town
120 Bugs a lot
121 Sporting site
122 Big cat's lair
- 123 Stunning gun
124 Cries out
125 Cyclist, e.g.
126 Before, in verse
- 31 Actress d'Abo
33 Online brokerage
35 Receivable
39 What "there oughta be"
40 Uncommon
42 Choice bit
43 Hollywood's Gibson
45 Zippo
46 Celebrity lawyer Melvin
47 Mix, as salad
48 Pickle units
49 Flying guys
50 "Chicago Hope" doctor
51 Assenting to
53 — impact on (effects)
56 East, in Ulm
57 Small jewel
58 Suffix of enzymes
59 V8 ingredient
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77 Tuna variety
80 Wasp variety
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83 TV "Warrior Princess"
84 "Conan" network
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88 "My Little Chickadee" co-star
89 Wife of Nero
90 Head-hugging hats
91 Mega Millions, e.g.
92 Soup holder
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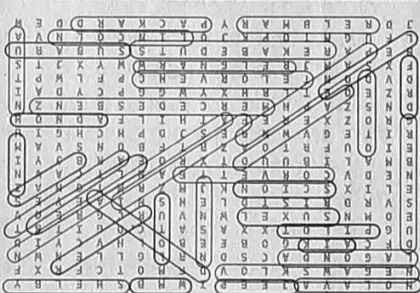
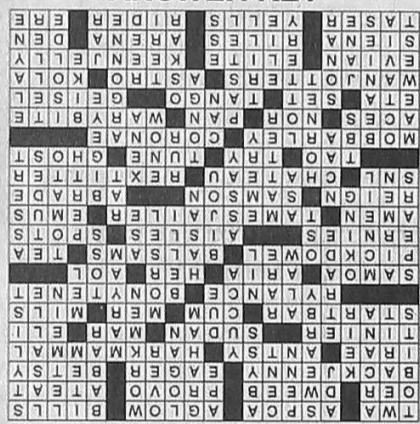
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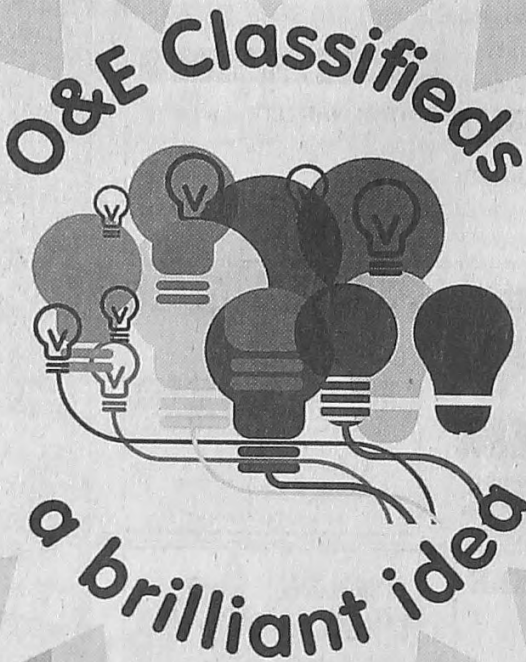
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DEMAND FOR THREE-ROW SUVs CATCHES UP WITH FCA'S RELIABLE DURANGO, WHICH IS BECOMING MORE OF A DODGE ALL THE TIME



By Dale Buss

FCA calls the Dodge Durango "the Dodge Charger of the SUV segment." And there's a lot of truth in that description. That's one reason Durango remains a keystone of Dodge's lineup many years after it became one of Chrysler's original entries in the still-young SUV derby.

Now that utility vehicles are all the rage — especially three-row versions like Durango — Dodge needs this nameplate to compete in an increasingly important category and segment.

As the company has reshaped the identities of its brands, Durango over the last few years has emerged with a hardy, sporty, no-nonsense yet fully

capable footprint as a workhorse SUV. It's almost become a quasi-Jeep in that sense. Durango has held its own, sales-wise, as a result, even though it hasn't been significantly overhauled since the 2011 model year.

Durango keeps finding ways to refresh its proposition and continue to move it further under the Dodge performance umbrella. Case in point: the 2018 Durango SRT version, which features the legendary 475-horsepower Hemi V-8 engine, a quarter-mile time of 12.9 seconds, a 4.4-second time going zero-to-60mph, best-in-class towing capability of 8,700 pounds, and dual-center stripes that are available in five different colors (Bright Blue, Flame Red, Gunmetal Low Gloss, Low Gloss Black and Sterling Silver) to add what Dodge calls "a sinister factory-custom look."

And, oh yes — each purchase of a Durango SRT comes with a



The new Durango SRT sports dual center stripes.

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But you don't have to drive the SRT to partake in Dodge's steady elevation of Durango into its current persona. The three-row SUV got a significant refresh in 2014 that added an eight-speed automatic transmission and a revised interior with Chrysler's excellent 8.4-inch touchscreen and Uconnect infotainment system.

These enhancements built on what Durango had going right for it from the start: plenty of power and room.

Durango is one of the heaviest vehicles in its class, meaning that its fuel economy is nothing to write home about. The base V6-powered version gets typical mileage for its class, at 19 mpg in the city and 26 mpg on the highway. Stepping up to the V8 diminishes fuel economy to 14 in the city and 22 on the highway. The new SRT is even less fuel-efficient

means it: The third row in Durango can comfortably ensconce two adults, without their having to scrunch or hunch to accommodate space limitations.

And when it comes to hauling stuff, Durango provides a maximum cargo capacity of 84.5 cubic feet, which is very competitive in the segment, while its 47.4 cubic feet behind the second row bests many competitors. An available cargo cover can conceal the area behind both the second and third rows if required.

Safety-wise, Durango notches four to five stars (out of five) in government crash tests and includes as standard antilock disc brakes, stability and traction control, front side airbags, a driver knee airbag and full-length side-curtain airbags. A rearview camera and rear parking sensors are optional on the SXT and standard on all other Durangos.

Uconnect provides large virtual buttons, logical menus and helpful secondary physical controls, and through it FCA — despite perceptions that it is challenged in some areas of new technology — provides one of the best infotainment systems available.

in a tradeoff for its screeching performance creds.

Yet Durango's weight no doubt contributes to its ride quality, one of its best features. It rolls down the road impressively and swallows potholes and surface wrinkles with aplomb. Its handling is much crisper than you might expect for such a large vehicle. Dodge knows how to engineer to Durango's advantages.

Inside, Dodge also knows how to accentuate Durango's strengths as well. With an exterior design that is about as box-like as anything in its class, Durango can provide plenty of space inside for both passengers and cargo.

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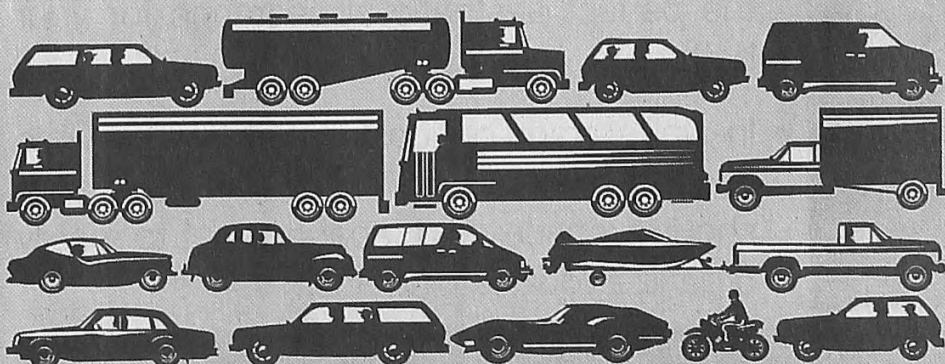
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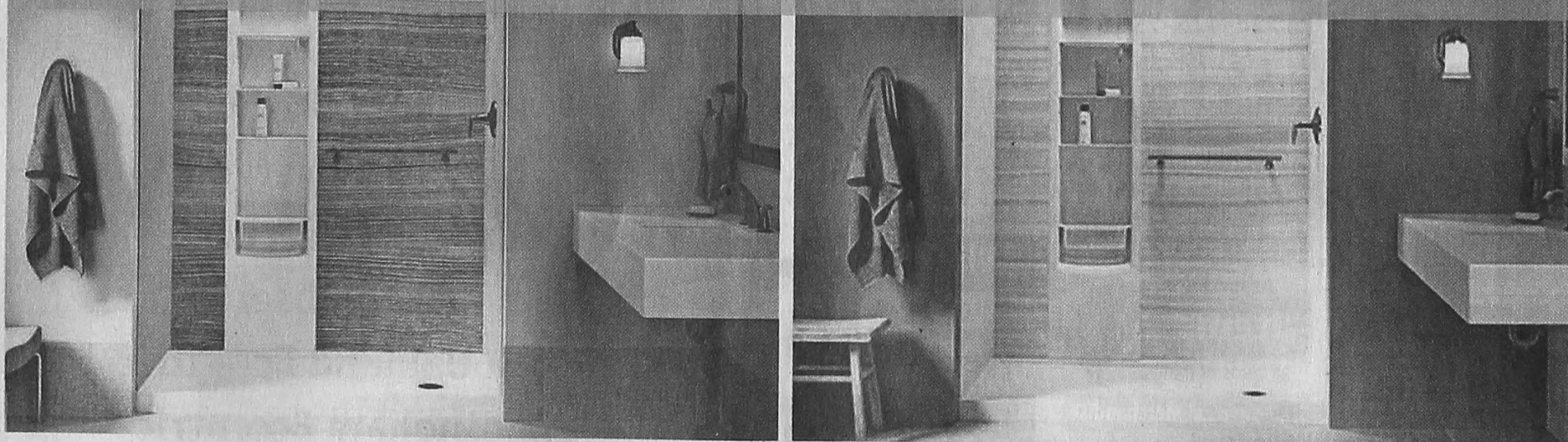


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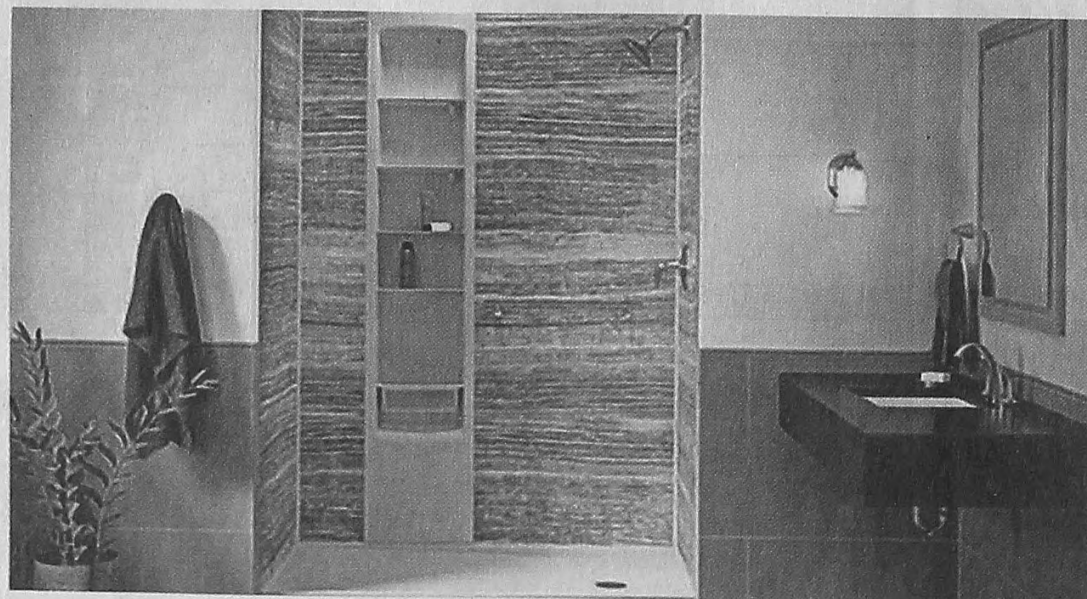


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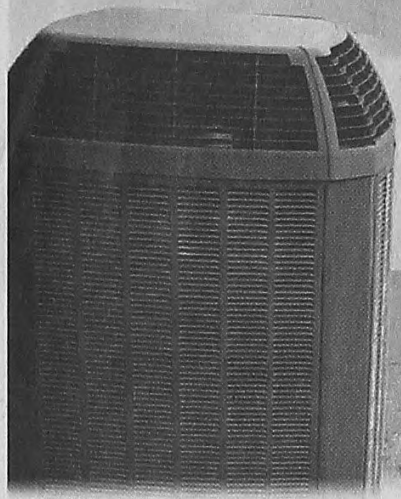
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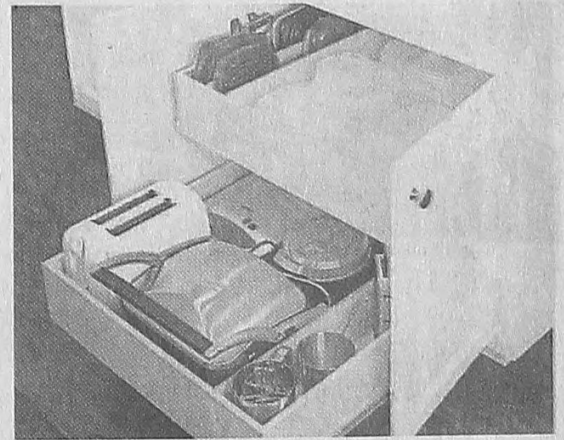
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